

Loon Lake Park District Association
Annual Meeting – July 17, 2010

Rob Freligh, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Dawn Freligh, Secretary, read the minutes of last year's annual meeting.

Nancy Fregoe, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. The association has:

Savings Account	\$1,390	Checking Account	\$4,139
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Nancy reported we presently have 92 paid members and received \$100.00 from Bonnie Belle. We need to increase our membership and everyone is encouraged to get their neighbors to join the Association. Our biggest expense is \$900.00 for insurance. The report was accepted.

Sue Sliva suggested that maybe the newsletter coming over the internet has contributed to decreased membership and that maybe we should reexamine that procedure. Rob said the cost of mailing the newsletter in the past has been over \$400 and this year it was only \$90 since most were done by email. Tom Sliva pointed out that most of the people that got hard copies are members while that is not true of the people who received the newsletter by email.

Marilyn Layton said she thinks we should reinstitute the block captain system and make a list of all the great things the LLPDA does.

President Rob Freligh reported that Doug O'Brien from East Shore Drive donated \$2,000 for the milfoil fund and requested that it be earmarked for signs at boat launch and marina; to create a brochure; and to purchase dive signs.

Arnold Jensen said he did not see a need for a fund for milfoil. It should be paid through the Loon Lake Park District tax base and the town board has been responsive.

BOAT LAUNCH MONITORING

Ed Griesmer, Chairman, said we are monitoring the boat launch again this year. We had 30 volunteers last year and need more for this year. Please call Ed to volunteer.

Ed said he heard a comment that the people launching their boats "were delighted that the key only cost \$2.00 and that they didn't have to return it!"

George Greenwood said if we increased the cost of the key to the boat launch maybe it would discourage people from getting it. Roy Layton suggested we should pursue with the town an increase cost for the key and it should be limited to Town of Chester residents. Sue Sliva made a motion that a representative from the LLPDA approach the Town Board and ask them to restrict use to Town of Chester residents. Seconded by Shep Peck. Approved unanimously.

Ed reported that most of the boats are clean and the people are cooperative and understanding. He feels it is worthwhile. John Colberg offered to assist in creation of the brochure and looking for additional information they may be able to provide.

If milfoil is found the people will be asked to remove it and clean the boat. We inquire where the boat was last.

MILFOIL BROCHURE

Rob Freleigh said we are in the process of creating a brochure to be handed out at the Boat Launch.

Shep Peck said he thought a brochure was a good educational tool. Kathy Lauritzen said she felt we had educated the public for the past several years through the newsletter, flyers, etc.

Rich McCrum said if the donor wants his money spent on a brochure we should honor that. It was suggested that we add a note that the brochure is published by the LLPDA and contributions are appreciated. We should also include an invitation to join the LLPDA. The brochure should also emphasize the work the LLPDA does.

We should also let people know how many man hours are spent on milfoil control. Rob said that our milfoil control company representative is here tonight to give us a brief report. Rob said most of the public access points on Lake George are manned and brochures are handed out.

Jane Caruvana said she has a collection of brochures on the milfoil subject and she will make them available when creating our brochure.

Arnold Jensen said there will be several topics relating to Loon Lake at the August Town Board Meeting. Ann Colberg made a motion that there should be an elected official of the LLPDA appointed as liaison to the Town Board. Dawn Freligh said the By-Laws call for 11 board members and allow the expansion of the board at the discretion of the board.

Rob said that since we are short on the number of allowable board members we could elect a board member for this purpose.

Nancy Fregoe said she feels there should be more than one LLPDA liaison as some board members are away during the winter and at various times during the year.

MILFOIL REPORT

Rich King of Lycott Environmental, the company under contract with the Chestertown Town Board, reported that their divers have spent 12.5 days on the lake with 3-4 people per dive for a total of approximately 300 man hours. They have harvested 24,000 plants. Rob said he is leaving town for three weeks but will follow up the professionals with volunteer divers when he gets back.

Rich said they conducted a survey 4-5 weeks ago and found 33 sites, several of which were new. Some are scattered sites, some medium density, and some thick beds. They took out 70% of the scattered sites. They recently found 3 more sites. They have cleared all but 7 sites; the remaining sites are mostly at the outlet. There is one remaining large site at the northeast corner of the lake – at the north end of East Shore Drive in front of Harvey's.

Sue Sliva suggested maybe we should declare a moratorium on motor boats since the propeller action cuts the plants and may contribute to the spread of milfoil. It was determined that this was not realistic.

Rich said only 10% of fragments will reproduce and create new plants. When asked if milfoil will ever be completely eliminated from our lake he said milfoil can be controlled – not eliminated. It can be brought in by birds, streams, and other means out of our control.

Marilyn Layton asked if there was enough money in the budget to accomplish the goal. Rob said it is estimated it will take three years of harvesting and matting to control the milfoil. \$67,000 has been allocated in 2010 by the Town Board. If we keep the level now being spent we should see beneficial results.

Rich McCrum asked if other native plant species are being affected. Rich King said removal of milfoil may be beneficial to the growth of native plants since they are no longer being shaded by the milfoil.

When asked he said there is not an unusual amount of milfoil by the marina. Rob said there is a lot of milfoil from the marina toward route 9 and the pond on the other side but it is not Eurasian milfoil.

Ed Griesmer asked if he knew of the outcome of using "Renovate" in Lake Luzerne. Rich King said he did not know. "Renovate" is more selective than "Sonar" or other chemicals for the control of milfoil.

