

Lake Lenape Association Minutes for June 13 2017

LLA Board Members in Attendance (8)

S. Mercer, M. Dunbar, S. Hagaman, S. Minnick, E. Karr, D. Kerr, B. Kithcart, J. Liccardi, K. Roberts, P. Widgren

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. 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

Kevin and Sue Smith, Joe Kimble, Ron Orwig, Trish Artrip, Paul Constentino

For the Good of the Order

Ron Orwig brought up an issue with the placement of boats and some that were chained in front of the boat racks making it difficult for him to remove his boat. We had expected the property on Lenape to be updated by now to alleviate the strain for boat storage at the main property, but due to current impediments that project is moving slower than we expected. We will try to organize the boat storage and contact the members that are in the wrong spots.

Minutes – The secretary respectfully submits May minutes for approval. .

Motion was made to accept the minutes for May:

(1) J. Liccardi (2) K. Roberts - All in favor: (Yes) - Opposed: None

Minutes for May shall be updated and posted online.

President's Report

None.

Treasurer's Report

We paid bills and deposited everything as of today. As of today based on income from this time last year we are a bit short. Expense side we are on budget. We haven't had any major expenses for clubhouse and grounds, but the roof is upcoming. We should try to watch expenses as the year progresses. We will be reducing our financial buffer a bit but not to a point that we should be overly concerned.

Secretary Report

We received a large number of letters to the lake.

Mr. Passaffaro sent an email to the lake to complain about the responsiveness of Eric Karr when it comes to renting the clubhouse and would like Eric to be more responsive. Eric said that Jim was contacting him at work and he was not able to reply or answer his calls during his working hours. Eric said that he already contacted Jim and took care of his needs.

We received an email from Brenda Izzo apologizing for not sending in her dues on time and pointing out that there seems to be a contradiction in the bylaws and application. Note: dues not paid by April 1st will be an indication the Member does not desire membership. However, above this there is a late fee schedule clearly outlining dates AFTER April 1st.

My response was first to tell her that an apology was not necessary, it was not a problem. I tried to explain that what she saw as a contradiction was our attempt at patching what we saw as a loophole in the membership process. Previous to Nov 2016 meeting the membership dues were due March 31st and the lake not receiving an application by August 1st was an indication the member did not desire membership. This caused people to not send in their dues for the majority of the summer and not have current badges and not be current members using the lake and using the August 1st date as an excuse that they are still members they are just late. The change from last year is now such that if you don't pay your dues by March 31st you aren't a member of the lake and you can't use the facilities. Once you pay your dues (and late fee) you are again a member of the lake and once again can use the facilities.

Her response to this was: Our family were ORIGINAL members when the association first began. We actually live here and have since 1954. I am very busy - some things get away from me. There is no need to suggest or assume that my family didn't want to continue to support the lake through membership. I resent that assumption and will not mention this email to Kip and Jane. I will see you all at the next meeting.

I replied with an apology in that the “you” was just an example or the “royal you” and nothing specifically against her or her family and she didn’t need to apologize or explain about her late dues and that it was not a problem. She was not at the meeting today, so I bought this up for her. I have received no further correspondence about this matter.

We received an email from Terry Hammler about boats on the lake without stickers. The white row boat continues to fish out there and has no lake Lenape tags. The canoe is out frequently and has not tags. The big red fiberglass boat is out there with his gas motor tipped, but last week it was not tipped. Also, will there be minutes forthcoming?

The minutes were late; I had failed to get them posted to the website in a timely manner. That has been rectified. As for the boats we will try to identify boats on the lake that don’t have boat stickers. The bylaws state: “Registration stickers must be plainly visible on all boats and canoes.” If there are difficulties affixing stickers to the hull or outer shell of a boat, we will make up some kind of holder for boats. While the association does appreciate boats affixing the stickers to the outside of boats so that they may be seen from a distance, there is no guidelines for how and where the stickers are affixed, nor does it say that the stickers must be affixed with adhesive, just that the stickers must be plainly visible. Hopefully we can identify the boats in question.

We received an email from Mr. Knehr who thought that our email out to the members for the Memorial Day party where we reminded people about some of the rules of the association was a little rough. I (Steve Minnick) had written that email and the first couple paragraphs might have seemed to be a bit “snarky”. After checking with a few other members randomly, some actually liked the tone of the email and thought we should do more like that.

We received an email from the DEP. An anonymous person phoned the DEP to report that the lake association was dumping Christmas trees tied to cinder blocks into the lake to be used as fish habitat. And the anonymous caller stated that they had witnessed more than one tree in the past few years floating in the lake. This is a similar statement that Rich Hammler had made voicing his concerns in the May 2017 meeting. The DEP contacted the lake association with a list of the statutes for placing fish habitats in the lake. It appears we weren’t doing anything wrong except for not notifying the DEP of our intentions. We will contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the DEP moving forward.

