

THE LAKE CHEMUNG
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Lake Chemung Riparian Association

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2009

Meeting Minutes By: Ginny Himich

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Sue Sytniak, Ginny Himich, Bob Huber (LCORI), Mary Hough (Sunrise Park)

Board Members Absent: Charlie Jones (Sunrise Park), Linda Gallerani (LCORI)

Other Attendees: Ray Phillips (LCORI), Bob Press (LCORI), James Lewis, Lyn Hewitt

Meeting called to order: 7:02 p.m. by Ginny Himich

Minutes: The meeting minutes from the May 2009 meeting were handed out to the board. G. Himich made a call for comments; there were none. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: (Annual Report 2008-2009)

Beginning Balance (July 31, 2008) - \$3619.96

Income

- Membership - \$694.57
- Can Koozies- \$ 20.00
- Advertising- \$100.00
- Donation- \$1876.57

Total Income - \$1876.14

Expenditures

- Funeral Flowers - \$84.70
- Trophy Engraving - \$ 6.00
- Frames for Plaques- \$ 6.34
- MI Labor Dept- \$20.00
- Web Domain- \$ 145.40
- MLSA Monitoring- \$ 142.00
- MLSA Membership- \$ 50.00
- P.O. Box- \$ 54.00
- Riparian- \$ 16.00
- DNR Ticket- \$ 24.00 (Volunteer incurred ticket at Launch while accompanying Weed Manager to assess lake)

Total Expenditures - \$548.44

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2009 - \$4947.66

Correspondence:

State of Michigan-Non-Profit Legislative Changes: Sue Sytniak reported that the State of Michigan sent a notice to the LCRA summarizing recent legislative changes. Non-profits are now required to have a President, Secretary, and Treasurer and at least three (3) Directors to maintain their status. Ginny Himich agreed to review this requirement and recommend information to be provided with this year's Non-Profit Status Update. (Update-Ginny identified the Officers and Directors for the LCRA and submitted the Status Report w/required \$20.00 fee to the State. President-Ginny Himich, Secretary-Ginny Himich, Treasurer-Sue Sytniak, Directors-Mary Hough, Charlie Jones, and Bob Huber).

- Riparian: Pearl Bonnell asked the LCRA for an update on names and addresses for the Riparian mailing. (Update-Ginny Himich emailed the information to Pearl-

- the LCRA paid for two copies of the Riparian-one copy to be sent to Janet Fox (LCORI) and one copy to be sent to Sue Sytniak).
- Lakescaping Workshop to be Held in Livingston County: The LCRA received a flyer about an MSU/Livingston County sponsored Lakescaping Workshop to be held in August 2009 on Portage Lake. The information was shared with the Board and meeting attendees.

Old Business:

- Weed Control: Ginny Himich contacted ProgressiveAE to inquire about their schedule for doing their first weed survey on the lake. According to Pam Tynning, ProgressiveAE is planning on doing their survey on Thursday May 14, 2009. Mike Suci will be accompanying Pam on the survey. Charlie Jones reported that he had seen survey boats on the lake on two occasions in mid-May. Ginny Himich was not aware of any LCRA related surveys that were conducted during that time period-other than the May 14th survey to be conducted by ProgressiveAE.
- LCRA Business: Ginny Himich asked if there were any new volunteers for the open MLSA Board positions. None of the board members present had heard from any new volunteers. As a result, the board voted to discontinue scheduled meetings, other than the August annual meeting. Other than the required annual meeting, future meetings will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. Ongoing activities that require LCRA attention will be handled by the board through telephone calls and/or emails.
- MLSA Annual Conference: Ginny and Mike Himich attended the MLSA annual conference on April 24 and 25, 2009. The conference was held at the Comfort Suites in Houghton Lake, MI. The conference was reasonably well attended and there were several excellent presentations. Ginny has a program that lists the presentations and speakers if anyone is interested of the conference.

New Business

- Scholarship – No applications have been received by the LCRA to date. The application period is open through May 31, 2009. A scholarship for \$500.00 has been advertised on the web site.
- Lake Testing – Al Hough and Mike Suci have helped to collect lake samples. A spring phosphorus sample was collected and turned in to the DEQ in April. The first chlorophyll-a test will be taken somewhere around May 15th. Ginny Himich will be coordinating with Al Hough to take this sample. Don Stork will be testing the lake for turbidity (Secchi Disk) again this year.
- July 4th Boat Parade – It was recommended that Laura Wildman be asked to coordinate the parade. If she is willing, the LCRA will donate \$100.00 for prizes. Otherwise, the LCRA will forego the event this year.
- Memberships – Ginny Himich agreed to put together a brief newsletter to be distributed either by mail or as a flyer. This will be done some time in July. The newsletter will address pressing lake issues, announce the upcoming August 2009 annual meeting, provide a membership renewal form, and encourage participation in the LCRA. Of specific importance, future business/events/outings will be curtailed unless the LCRA receives enough membership dues to support ongoing activities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Tentatively, August 2010