It was suggested we create No Wake Zones around problem areas. Arnold said he believes a No Wake Zone by law can only be by a marina. Rob said it probably would not do any good anyway since the boats tend to even ignore the Dive Flags.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANNUAL DINNER – Jean Bain, Chairman, was not present. Rob asked if those present thought we should have it at the Conservation Club again next year at the same time. Sue Jensen said we should make sure it does not conflict with other association meetings.

Rob said we have tried to standardize our calendar and keep activities on the same week each year. Shep Peck moved we go to the fourth weekend in July. After discussion the motion was withdrawn. Sue Sliva moved we keep it on the third Saturday of July as in the past. The motion was seconded and passed.

BEAUTIFICATION - Mary Flynn, Chairman, was not present. Rob reported that he and Dawn had put in the plants by the dam.

BOATING SAFETY COURSE – Barbara VanVoorhees, Chairman, was not present. 13 children attended the class and all passed.

BOAT PARADE – will be held again this year starting at 4:00 and going counterclockwise around the lake.

BUOYS - John Nick, Chairman, reported that anchor chains were replaced and thanked the marina for letting us use their boat. The buoys were placed by volunteers.

FISHING DERBY – Ron Nadeau, Chairman, was not present. It was reported that 42 children participated (less than last year) and everybody had a good time and they have trophies left for next year.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Arnold Jensen, Co-Chairman, reported that the 2009 tournament raised \$2,900 which was donated to local charities. We paid for all the Thanksgiving dinners distributed by the Chestertown Food Pantry; bought all the baseballs for this year's North Warren Little League teams; were the sole sponsor of the 2009 Children's Halloween Parade; donated to the Friends of the Library; and continued to sponsor two \$250 scholarships for graduates of the North Warren School District. We will continue to donate to local charities and organizations again this year.

This year's "Marv Cole Loon Lake Golf Tournament" will be held at Cronin's Golf Course on Friday, August 13th. We had 136 golfers last year and expect the same this year. That is our max. Each team must have 1 member of the LLPDA. George Greenwood suggested that not all the money be spent on the town charities and some go back to the LLPDA fund. Members of the committee said that when they are soliciting donations for the tournament the local businesses respond in large part due to the fact that the money raised goes back to the community. After much discussion it was agreed that the golf committee use their discretion whether or not to turn some money back to the LLPDA treasury.

HISTORY - Roy Layton, Chairman, said there were about 200 people present last August at the dedication of the auditorium to Marv Cole and Roy's presentation on the History of Loon Lake and surrounding area. Roy said the original prints, maps, etc. have been donated to the museum and he hopes to put the information into print or onto a CD. Mary Tierney said she is on the Library Board and would like to work with Roy on including his information in their oral history project.

ROAD CLEAN-UP – Roxy Griesmer, Chairman, said their committee is fine but would like more volunteers.

WATER CARNIVAL – Susan Jensen, Chairman, reported that 50 kids were registered and a good time was had by all. The cost was only \$170 for hot dogs, a trophy, and ribbons. Possibly it should be moved to another day in order to not conflict with the Priors and Rotary Garage Sales. Arnold said they will let the board know of a new date by their meeting in September.

WATER TESTING - Jim Fregoe said the water testing was great. The only high point was on the north side of Blythwood Island - 80 - which is still low. A count of 250 or more is of concern. Our highest are 70-80

Rob said an interesting fact is that our lake has 3.5 year turnover of water.

WEB PAGE - Mike Baumis, our web master, sent an email and said members should update their info on the web page and can send any suggestions to him via the web page.

Tom Sliva asked if the milfoil info is digitized can we put that on the web page along with the water testing results.

Roy Layton asked that the minutes be posted on the web page.

FLOATS/RAFTS/BALL MARKERS

Arnold Jensen reported that at the April meeting of the Town Board a proposal to increase the allowable distance from shore for moored objects was discussed. There was some discussion and it was tabled until the August meeting.

It is being proposed the allowable distance from shore be increased to 75 feet. The current limit is 50 feet from shore. This week Arnold measured 40 locations and almost all are out more than 50 feet. He suggested we increase it to 75 so we could reasonably enforce the law. Rob said he felt there are legitimate reasons to allow this increase. Docks are allowed at 40 feet and there is not much difference between a dock at 40 feet and a float at 50 feet. Also on the shallow end of the lake they need to be out farther so you don't hit bottom when jumping off.

Tom Sliva asked what the enforcement will be. Arnold said it will be a zoning violation. The Town Board said that that if it goes to 75 Arnold, our Constable, will be obligated to enforce it. Tom asked if all lake residents will be informed of the rule change and to point out that there is "No Grandfather" clause. Arnold said there will be a public hearing the second Tuesday of August.

After much discussion Dawn Freligh made a motion that the LLPDA support the change of floats, etc. to 75 feet. Shep Peck seconded the motion. The motion narrowly passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob said that the LLPDA historically DOES NOT SHARE their mailing list unless specifically agreed to by a vote. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to continue this practice.

Noelle McCrum suggested that we have written reports from the various committees at next year's meeting so that we could read them during dinner and questions could be asked if needed. This would shorten up the meeting time. It will be considered by the board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections were held and here are your current Board Members and Officers:

President: Ed Griesmer
Vice President: Roy Layton
Secretary: Beth Cole
Treasurer: Ann Coberg

Board of Directors:

Jean Bain	Susan Jensen
Michael Baumis	Eric Lauritzen
Jane Caruvana	John Nick
Mary Flynn	Sue Sliva
Jim Fregoe	Glen E. Vogel
Rob Freligh	Glen M Vogel

The loon drawing was won by Glen Vogel.

Plaques were presented to Rob Freligh and Jim Fregoe in appreciation for their service. Nancy Fregoe and Dawn Freligh were also thanked for their dedicated service. All four received a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned.