



June 4, 2008

**Meeting Minutes By:** Mary Hough and Lyn Hewitt

**Attendance:**

**Board Members Present:** Lyn Hewitt, Leon Hewitt, Sue Sytniak, Ginny Himich, Mary Hough (alternate secretary and representing Charlie Jones in his absence), Bob Huber (representing LCORI)

**Board Members Absent:** Sharon Himich, Charlie Jones

**Other Attendees:** Linda Gallerani, Marion Suciu, Robert Preson, Joanne Kowalenok, Ray Phillips, Len Matras, C Sarp, David Butcher, Henry Haigh, Ken Mercer, Gordon Dembsey, Dale Groff.

**Meeting called to order:** Lyn Hewitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes were read by the members present. Motion to accept the May 2008 meeting minutes made by Sue Sytniak and seconded by Joanne Kowalenok. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Beginning Balance (5-1-2008): \$3,730.08

Total Income: \$30.00 (Memberships)

Total Expenditures: \$542.12 (MLSA Conference \$495.56 and supplies \$46.56)

Ending Balance (as of 5/31/2008): \$3,217.96

**Correspondence:**

- Henry Haigh III – Weed Control: Henry lives on Elmhurst. Henry and his neighbor David Butcher expressed concerns about the weed control applications that took place in the spring. Pam Tynning (ProgressiveAE-lake manager) attempted to get in touch with Henry but was unsuccessful. David observed the representatives from Aqua-Weed Control (herbicide applicator under contract by the lake) while they were on the lake and did not observe chemicals being applied into the lake. Ginny Himich of the LCRA contacted ProgressiveAE for information. It was explained to Ginny that the treatments take place through hoses under the water and that the application may not be visible to someone outside the boat. This is the sixth year that we have had treatments on the lake and both Henry and David have noticed a reduction in the amount of weeds at their properties. They did not realize that a lake representative went out with the lake manager/herbicide applicator and observed the weed treatments. Aqua-Weed Control has performed two treatments (April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>) and ProgressiveAE has performed at least one lake survey already this year.
- Discussion between the LCRA Board and the Meeting Attendees:
  - Lenny Matras and David Butcher volunteered to help out with treatment observations in the future. It was determined that there is no reason to suspect the treatments are not taking place correctly since the attendees

agreed that they are seeing positive results in the form of a reduction of weeds on the lake. The company performing the treatment (Aqua Weed Control) is licensed and bonded. The board said that if anyone has doubts regarding the treatment, they are invited to accompany the weed manager/herbicide applicator to observe the lake surveys/herbicide treatments and take samples of the product being applied for independent testing.

- Mr. Haigh offered to be a LCRA website advertising sponsor. The LCRA expressed appreciation for his support of the organization.
- Crowding of the lake was discussed along with the unregulated “boat launch” park along Grand River and the DNR public launch on the lake. Many present at the meeting expressed concern that the lake is overcrowded. The LCRA board was not sure who has jurisdiction to prevent the overcrowding and help to manage the lake. It was stated that the Livingston County Sheriff currently has a minimal presence on the lake. David Butcher has heard rumors that there will be more enforcement of the DNR boat launch and ticketing for cars that do not have a permit and/or are parked along Hughes Road and in the neighboring subdivision.
- Chris Dzyngel – Bathtanicals: Chris is a Sunrise Park resident. She has a bath and body care products company with a great website. Bathtanicals is a new website advertising sponsor with the LCRA. The LCRA thanks Chris for her support!
- Lisa Grassi – Newsletter Response: Lisa contacted Lyn Hewitt to express her appreciation of the recent LCRA newsletter.
- Notice from DEQ Received -- Pending Permit: On Everglades, a property owner has applied for a permit to bring in beach sand along their waterfront.

### **New Business:**

- WEBSITE: Our website hosting was recently renewed for one year at a cost of \$155. We currently use Front Page for editing and ISMI for hosting.
- WEBSITE CHANGES: The LCRA received a quote from a web page designer/graphic artist (Jennifer Cameron) on updating the web site. The quote (dependent on number of pages) ranged from \$59-\$169. Lyn Hewitt made a motion to hire Jennifer to design the new website for placement at the same hosting location. The design of the site will be simplified to make the site easier to navigate and draw additional members and patron sponsorships. The motion, seconded by Sue Sytniak, was unanimously approved.
- NEW FEE FOR BOATS: Bob Huber (LCORI) brought an article to the board about potential upcoming fees for watercraft. The fee is related to regulation on the Great Lakes, but the legislation to be passed currently is written to affect all boats that could harbor invasive species. If the act is passed, fees would begin in the fall and be enforced by the EPA.
- LCORI MARINA PERMIT APPLICATION: Hearing will take place Thursday 6/26/08 at 7:30 PM at the Genoa Township Hall. The application is for 196 mooring posts for 98 vessels. There are 333 sites within LCORI and there is currently a 7-9 year waiting list for a resident to secure a new boat mooring. Bob Huber requested personal opinions on the LCORI marina permit application from the board members. Some opinions were given.

## Old Business

- SPONSOR THANK YOU's: Distributed to Wilson Marine, Wonderland Marine, Aqua-Weed Control, and Inland Abyss.
- INVOICING: Sue Sytniak will send out invoicing to Wilson Marine, Wonderland Marine, and Haigh Electric for advertising sponsorships. Ginny Himich will contact Aqua-Weed Control and Inland Abyss about renewing their advertising sponsorships. Lyn Hewitt set up payment with Bathtanicals for their advertising sponsorship.
- CAN KOOZIES: Lyn and Leon Hewitt went over to the boat ramp to sell some can koozies over the Memorial Day weekend. It was very quiet at the boat ramp so they did not have much luck. They placed some at the LCORI Store to sell.
- NEWSLETTER: The newsletter distribution drive is on. In an effort to bring in new contact information and members, the newsletters will be delivered by hand this time around. Sue Sytniak will cover part of Hughes Road, Henry Haigh will cover Elmhurst, Mary Hough and Marion Suciu will cover Sunrise Park. Ginny Himich was not able to deliver newsletters on Wildwood and will return her undistributed newsletters to Lyn Hewitt due to a trip out of town. Lyn and Leon Hewitt will cover distribution on Chemung Drive and Wildwood.
- MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Brought to the meeting by Sue Sytniak for distribution.
- BOAT PARADE: Open theme. The LCRA still needs judges. Lenny Matras will judge as will Lyn Hewitt. Mary Hough will distribute boat numbers as discussed at the May meeting. The boat parade will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Kurt and Lisa Price fireworks display.
- A motion was made by Sue Sytniak and seconded by Leon Hewitt to give a \$100 contribution to the Price's for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. The motion was carried by a vote of 20 to 1 (dissenting vote due to low LCRA membership and shortage of funds for LCRA operation).
- AUGUST YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE: August 2<sup>nd</sup> at LCORI. Information in the LCRA newsletter and posted on the LCRA website.

**Next meeting:** August 6, 2008

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm**