

**Lake Rescue Association Board Meeting
September 6, 2014**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call: Marty Fino, Angi Benson-Ciufo, Frank Wingate, Mary Rita Batesole, Barb Silver, Jerry Fino, Ann Rose, Charlie Robinson, Natalie Fisher (via Skype)

Approval of Minutes from last Meeting: Angi made a to approve minutes; Ann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Marty asked Angi and Mary Rita to seek bids for an audit. Angi presented a P&L and Balance Sheet. She highlighted that membership amount to date is \$6,475.00 and donations in the membership drive have totaled \$3,430.00.

Old Business

Election of Officers: Ann made a motion to keep same officers as last year - Marty as President, Charlie as Vice President, Angi as secretary-treasurer. Barb seconded the motion and it was approved with all in favor.

Accounting :

Budget for fiscal year: Jerry reminded the board that based on a discussion at a previous meeting he and Barb have been discussing a proposed budget. Angi provided them with expenditures for the last two FY's so we could analyze expenses and income. There was discussion with how to handle additional contributions that members make at the time they renew their annual dues.

Barb and Jerry proposed closing the term "Rescue our Lakes" as that was used in the dredging campaign. She suggested that we close the Rescue our Lakes checking and place into an investment fund. Ann will research some investment options. Barb also suggested that we close the savings that has the \$500 +/- balance. Barb suggested setting a cap on the balance that will remain in the general checking with the intent to transfer any surplus into the investment fund. The goal would be to close all the cd's as they become due and put them into the investment fund. The reserve fund(s) will be referred to as the Restoration and Preservation Fund.

Frank made a motion that we reaffirm a Lake Rescue Region Preservation Fund. Angi seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding making a change to address the work we are doing north of the lake - in the watershed area. The board felt that "preservation and restoration" covers this. The motion passed with all in favor.

The board discussed what the max amount in the general checking should be used. There was board consensus to evaluate this yearly at the close of the FY and we will schedule this for our July meeting.

There was board consensus that donations monies that come in during the membership drive, will be held as donations for lake preservation. These monies may need to be used for operating expenses. Surplus will be evaluated at the end of the FY and transfers will be made into the investment account.

Reserve Fund Policy: Barb and Jerry suggested that we set a minimum balance in the Restoration and Preservation Fund(s). The board discussed other lakes and milfoil issues they are having and amounts of money they are spending on it. Frank reported that our divers will be coming this month to do a full search. There was board consensus that we need to set this minimum balance in the restoration and preservation fund. The board will address this at our first spring meeting.

Beavers: There was board discussion regarding beaver activity on the lake. Steve Laskevich is the animal control officer for the town and he can be hired to trap the beavers. Marty will contact Steve for additional information regarding his services. Jerry made a motion for Marty to contact Steve to obtain pricing for beaver removal services and authorize the expenditure for an amount not to exceed \$2000.00 Barb abstained from the vote, all others in favor.

Plantings: Marty discussed subsidizing owners who want to plant along the shoreline. The idea would be to encourage owners to plant appropriate items along the shoreline. Marty suggested bringing this up at the next meeting.

Communications: Marty discussed our board communications. There was discussion as to whether or not we communicate with everyone eligible for membership vs. members only. There was board consensus that we send out a yearly mailing that includes our membership form and a Lake Breezes and after that only members will receive our mailings. The board discussed sending out quarterly emails to all members reviewing things happening with the board.

Barb presented a schedule of communications to members which includes dates and tasks. There was board consensus to do so and the schedule is attached to these minutes.

New Business: Charlie updated the board on the new ERP grant. Kristin will receive bids for excavator work that will be required for the new bid. Charlie will be meeting with Kristin to prepare paperwork for the new grant this week. Charlie reported that LRA will make 3k on this grant. Charlie reported some of the things in this grant include knocking out berms near the Echo Lake inn and another near Dublin Road. They will also be planting trees along Money Brook.

Motion was made to give the Normans a gift certificate for the water sampling that they do for us.

Marty spoke to Rose regarding Shoreland Protection permitting. Rose felt that the Town was going to apply for permitting rights to the state so that homeowners would obtain permits locally instead of through the state.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm

DATE	TASK
March 1	QUARTERLY EMAIL UPDATE
April 15	Prepare membership mailing Prepare Lake Breezes
April 30	Membership mailing goes out with annual mtg notice Lake Breezes mailed to members & non- members
June 15	QUARTERLY EMAIL UPDATE Reminder membership email/mailing annual mtg reminder
July 1	Annual meeting proxy out
July 15	Annual meeting reminder
Aug. 1	Final annual meeting reminder email
Sept. 1	QUARTERLY EMAIL UPDATE With final membership reminder
Oct. 15	Prepare Lake Breezes
Oct. 30	Lake Breezes mailed to members and non- members
Dec. 1	QUARTERLY EMAIL UPDATE