

LRA Board Meeting Agenda
September 12, 2015

Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.

Attendees: Marty Fino, Frank Wingate, Mary Rita Batesole, Angi Benson Ciufo, Ann Rose, Barb Holt Silver, Charlie Robinson. Tom Kelly - public

1. Tom Kelly visited the board meeting today to propose lowering the lake. He explained that he learned we can lower the lake by filing a petition with the state. It would be for not more than 3 days. The Town Manager would have to file the petition for us. Tom explained that owners would need to sign a petition that would be used for the petition to the state. He provided a proposed petition (attached). The board agreed to put an article regarding this matter in Lake Breezes informing folks about the petition and how to obtain the petition and how to sign and return it to Tom Kelly.

2. Minutes from last meeting: Barb made a motion to approve the July 18th meeting. Ann seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report: Angi updated the board on membership receipts to date. Mary Rita made a motion to accept treasurers report. Barb seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

4. Old Business:

a. Milfoil Report: Frank reported that we received \$1,610 from the Town of the milfoil grant. Mary Rita will submit the report to the State for the screeners so the final amount of \$750.00 can be sent to us. Mary Rita requested that we expand the number of hours for the screeners next year. Angi made to increase the screener hours by 8 hours to 16 hours per week. Charlie seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Marty suggested asking the Yoder's to sign a contract, possibly with a retainer, for next year. Frank will discuss this with them but feels verbally committing to a minimum of 12 days next year will suffice. We will contract them for more days if necessary. Frank reported that the last time they came they spotted a fragment floating in the narrows. They will be back for another search this season and they will search the entire lake.

The board discussed asking the Yoder's to do a survey of Lake Echo to see if they find milfoil. Frank will do this for us this week.

b. ERG update - Charlie reported that there is a bidder who will do the planting for the amount budgeting. Kristen is working with them to come up with the most planting that can be done for that amount. The Echo Lake Inn is working with the State regarding the land modifications that are proposed for a part of their land. At Plymouth State Park there is a section of road that they are negotiating with the town of Plymouth to make some changes to the road.

Charlie reported that he received noticed that there is another round of ERG grants available. He feels that we have done all the "little" things that we can. Kristen did not have any ideas of projects we could do and did not think the state would fund any more studies. The board will not seek any grants in the next round but will remain open to considering any further projects/grants.

d. TDS Electric cable - Per Frank Heald at our Annual Meeting this seems to be almost a “done deal” and there does not seem to be much we can do. When they are here working in the roads (in two years) the board members will have to keep an eye on the work and work with the Town Manager to be sure someone is supervising the work.

e. Membership - Barb reported that we are approximately \$1000.00 less in membership than last year. The donations are higher than last year. We have 118 members at this time. Barb will send out a membership reminder.

f. Communications - Marty discussed the Amit has mentioned that we need to use Facebook more along with more emails, our website updates, etc. The board will continue to update our website with meeting minutes, etc. Mary Rita and Barb will begin working on a directory.

g. Update on Jerry Latta - Marty reported that Jerry is still in serious condition in the ICU. Charlie made a motion that we hold off making any decisions until the spring. Frank seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

5. New Business

a. Election of new officers - Angi made a motion to elect Marty Fino as President. Natalie seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Frank made a motion to elect Charlie as Vice President. Barb seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Frank made a motion to elect Angi as Secretary/Treasurer. Barb seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

b. Frank made a motion to propose changes to by laws from 9 members to 11 will same distribution of current bylaws regarding local/non-local members. Ann seconded the motion which passed with all in favor. Angi recommended that the nomination committee meet and present two candidates. Those candidates could be invited to participate as “volunteers” until the annual meeting/elections.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.