

Lake Rescue Association
Saturday, May 18, 2013
Fino Residence

Marty called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of minutes - tabled

Treasurers Report: Angi updated financials via dropbox for all to review. Board reviewed report. Ann made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor

LRA Board Meeting Schedule for 2013: Annual meeting will be on August 17, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ludlow Community Center. Marty will contact the town for approval for use of the facility and also will invite Frank Heald.

Summer meetings: June 22 @ 9:00 a.m.; July 20 @ 9:00 a.m.; Reorganizational meeting on August 17th following the annual meeting; September 7th @ 9:00 a.m. All meetings will be at Marty Fino's.

July 4th Annual BBQ:

Angi will handle the event again this year. Significant help is needed for games. Both owners have given permission for usage of their property for the party. Angi will contact Ludlow Insurance to obtain certificates of insurance for both owners.

Dredging update:

Charlie, Marty and Frank met yesterday to review the project. June 21st will have a new "re-survey" of the depth of areas that will be dredged. This will be performed by Bill Sheldon from Griggs Engineering.

Based on a 3 week project, the estimate could be 45k for the crew and dredger. The materials will be 15k and another 5k for clean up. The materials will go to the cemetery. The dredger will cost \$1300 per day. The labor costs will be \$1200 per day. We have to pay for the dredger 7 days a week, even though it can only be used 50 hours per week.

Charlie will prepare a budget for the next meeting.

It will be necessary for a board member to visit the site once a day. Charlie will work on a check list for these visits.

We will also re-apply to the Fish and Wildlife for permission to use the Fishing Access. Charlie will also contact Steve Hanna to arrange the pre-construction hearing.

Fundraising Update:

We have pledges and donations totaling \$74,420.00. There is approximately \$11,000 outstanding in pledges. One owner will make their \$5,000 pledge when the project begins. Barb will follow up on outstanding pledges as we get closer to dredging.

There was discussion regarding whether or not we need to send out another round of donation requests. There was discussion regarding including an option for additional donations on the annual membership renewals. The board decided to go ahead and include this option. We will evaluate later in the summer whether or not we will send out another donation request.

There was discussion regarding ways to thank the donors. There was discussion as to whether or not there should be levels or categories of contribution amounts listed.

Shorelands Protection Bill: Jerry reported that as a result of TS Irene. The legislature has stepped up its interest in shoreland protection. Jerry has talked with Alan Couch regarding the town plan. The Planning Commission has discussed this at their April meeting. There was discussion in their meeting minutes to ask LRA to come to June or July meeting to discuss stairs and setbacks. They will prepare a list of questions and areas of concerns for us to comment on.

Jerry provided background as to how the bill was passed. House bill 523 and turned into House Bill 526. The house passed the bill and Senate has tabled it until January.

The immediate concerns:

The DRB and the Town know they have to something about the lakes. They are aware of the clear cutting that has occurred. The role of the town is TBD.

We are going to be asked to attend the Planning Commission meeting and discuss issues as we see it. The Regional Planning Commission will have a role in this.

There will be 5 public hearings throughout the state regarding the bill. They will report back to the Legislature Jan 2015.

Rosemary's opinion is that if they local board comes up with reasonable ordinances it will be better than conforming to the state requirements.

Frank has a list of towns that have shoreland ordinances. The board will try to look at some others that are in existence to see what they have done.

Jerry suggests that we attend the town meeting and clarify that we only promote education, not enforcement, etc. We can discuss the info at this point. The towns goal is to handle it at the local level.

Jerry agreed to chair a committee on this issue. Barb, Charlie, Ann and Frank agreed to participate as committee members. The Board agreed that there should be a non-Board member on the committee. Anne knows of someone on Lake Pauline who might be interested. Jerry will be receiving a list of questions from Rosemary and then he and his subcommittee will respond to Rosemary.

Ecosystems Restoration Grant Update:

Charlie provided update. Charlie and Ann have attended two steering meetings. Kristin will be going up Money Brook in near future. Anne and Frank have taken pictures of Money Brook as part of the windshield surveys. Another ER grant is available but Board members did not feel that we had the time or resources to make application. Next RFP would be January 2014. To do Windshield Surveys take pictures, and record when, where and what was seen; also estimate the amount of time spent. Next billing period ends June 30th; all windshield survey invoices must be submitted before that time to Charlie. Next steering committee member is June.

Bylaws Revisions: Charlie suggested that the quorum be kept at 20. We could have proxy votes but there would still need to be a quorum of 20 members at the meeting. The Board had other comments regarding the draft changes to the bylaws and they will be forwarded to the bylaws revision subcommittee.

Milfoil Report: Motion made by Frank to appropriate \$4,000 to pay for divers to inspect the lake for milfoil and to hire a paid attendant at the boat landing in the event that we are unable to get volunteers. The motion was seconded by Ann and passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Barb offered a motion for adjournment; Frank seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:12 p.m.