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Minutes of the March 3, 2009 Monthly Board Meeting



Treasurer's Report
February 28, 2009



Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Kathie Knudson, President.

Motion to approve February minutes by Paul Papineau, seconded by John Schockmel. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Kathie Knudson

Water lily presentation by Paul Papineau:

The Lake Management Committee (LMC) has been working on planting aquatic plants. Three years ago, the lake was full of weeds, which made swimming and rowing boats unpleasant. In years previous to that, the lake was full of algae and smelled bad.

The LMC has considered a few options, and has determined that water lilies and removing carp will be best for maintaining our lake.

Water lilies have four main benefits:

1. They capture phosphorous which algae needs to grow.
2. The big leaves shade the water and deny sunlight to algae.
3. They provide spawning areas and cover for fry fish to hide from predator fish.
4. They can be controlled through local spraying.

Water lilies were planted a few years ago, with some success. They have been dwindling, possibly because of fluridone treatments. If the plants get established with good roots, they should be able to survive the fluridone treatments and come back the next year. In order to establish them, we should plant root stock instead of tubers, push them into the lake bed instead of broadcasting them, and leave the cages up for a longer time than before. The goal is to have 30% coverage of the lake.

The LMC would like to do a trial planting of six 16-foot diameter cages, with fourteen plants per cage. They have to be planted in water which is less than four feet deep. The cages should be far enough from the beaches and docks so as not to interfere with swimming or boating. The 80 yellow and white water lilies should be planted 80 days after the last fluridone treatment, when the concentration is less than 5 ppb. This puts the planting time in late June or early July.

By studying lakefront properties that met the planting criteria, as well as a bathymetric map, Paul has created a map of the best places to plant. Ten locations were mapped out, so that if one location is unsuitable (rocky bed), another location may be used. He would like to create a map to post on the website for residents to see where the proposed lily beds are.

The LMC proposed a budget of \$1,000 for the plants and all

the supplies (cages, tie wraps, and shipping included).

Carp presentation by Paul Papineau:

Carp do not belong in our lake, since they contribute to the loss of the water lilies and they cause the water to be cloudy. They feed by sucking up silt from the bottom, suspending it in the water, and then picking out what they want to eat. They usually do not eat the plants, but in their feeding, they move and disrupt them.

The LMC would like to purchase a 100-foot net to capture the carp during the spawning season in May. Carp move into the shallows during spawning, and they often congregate in the North Bay. The net will cost \$300.

The total cost for water lilies and carp net is \$1,500. Paul Papineau made a motion to accept this budget. Jon Holsman seconded.

Discussion:

- Can we borrow a net to see how this works? Paul is not sure -- he has done research on the Internet, and is not sure if surrounding lakeside communities use this kind of net.
- The plants that are down past the dam are arrowhead, not water lilies.
- The budget lists \$18,500 for lake maintenance -- would this project fall under that heading? The money for this project would come out of the \$4,000 allocated for buffer strips.
- Net specifications: 100 feet long, 6 feet deep, with sponge floats on the top and lead sinkers at the bottom. It is designed to be pulled through the water and to create a "purse" that catches the fish.
- How much horsepower is needed to get the net out? Not sure -- we would probably have to use boats with electric motors to pull it. If that didn't work, it would have to be pulled manually.
- The IDNR came out last year to shock the lake. We hope they come out again, but they may not. This net would be in addition to the shocking. The more we do, the better it is for eliminating carp.
- We would need 8 or 10 men to pull the net out once it is full of fish.
- The desirable fish can be removed from the net and released back into the lake.
- How do we dispose of all of the carp? We would have to call for a special dumpster. When we previously removed carp from the lake, there was no charge for the dumpster.
- The net will be re-usable.

In favor of the motion: Unanimous.

Opposed: None.

Motion passed.

Thanks to Paul Papineau for the presentation. Thanks also

to everyone who came to the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: Steve Koch

Feedback helps Steve fulfill his role as treasurer. Feel free to ask questions: he'll find the answer.

February was a good month for dues collection. Our average has been \$9,400 to this point, and this year, we have already collected \$35,500. Some of the legal expenses from the end of last year have rolled into this year, so we have spent a little more than usual to this point. All of the insurance policies renew in September, so we'll have to make sure that we are planning for that as we get toward the end of the summer.

