

LAKE COCHRANE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 25, 2007 *The meeting was called to order by Phil Kooima at 9:00 a.m.*

In attendance: Kari Scott, John Bauer, Russ Eng, Mark Oswald, Anna Baumiller, Carol Gorder, Harvey Wollum, Phil Kooima, Jay Gislason, Travis Nordgaard, and Jane Gubrud.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the June board meeting and it was indicated that wording needed to be changed regarding the water quality committee members and the word potential was inserted since Phil Kooima needed to visit with each individually to make sure they were still interested in serving. Following said changes, the minutes were approved.

Report of Treasury

Petty Cash	\$ 2.90
Savings	\$ 2,793.61
Checking	\$ 1,375.90
Balance (8.27.07)	\$ 4,172.41

Old Business

Lake Cochrane Run Around Report – Carol – 95 people participated this year, up from 80 last year, a profit was shown and Carol will check on liability insurance for this event. Some participants were curious/concerned about what the profit money was being used for and currently it goes into the association treasury for expenses related to projects at the lake. If the future the money raised may be designated for a particular cause such as a walking path, this discussion will be continued at a later meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Safety – Anna, Carol and Kari

Kari researched boating regulations and has a handout that will be included in the next newsletter. A discussion was held about ways to educate people about boating regulations – those on the lake, those camping and those using the lake that aren't staying. It was suggested that a laminated sheet with a summary of boating regulations be part of the directory or handed out door to door or be available at the campground and the boat launching areas – this will be discussed further. There are good questions such as distance from docks, other boats, age of watercraft users, etc. that could be covered in a summary document of boating regulations.

Kari also submitted a newsletter item containing information about suggested ways to store life jackets and fueling watercraft.

2. Walking Path – Kari and Carol

There is an active sub-committee working on this issue. **Along with the board member representation, the sub-committee consists of Marianne Beebout, Brianna Hoffman, and Vicki Hoffman. There is a group in the city of Gary that is also interested in being part of the walking path discussion.**

Carol gave a report about the city of Gary and their proposal to put a walking path from the city of Gary to the lake by working with their economic development funding available from the state. We will be hearing more about this as it progresses.

A sub-committee consisting of Hank and Sandy Schulze and Crystal Gislason are working on signage for the nature trail that has been cut on the southeast side of Lake Oliver. This path is a starter path made by the GF&P and will be improved year by year and as interest and need increase. Kari will follow up with the request for signage with the GF&P.

3. Mosquito Control – John and Russ – there are enough blocks for next year and David Peterson will continue to work with this group in placing the blocks since it does required a certified person to place them.

4. Zoning and County Commissions – Merl - a previous report was read that was compiled following a county commission meeting regarding the proposed housing development.

5. Agricultural Issues and Buffers – Harvey and Phil – Harvey went to the NRCS office to obtain plat maps for the land around the lake and in the watershed to further see what possibilities may be available and this will be worked on further as information becomes available. Mark will be joining this committee.

6. Water Monitoring - Phil – an update was read regarding progress of this committee. Wade Gubrud will be meeting with the committee members Sept. 8th to review a testing protocol from the state DENR and make plans for testing and training.

7. Tornado Sirens – Jay – At the present time everything is up and running with tests being conducted on the 1st Wed. of each month at 1:00 pm.

8. Web Page – Travis and Jane – Travis reported on his contact with ITC and the ability to obtain server space and a domain name. He will need \$8.95 a year for expenses – motioned by Russ and seconded by Kari to provided payment of 8.95 for the web page – motion passed. A report will made at the October meeting in regards to the web page.

Next Meeting

October 27, 2007 @ Carol Gorder's house 9:00 am.

Motion to adjourn was made by Phil, seconded by Harvey and was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted – Jane Gubrud, LCIA Secretary