We received an email from Mr. Doidge stating: “I’d like to see the south side of the dam maintained on a regular basis, it’s looking rather shabby! Apparently the new owners of 13 Lenape Ave. are not going to do it, I’ve seen him cutting his grass but stopping at the dam.” Buildings and grounds will have to look into the matter.

We received an email from Mrs. Quinn regarding a missing kayak. She wrote that she went down to put a boat sticker on it and it was not there. I replied recommending that she double check the area. Generally I would expect someone accidentally using the wrong kayak or someone moving it out of a spot incorrectly/accidentally instead of a theft. If it’s truly missing to contact the police. I had asked for other info if it had 2016 stickers on it, or a picture or description we could put the word out. I received no further communication on the matter.

Committee Reports

Membership Report

As of the May meeting, we had 177 Members; 89 Standard, 55 senior, and 33 sponsored. And I don’t have the breakdown but I have received an additional 13 memberships bringing membership up to 190 members.

Clubhouse Rentals

None.

Boat Storage

Covered in the “for the good of the order” section.

Buildings and grounds

The dock letters “No Diving” was done.

Bushes got trimmed.

We got porta potties in.

The roof replacement is scheduled July 10th. We will take care of the chimney a day or two before then.

Insurance

None.

Fundraising

We are changing the kids fishing derby, due to the time spent over recent fundraising we haven't had time to organize an official kids fishing derby. We are going to change it to a long term, all summer tournament to try to catch as many species of fish as are in the lake. The kids just need to have their picture taken with the fish and submitted for entry.

The cornhole tournament went well, we had 22 teams. Everyone who won money donated it back into the fund and we managed to raise approximately \$4400 for the Anderson family for their son's medical bills.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Joe Kimble for procuring a donation of a kayak for our fundraiser.

Peggy Widgren would like to start up the snack stand and get volunteers to sell ice cream and snacks down at the lake. We gave her permission to move forward and start that back up again.

Water Quality and Weed Management

The water quality reports have been coming in and the lake is doing very well. Our numbers have been excellent so far this year. We are going to start with the muck eating pellets over by the property on Lenape Ave as a test to see how that works for us.

Fish Habitat and Restocking

We had a stocking day in May and it went very well. It was raining and we had fewer people show up to help. But those who did show up stepped up and got it done.

Security and Bylaws

We had an incident where someone came up to a member, pointed to the boat racks and asked "Are those free kayaks and boats for anyone to use?" This is a red flag and an indication that this person did not belong to the lake and they were removed. A second similar incident occurred as well. We need to be more aggressive posting that this is private property so that it's clear for people entering the property.

We received reports of young (and underage) kids swimming unsupervised, boating, and jumping off the lifeguard chair. They were talked to by some other parents and didn't respond to the adult.

Lifeguards

We had our inspection and we passed.

Social

For the Independence Day party on July 1st can we use Steve Minnick as the DJ? Yes, Steve will donate his time and equipment for the music.

This past Friday we had our Adult Night on the Patio. Bill Ruddy played and was fantastic. We had an 8th grade dance to compete with and many adults who would normally attend the Adult Night on the Patio were chaperoning and volunteering at the 8th grade dance. It was still a success. We charged \$5 at the door and came close to paying for the entertainment.

Dam

Litigation is progressing.

Technology

None.

COLA

The previous COLA meeting was very interesting. There was a presentation about legalities and legal issues that a lake association might be exposed to. There was a handout with information which we have, if board members would like to review we have it. There was also talk about public member lists. Rich Hammler (among some others) had brought up in previous meetings about wanting to have a member list publically available for anyone to check against and that it used to be standard practice at Lake Lenape for a list to be printed and posted on the property. This was discussed at the COLA meeting and we should not have a publically available list of members. Members may be allowed to look at the list, at most only once a year and should not be allowed to take a copy of the list with them but at most be allowed to look it over once. There was also talk about muck removal.

The pellets used to remove muck are helped by aeration. Muck can also be vacuumed out and put into a large plastic bag where the water drains out and the remaining material can be used for fertilizer.

Scholarship Committee

We held our first scholarship fundraiser event and that went very well. The goal was to raise \$1000 and we met our goal. So we are moving forward to plan our next fundraiser event Sept. 16th. We are going to expand the event to beer for the beer drinkers not just wine. The weather was not ideal and the turnout wasn't as large as we had hoped but the people who turned out were very generous which is what made that event a success.

New Business

Dragon Races: The dragon races are run in Lake Mohawk. The teams are 20 people and you are required to have a minimum of 8 women. The fee is \$1500 for a boat. They bring the boat to your lake to practice and train. We could start a team at Lake Lenape. It's a fun day and fun time out.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 pm

(1) E. Karr (2) S. Hagaman - All in favor (Yes) - Opposed (None)

Minutes Submitted by S. Minnick on July 7th, 2017