Steve has created a chart with three-year averages to see where we've been, and to compare that with where we are. We are tracking well according to those figures.

Motion to approve the February treasurer's report: Jon Holsman. Second: Rich Clausen. February treasurer's report approved.

Motion to approve the November treasurer's report: Dick Lincourt. Second: John Schockmel. November treasurer's report approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Diane Adamek

Before the meeting, there were 140 households who had paid their dues. Tags and stickers were mailed to those homes. On the day of the meeting, there were 16 more full payments received, and 9 partial payments, which makes for a total collection so far of 25%. Nine swimming lessons have been requested and 150 boats have been registered. The deadline for paying dues is March 15.

If you are moving, please give Diane at least two weeks notice to prepare your statement.

Diane has the lists of members for the zone directors.

DAM, PATH & ENTRANCES: Dick Lincourt

The South Beach gate has been fixed. The strike plate had to be altered. It may be possible to modify the gate so it will work properly.

Someone jammed a glove into the latch of the double-wide gate to keep it from closing.

LAKE MANAGEMENT: Steve Kephart

Lake Management met on February 23. They received a report from the IDNR about the fish shocking and census, and gave an outline of where we are supposed to be. It appears that the carp are not reproducing very much. We can have good control over the carp if we can get the large ones out before they start reproducing.

Lake Management would like to have the IDNR come back and shock the lake again.

Rich Clausen has volunteered to lead a "Carp Derby." More information to come.

Steve has received bids for spraying the lake. The prices were wildly different because each contractor was bidding on something different. Steve contacted each contractor again and outlined the requirements (fluridone treatment in early spring, with a level between 10 and 12 ppb). With the new requirements, the lower bid went up a little, and the higher bid came down \$1,300. We will probably spend less than what we budgeted, and if there is excess, we can look at projects for next year.

We have not accepted a bid yet. Steve will take the bids to the next LMC meeting for comment, and then will take the bids to the executive board for discussion.

NORTH BEACH: John Emde

It should be a quiet year at North Beach. Big improvements were made last year (new, safer swingset and a new pier).

Future maintenance includes keeping the sand in good condition, maintaining the storage shed, and organizing the boats (those that get left on the shoreline untouched for weeks, those that get filled with water and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes). During Volunteer Day, we can ready the beach for the summer.

The stream coming into the lake is washing out some of the sand from North Beach. Since the water is now flowing in the right direction, hopefully some of sediment will be deposited there.

SOUTH BEACH: Jean Potillo

The gate is working again. Jean re-hung the "thin ice" sign.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Denise Gavin

Improving the sand will be the first spring project. Denise will be sending out letters to lifeguards. Prep work has begun on the annual contracts. We received a landscaping bid on March 3.

BOAT & PIER: Katie Cook

The boat racks at North Beach have to be postponed until we receive more dues -- there is currently no money available for that project. The approximate cost is between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Since the gravel will not have to be re-graded, the main cost is for materials to build the boat racks themselves.

Boats cluttering up the shoreline will be organized at spring cleanup. There is not enough room to store all the boats that are there now -- currently, some are chained to trees.

Once we eliminate the excuse of no space to store boats at North Beach, what incentive can we use to make sure people take care of their boats? The new racks at South Beach took care of much of that problem. The beaches have to be monitored, and if the space at North Beach remains chaotic, we will need some new ideas.

Announcement: Due to a new job opportunity, Katie has to step down as the boat/pier director. She will stay on as the website coordinator, and will continue to work on the North Beach boat rack project. Katie has worked hard at this position (changed process to mailing stickers with tags, cleaning up South Beach, holding boat auctions, updated regulations), so please volunteer as the transition will be easy!

Thank you, Katie, for your four years of dedicated boat/pier service!

WEB PAGE: Katie Cook

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. Children 9 and under can participate. The "Easter Bunny" will take care of the details.

Spring cleanup: the Board will work on confirming a date at the Executive Board meeting on Monday. The beaches open on Memorial Day. Volunteers will be needed. More information to come at the next monthly meeting.

The Board will work on Water Carnival and Brat Fest dates with Jean Potillo.

