

Loon Lake Park District Association LLPDA

Meeting Minutes – Sunday 10/2/22

Attendees: Kevin Wickert, Barb Kearney, Mary Flynn, Gail Danforth, Patrick Reed, Lisa Deering

President Updates:

A thank you note was received from Carol Monroe for the dedication of the town beach to Fred Monroe.

Kevin updated the board regarding transitions to it:

- Brian Bosan and Celia Lowenstein are stepping down from the board
- John Nick and Rich McCrum are stepping down from President and Vice President to join the board
- Kevin Wickert is the new President
- Patrick Reed is the new Vice President
- Board members - minimum 7, maximum 11
- Not all meetings well attended and we would welcome 1-2 more people. Barb has two possible candidates she will reach out to. Kevin will send out an email blast looking for volunteers.

Current Business:

- Invasives: The Aqualogic EOY report was received. Since 2015, 150 buckets retrieved and volume is going down each year. There is a concern that Craig Leggett, Town of Chester Supervisor, will cut their allocation. Currently \$65K comes from Warren County, \$20K from Chestertown. Aqualogic, owned by Dominic, current rate is \$750/hr and will increase dramatically if we get below minimum. Funding needs to be spoken for so it continues to be allocated.
- Dam Repair: FEMA grant for dam - \$3 million. There is a concern that locals do not see the lake as a priority and that the town looks at funds in these accounts and feels double taxed.
- **Education and Newsletter**
Gail reported that the door hanger bags, distributed by road captains, were successful. Association members is at 320, with a goal to keep membership at above 300.
- **2023 Events and dates:**
 - Schedule 3 meetings for LLPDA
 - Schedule all events for 2023:
 - Marv Cole Golf Tournament – 8/11, not an LLPDA event, volunteers should be acknowledged.

- Clean up days – 8/26, week before Labor Day
- NYS Boater Safety – 7/5-6, run by John Nick
- *Children’s Fishing Derby – 7/8, need volunteer
- LLPDA Annual meeting - 7/9
- *Adult Summer Social – 7/14, need volunteer
- *Annual Boat Parade – 7/22, need volunteer
- Water Carnival – 7/29, how many attended this year?
- Family Hike – 7/30
- Ring of Fire – 9/2

*Indicates need for a volunteer to run event.

- **Treasurer’s Report – Mary**

- Mary presented the financial report. She stated there is \$3,293.00 in lake management that is being used for lake purposes.
- Patrick motioned and Kevin seconded to accept report from July 10 meeting. Approved.

- **Secretary report – Patrick**

- Welcome new Board Secretary – Lisa Deering
- Accept minutes from July 10 meeting – Patrick

- **Vice President report**

- Patrick attends town meetings. He believes that Craig Leggett is in “maintenance mode” regarding funding for lake projects. Larry Turcotte, town of Chester board member, provided draft budget figures of \$43k from the county and \$16k from the town.
- Boat launch funds all go to the town.

- **Lake Safety Officer and Boat status**

Rich Konig, Lake Safety officer, is stepping down so there is no constable at this time. The current position is 150 hours. In addition, the current boat used for safety enforcement was totaled in a boating accident. This position is paid by the town and managed by the lake. The position is geared toward educating people of boater safety, not enforcement as it is not held by a sheriff. Barb stated that having a sheriff’s presence on the lake might be better allowing greater enforcement of boating laws. Patrick said that the town’s inclination is to replace the boat and person with a position budgeted between \$4-5k per year. The position would pay \$15/hr plus fuel and maintenance. Kevin questioned the availability of the person and how many hours would be dedicated to the lake.

- **2023 Event chairs/captains**

It was discussed that there are openings at various events and volunteers are needed to run them and work the events. As stated earlier, the Fishing derby, the social, and the boat parade need a volunteer to run them. Board members could “own” individual events for focus/success. Road captains are also in need.

Patrick is working on a group message board for sharing communication, information, and ideas. If successful, it could potentially avoid the need for a fourth meeting.

Open Discussion:

- Develop a dashboard of all the LLPDA metrics so the public can view on the website.
- “Amazon smile” – to increase funding for the organization, ½ of 1% of sales are attributed. We are assigned up but not finished. Kevin will sign up.
- Pictures of events for FB and the newsletter. Gail does the newsletter in January. Craig Leggett writes a letter. Could there be a Q&A with him?
- Misinformation from boat launch – LLPDA is closing the launch for now. Prefer not to have the town run it. Information could be sent out regarding fees \$10 per launch or a season pass. This is a partnership of the lake board and town enforcing town rules.
- FB, Instagram, and website as tools. Gail suggested putting health and safety information on these platforms.
- Internship – it was discussed trying to get a social media intern to help maximize communication and get timely, accurate, professional information published. It was suggested that perhaps a social media intern could be found at the high school.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.