

LSA Board of Directors Meeting – October 19, 2006

- Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.
 - Attendees: Lori Lange; Merlin Pieper; Terry Burge; Richard Fink; Karl Zarling; Gary Knipper
 - Excused: Joan Pape; Ruth Johnson; Matt Chmielewski
 - September meeting minutes reviewed. Motion by Terry to approve. Seconded by Bill. Motion carried.
 - Treasurer's Report: No current update. Matt is working on a budget for board review. Matt would like to open separate accounts to track different items. Board agreed it would be up to the discretion of the Treasurer how to manage money and accounts.
 - General Topics:
 1. Gary shared that there are still people asking what the difference is between the LSA and LSID. There is an article in the latest newsletter on this topic. Discussion continued on Mission Statement. Richard mentioned there 2 different LSA mission statements. One in on the LSA website and the other Richard handed out. Karl shared that Matt's sub team is working on a mission statement that will be shared at the next meeting.
 2. Karl shared there is going to be a complete website revamp along with an email newsletter option in the future to avoid some mailing costs.
Action item: Richard to get Karl a copy of the membership database.
 3. Karl shared that a compare of lake property owners against paid members will be reviewed to try to increase membership. He mentioned creation of a LSA booklet for public education.
 - Education Committee: The newsletter has been published. Reminder to all to look for articles that would be of interest for the January newsletter.
 - Raffle winners for October:
 - \$100 - Jon Debelak
 - \$50 - Robert Angove
 - \$25 - Sandra Zastrow
- Gary also shared a copy of the revised raffle ticket for next year. Per requirements, a calendar must be on the ticket with the dates of the drawing circled. State has approved the copy. You can not sell more tickets than what is officially published on the ticket which is 1,000.
- Lakefest: Matt has a great start on ideas and suggestions for Lakefest 2007. If anyone has any ideas to share, email Matt. Karl shared that getting additional sponsors is a goal. Ideas are being evaluated.
 - Membership: Matt and Karl are working on ideas and will share at the next meeting.
 - Fish Stocking: Richard shared that on October 12th the following fish were stocked: 1,130 5-7" perch; 467 5-7" walleye; 388 5-8" croppies; 2,565 8-12" channel catfish. This was a joint effort with the LSID.
 - Goose Poop Problem Presentation: Gary handed out minutes from the Goose presentation of Sept. 21. Board agreed this is something the board would not be funding or pursuing further.
 - LSID: No update.

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- Rock Removal: Bill offered a plan to ask community to identify, on a map, where rocks exist to help with future plan for removals. Gary shared that in the latest newsletter there is an article asking for identification assistance. Bill shared that he checked into the using the pontoon barge. It would require funding from LSA to assist in the repairs. Karl shared the option of dive bags which will lift several thousand pounds. Another option that Bill is researching is spare pontoons and building a platform. Gary has offered a winch. More research is being done.
- Boating safety: Bill shared the bouy expenses. It costs LSA \$25 for each bouy each time the bouy is either installed or taken out. There are 39 bouys. Additional expenses for repair. Ski club is recommending LSA buy a couple more bouys. Gary just paid a bill for \$900. Board agreed cost is too high for the LSA and alternatives need to be found. Bill is pursuing. Terry recommended LSID take over this responsibility. Richard shared that this should be an agenda item for the Lake District 2007 Annual meeting.
- Carp removal: Guest - Steve - shared that his company has been harvesting carp in Lake Sinissippi this week. He does have a DNR permit for fish removal. His company was scheduled to work on Beaver Dam Lake and Rock River this week but weather conditions did not permit. They made the decision to remove crap from Lake Sinissippi. He shared that there are so many carp that they are stunted in size and thin. He has observed there is no vegetation left. If you lessen the carp population, the remaining carp will increase in size which will make them more marketable. He also mentioned that the shorelines usually gradual increase, but in the case of Lake Sinissippi, the shorelines are deep. He mentioned it may be because there is no food left for the carp, the carp may be having an impact on shorelines. He has netted buffalo carp, walleye and northerns. The walleye and northerns are put back into the lake. Carp are shipped out in trucks to an Illinois company. Of 60,000 pounds of fish only 13,000 pounds proved to be marketable. Some of the marketable carp will be sent to China. Total carp removed is approximately 160,000 pounds. Removal of the fish will improve water quality and vegetation. Steve's company usually charges 12-20 cents a pound. Asked if Steve would be willing to do this on a yearly basis, he responded yes. Asked if he would be willing to stay and continue removal, he responded he would at an expense mentioned of \$1,200 a day. If he stayed another week he should be able to complete $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lake. He has completed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the lake. He has done this removal at his own expense. Motion made by Richard to pay \$1,000 for work already done. Seconded by Karl. Motion carried. Terry motioned that if we could afford it to request 3 more days of carp removal next week at the expense of \$1,200 a day (total \$3,600). Merlin seconded. Motion carried. Karl will discuss with Matt if there is sufficient funds to support this effort without impacting future expenses.

Action item: Gary & Richard to pursue a Shallow Waters Lake Grant

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectively submitted, Terry Burge