There is an unused raft by the fishing pier at South Beach. It is free for anyone who would like to take it. It will be marked.

Newsletter/Communication: is this an effective way to

communicate with all of the residents? It is on the website, and our current bylaws state that the newsletter must be mailed. Bulk mail is not forwarded, but Diane updates the membership list and mailing stickers. There is a postage cost and a copying cost. We are collecting email addresses to provide a future means of sending out community wide communications, and we do now include a link to the newsletter on the website.

Ideas include having special articles from committees in the newsletter, feature stories, columns, photos, and website information. If you have ideas for a "newsletter facelift," please contact Jennifer Popowitch, or submit your ideas to the website's email address: info@lochlomondlaker.com

OLD BUSINESS

Katie Cook nominated Kathie Knudson to the office of President. Steve Kephart seconded. Kathie was unanimously approved as President.

We are working on getting an updated zone map for the website.

The bulletin boards at the beaches need to be updated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, the Vice President presides at meetings, appoints committees, and executes any other Association business that is needed. The Vice President also works with the South Beach Director and volunteers to coordinate all Social and Volunteer events, including the Water Carnival, Brat Fest, Spring Clean Up, Easter Egg Hunt, Santa Claus visits, Lake Education Day (as needed), Boat Auctions, Holiday Decorating Contest, etc. Vice President also maintains a master Volunteer spreadsheet. All Officers and Directors are to attend all LLPOA events.

BOAT/PIER DIRECTOR

1. Attend monthly Board meetings, held the first Tuesday of every month.
2. Attend Executive Board meetings, usually held the Monday after the monthly Board meeting.
3. Call people whose boat stickers are not current.
4. Visit the beaches regularly to check that boats are properly stored and not filled with water.

ZONE DIRECTORS

Loch Lomond is divided into 21 zones. We are in need of 6 ZONE DIRECTORS (Zones 3, 5, 8, 18, 19, and 20). You do not have to live in the zone of which you are a Director. Highlights of the requirements of a Zone Director:

1. Attend monthly Board meetings, held the first Tuesday of every month.
2. Welcome each new homeowner in their zone with a welcome packet supplied to them by our Membership Director.
3. Call members in their Zone when we are in need of volunteer help or to disseminate LLPOA information.
4. Report to the officers any problems or any violations in our community.
5. Replace him/herself with a new Zone Director when needed.

ENGINEER

We are in need of a licensed engineer to accompany our Dam

Director for inspection (every three years) and for occasional consultation. If a volunteer cannot be found, we will need to hire someone.

Please contact Dick Lincourt for more information or to express interest.

Motion to adjourn by Rich Clausen, seconded by John Popowitch. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Kathie Knudson, Denise Gavin, John and Jennifer Popowitch, Katie Cook, John Emde, Jean Potillo, Steve Koch, Dick Lincourt, Steve Kephart, Diane Adamek, Jerry Kurowski, Donna Sattler, Paul Papineau, Rich and Nadine Clausen, Mark Begrowicz, John Schockmel, Jon Holsman, John Epstein, Tony Baade, Mary Ellen Ferkin, Pat Stromberg, John Vicik, Matt Rehm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Popowitch.

Board Officers and Directors

President: Kathie Knudson (566-7024)

Vice President: OPEN

Secretary: Jennifer Popowitch (566-1692)

Treasurer: Steve Koch (566-3120)

Membership Director: Diane Adamek (949-8641)

Boat/Pier Director: OPEN

Dam/Path/Spillway Director: Dick Lincourt (949-5729)

North Beach Director: John Emde (566-9583)

South Beach Director: Jean Potillo (949-9370)

Administrator/Water Safety: Denise Gavin (826-8044)

Lake Management Director: Steve Kephart (970-7940)



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Calendar Items

April 7 (Tuesday)
LLPOA Monthly Board Meeting
Century 21 (corner of Rts. 45 and 176)
8 p.m.

April 11 (Saturday)
Easter Egg Hunt
South Beach
10 a.m.

LIFEGUARD INFORMATION

There are a limited amount of lifeguard positions open this summer. Please contact Denise Gavin (847-826-8044) by March 15 if you are interested in an application.

Village Board Meetings are held at the Fire Station on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.
1000 Midlothian Road. Call 847-949-3214 for details.