

## Lake Lenape Association Minutes for July 14th, 2014 (General Meeting)

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### **LLA Board Members in Attendance** (10)

W. Hart, K. Roberts, C. Baksa, K. Bandel, E. Karr, B. Walski, S. Hagaman, S. Mercer, A. Keegan, J. Brennan

*Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm, The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was determined that a quorum was present. A Moment of Silence was observed for our Troops and Service People.*

### **Public in Attendance**

Ray Doidge, Terry Hammler, Brenda Izzo, Mary Belloff, Kevin Smith

### **President(s) Report – W. Hart**

Kevin Smith, Bob Bezold and David Kerr have stepped up to run the Campout. Guidelines for the campout were read aloud and will be distributed to all members via E-Mail. A quick discussion ensued to ensure all points were understood and for clarification.

Executive session was called at 7:55pm. All public was asked to leave the room during this session. The session ended at 8:16pm and the public were allowed to re-join the meeting.

**Minutes** - Minutes from the May 2014 board meeting were presented by the secretary for acceptance. A motion was made to accept May's minutes with one typographical correction.

(1) S. Mercer (2) K. Bandel - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: (None)

### **Secretary Report – C. Baksa**

- May Minutes Posted to the public web site.
- Annie's picture added to board member web page.
- Member and new member inquires – All responded to.

### **Mail Blasts and Facebook updates sent this past month:** ( 7 )

- Water Alert and Water Main Repair – 6/11/2014
- Water Main repair and request for Campout volunteers – 6/21/2014
- Water System update – Later Level Update – Hot Dog Roast Reminder – 6/23/2014
- Open Letter from the Board of Trustees – 6/27/2014
- Hot Dog Roast details – Later Level Update – Water Main update – 6/27/2014
- Hot Dog Roast Weather Alert – 7/3/2014
- Hot Dog Roast at 4p today – 7/4/2014
- Movie Night (Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>) – 7-9-2014
- Unauthorized Boats on Boat Rack (Facebook Only) – 7-12-2014

## **Treasurer's Report – S. Hagaman**

As of the end of June our revenue shows that we are ahead of last year and are aligned with what has been budgeted. We have not yet seen the day pass revenue. This will be followed up on with the lifeguards and monies collected on a weekly basis.

Some clubhouse rental funds are currently un-documented at this time. More Dates are reserved than we have funds allocated for. Scott will talk with the rental committee to correct any discrepancies.

We have hit target for budget on the revenue side and on the expense side we are in good shape even after spending the money on the Patio renovation.

We have approximately 105K in General (non-Dam related) monies. We anticipate another 12K in Payroll which will take us until the end of the year.

## **For the Good of the Order**

A member expressed concern about maintenance of the dam when it comes to weeds and grass on the dam crest and in the rip rap. This member would like to use a safe weed killer to treat the vegetation. Walter asked for details so it can be approved and acted on.

A member asked what pictured was used on our web site (Arial view of Lake Lenape). Concern was expressed about member's names being used incorrectly or mixed up in publications. Future publications will not reflect names rather "a member" unless a name is required for a specific reason or cause. A concern was brought up about lake front properties owners that are not members and have docks or boats in the lake. How is this being policed and enforced? A NJ statute was presented to the board regarding the right to public access to association member lists and a request was made to view the list.

A member raised a question about the current condition of the dam and wanted to know the status of the problem that resulted in the water level dropping. It was explained that the new slews gate was tested without any significant water pressure load behind it. After the lake was filled, the pressure behind the gate was different causing it not to close all the way. Our contractor adjusted the mechanism to properly close the gate under the immense pressure.

A member raised a question about the dam lawsuit and the status of the lawsuit as well as the pending assessment of the dam. It was explained that the law suit is progressing and at current we are in the mediation stage. We are looking for all damages including: cost overruns, additional engineering and all legal fees.

A member expressed thanks to David Kerr for running the Kids fishing derby. Dave gave us an update on the Fish population in the lake based on what he has seen.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership - C.Baksa**

211 memberships satisfied to date.

- 104 Standard
- 67 Senior
- 40 Sponsored

\$85,814 collected to date includes: Taxes, Guest Badges, Boat Stickers, and Late Fees

11 Referrals totaling \$275. Report of referrals presented to Scott for payment.

Walter has requested that his referral award is to be deposited into the general lake fund.

