

LAKE SINISSIPPI ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2007

Call to order: Meeting called to order by president, Gary Knipper at 7:05pm

Roll Call: Present - Gary Knipper, Shawn Thomas, Mike Grant, Lori Lange, Dick Ploeger, Joan Pape, Terry Burge, and Ruth Johnson.

Excused - Richard Fink, Jim Gronowski

Absent - Merlin Pieper, Bill Dionne

Secretary's report: Terry moved, seconded by Shawn to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: (including Lakefest 2007) Gary distributed the register reports for LSA through August 15, 2007. He explained any questions the board had. The final accounting indicated that the profit from Lakefest was \$5,517.19. However it is noted that substantial contributions are received that cover the majority of the fireworks expenses. The big "money maker" was the sale of tickets for the TV. The band did a wonderful job (and has indicated they would be available again in 2008). We were not certain of the amount of money received from the pontoon rides provided by Chad. It was felt that Chad handed the money to "someone" and if it was not specifically noted it was added to income from the food stand. Shawn will talk with Chad so that we know if this was a good money raising idea. Joan moved, seconded by Shawn to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Note: Gary will be turning the treasurer's responsibilities over to Shawn as soon as possible - as soon as Lakefest 2007 accounting is final.

Old Business: discussion followed based on the leave of absence letter that Richard had given prior to the July meeting. There is nothing in our by-laws concerning a leave. To be effective the board needs to have specific rules. It is hard to move on without a definite time frame in place. Ruth moved, seconded by Terry to send a letter to Richard indicating that we need to finalize this issue. Motion carried.

Dick Ploeger indicated that he would resign at the end of this meeting. He felt he was on the LSA board to coordinate plans between LSID and LSA. Now that Ruth is on both boards and Jim Gronowski is too, he feels this is well covered.

New Business:

Dixie Memorial Donation - Ruth moved to give a donation of \$200.00 toward the Dixie Memorial. Shawn seconded the motion. Carried.

Investigate reopening the DNR grants - initially we were going to ask Laura to attend our meeting. However a DNR Lake Plan Development meeting has been scheduled in Horicon on September 6th at 10 am (on Palmatory). Possibly some of our questions will be covered at that meeting. After that meeting if we want to have Laura come it should possibly be at a date and time other than our usual meeting as we'd anticipate that her involvement could cause an extremely lengthy meeting.

LSA Non-profit organization: currently we are not organized under a non-profit chapter. Shawn moved to investigate this and move quickly to become non-profit; it might help in encouraging future donations. We have several lawyers in our membership and will approach them to determine if they would handle the paperwork and estimate the cost. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carp Donations at "Sponsor" level: The pledge form indicated a Sponsor giving \$500 or more would receive a recognition plaque and special reception. Shawn volunteered to supply the "main course meat" if we were to meet at a home and cook this ourselves. It was felt that possibly a good time would be during November when the carp fishermen were on the lake so these donors could see their "dollars at work". We will discuss other ideas at our next meeting.

Commercial Fishing and Fund Raiser: the fund is at \$5270.00; one pledge of \$200 was just received with two (3) pledges of \$200 each still outstanding. We are contacting those who pledged between \$100-\$500 to determine the size T-shirt they'd like.

Aerator building maintenance and status: what is equipment used for? Fisheries management

on shallow lakes includes equipment - ie: aerator. This needs to be marked with a flashing light in the summer and a barrier in the winter so snowmobiles don't hit it. The equipment we have may well be not as up-to-date as should be. However we certainly want to keep the lease. Shawn, Gary and Mike will look at the equipment and the condition of the roof/building this Saturday.

DNR Lake Plan Meeting: scheduled for Thursday, September 6th, in Horicon at the DNR office on Palmatory. Everyone is welcome. Time: 10am

DNR Citizen Monitoring Activity: Gary will again be taking the ladies out to collect invasive species samples. The oxygen level on the lake was at 12-14ppm.

Selling LSA Mailing List: tabled

Education Committee: We need new articles for the up-coming newsletter. We can use information obtained through the DNR citizen monitoring. We should look at and take some information in the Rock River Reflections.

Greg Farnham will be working with the committee to work toward a phosphorous ban for private lawns.

Fund Raising Committee:	August drawing	\$100	Mary Monaco
		\$ 50	Arlen Monfils
:		\$ 25	Jim & Cathy Weppner

Mike Grant will work with Gary on Thursday, the 23rd of August in the booth at the Community Fair. He will take orders for shirts and will sell coffee cups and cold drink holders.

We have signed up for a booth at Founders Day which is September 8. Joan will work part of the time.

Membership Committee: Ticket sales have been stopped; membership stands at 259 with one new membership just being reported by the Administrative Committee.

Boating and Safety: Rocks have been identified/marked in the Neider Park Bay by Terry, Merlin, Bill and Gary. The barge has been reserved for September 8th. Gary will check with Bill to see what time. Volunteers are needed; let Gary know if you wish to assist. We will be contacting the builders (Thom) of the Pelican Bay Condos to see if they will contribute toward the rock removal.

Administrative Committee: One additional membership received. We should make our decision as to what dates should be used for membership - ie: June 1 - May 31?? or remain at the calendar year.

LSID: No report

Next Meeting: at the Fire Station on September 20, 2007 - Thursday. Gary will check to see if the Fire Station has other open dates when LSA could meet as mid-week is an issue for some people.

Adjournment: Terry moved, seconded by Shawn to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted: Joan V. Pape