Unless someone steps up, The Sentinel will not be published. E-Mail and Facebook updates have been much more efficient and effective. We are also looking for volunteers to help us re-do our web page.

A new homeowner "welcome package" has been created and can be distributed to new homeowners within the reservation. It contains a membership application, a copy of the Bylaws, Board of Trustee Contact details and the LLA History document. Annie had folders made which have the new LLA logo on them.

The NJ statute presented by a member during "For the Good of the Order" will be reviewed by our attorney before any decision is made to disclose a member list in any form.

A resident (and member) who is moving out of the area has inquired about the possibility of becoming a lifetime member of the lake association. The Association has strict Bylaws that govern the member status. They fall into 3 categories: Standard Member – Resides within the LLA boundaries; Senior Member – Resides within the LLA boundaries and the home owner is age 62 or greater; Sponsored Member – Resides outside the LLA boundaries. This discussion touched on boundary status of Brandon Court. According to our Bylaws, Brandon Court is not within the LLA Boundaries and all residents on Brandon Court considered Sponsored Members.

A member that had paid for a membership in 2013 and never received his badges for that season reached out to inquire where his badges were for this year. An agreement was reached by last year's board to carry over his membership to 2014 as long as he paid the \$120 new membership fee that was in affect when he joined. This member either wants his badges or wants his money returned. After much discussion, the board has decided to send this member their 2014 badges and waive the \$120 due to the fact that the fee for this year was waived for all new members.

### **Lifeguards / Insurance - K.Roberts – J. Brennan**

Lifeguards will need to account for the sale of daily guest pass funds going forward. Jessica will put a process together that will become part of their daily procedures.

The "No Diving" letters on the stone pier need to be repainted because they are not visible.

**Socials and Events / Boat Rack Management** – W. Hart, J. Brennan, E. Karr

Boat Storage needs to be enforced. Eric will review the boats on the rack against the list of who purchased boat stickers. A plan will be developed to identify owners of boats with no stickers. Eric will document the locations of each boat and the member number. Abandoned boats will be removed from the boat rack.

The next social is the Luau on Aug 2nd. Joe Kimble has been retained to cook the pig.

**Security and By-Laws**- S.Minnick

No Updates.

**Buildings and Grounds** - B. Walsky

Someone is forcing open the freezer in the clubhouse. Padlocks will be purchased to secure the Freezer and the Refrigerators to protect the Lake Association's property.

A motion was made to approve \$200 to purchase a locking storage cabinet to store and protect the dry goods in the clubhouse.

(1) K. Bandel (2) A. Keegan - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: (None)

A second Porta Potty (single) will be ordered and kept on site for the duration of the season. The overall cost of renting it when needed is more than renting it for the season.

It was generally noted that the grounds have been cleaner and more presentable than ever before.

**Water Quality – Geese Management / Weed Control** – K. Roberts / S. Mercer

We have passed all water tests to date.

The geese are becoming more and more of a problem. The beach and grass are littered with goose feces. They are getting used to human presence and the disbursement tactics that we are using. Once the geese are dispersed, they return 10 minutes later. Barry Walsky has done some research and there are other tools, decoys and chemicals that we can look into. There is significant cost to using some of these methods. All avenues are being explored. If we don't do something soon, we will eventually face beach closures due to fecal levels being too high.

Our grounds people will begin raking the beach area and the grass in front of the tree line up to and including the beach.

A motion was made to approve approximately \$200 to purchase several decoy silhouettes to place on the beach and water line to deter the geese.

(2) K. Bandel (2) J. Brennan - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: (None)

**Dam Project** - K. Bandel (W. Hart presenting for K. Bandel)

Dam construction is complete. We have 3 outstanding invoices at this time.

**Club House Rentals - S. Minnick**

No Updates.

**Fundraising - A. Keegan**

We raised \$125 from the 50/50 at the last social. The winner then donated a portion of that money back to the association which brought the total money raised to \$190.

We have collected \$760 from the sale of the Lake Lenape Gear at the last social.

We are looking into a School Supply Sale and a Clothing Drive. Annie is trying to get student requirements from the teachers.

The photography portrait fundraiser is still happening and will be scheduled in the October timeframe. Details still have to be worked out.

*A motion to adjourn was made at 9:50 pm*

*(1) J. Brennan (2) K. Roberts - All in favor (Yes) - Opposed (None)*

*Minutes Submitted by C. Baksa on August 15, 2014*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Baksa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.