

LAKE COCHRANE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

March 29, 2008 *The meeting was called to order by Phil Kooima at 9:00 a.m.*

In attendance: Mark Oswald, Anna Baumiller, Harvey Wollum, Phil Kooima, Merl Hamak, Travis Nordgaard, Kari Scott, John Bauer and Jane Gubrud. Members absent were: Jay Gislason, Russ Eng, Carol Gorder and Terry Haas. Two guests were present, Tom Farrell and Luke Jessen.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed in the past newsletter. Motion by Harvey Wollum, second John Bauer, motion passed.

Report of Treasury

Petty Cash	\$ 1.60
Savings	\$ 2,798.85
Checking	\$ 2,396.79
Balance (03.29.08)	\$ 5,197.24

There are currently 122 paid members of the lake association and 79 still eligible for membership, but unpaid at this time.

Treasure's report was read and approved.

Old Business

A date has been set for the ditch clean up – Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 am. Meet at Stateline Bar and Grill for vests, bags and instructions. A hamburger feed, sponsored by an anonymous donor, will be held at Stateline immediately following the clean up. Anyone involved in the clean up is welcome to attend.

The nominating committee has met and the following individuals have been recommended for the three vacancies on the board: Mark Oswald, Greg Carmen, Ken Bruns, and Scott Jessen. Kari Scott moved to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee's candidates for the board positions as long as the candidates are paid lake association members. Second John Bauer. Passed. Elections will take place at the annual meeting in June.

New Business

Committee Reports

1. Safety – Anna, Carol and Kari

Information will be placed in the next newsletter in regards to walking safety and life jacket usage and storage.

2. Walking Path – Kari and Carol

No report

3. Mosquito Control – John and Russ

John reported that the city of Gary is not interested in working with the association on this matter and several options have been explored, but it just doesn't seem feasible to have large scale mosquito spraying. The briquettes will still be dropped in the ponds as has been done in the past. Individual homeowners are encouraged to fog their own property or work together with neighbors to eliminate mosquitoes. Merl Hamak will look into additional options for homeowners and will report at the next meeting.

4. Zoning and County Commissions – Merl

Merl shared with the board what has been happening at the zoning and county commission meetings in regards to the lake. He will continue to attend and keep the board informed of proceedings.

5. Agricultural Issues and Buffers – Harvey, Phil, and Mark

Harvey Wollum reported that the holding ponds/stand pipes will need to be adjusted this spring and Mark and Phil volunteered to assist when the time comes to do this. They are waiting for the ice to go out and will work together with the local NRCS on this issue.

6. Water Monitoring - Phil

Jane Gubrud reported on the progress of the grant that is being written to secure funding for the water monitoring project as well as water quality education. The grant is due in May and notification of approval would come sometime in June. There is a possibility of securing funding for two years.

There will be an informational presentation prior to that annual meeting that all homeowners and lake users are strongly encouraged to attend. David German, SDSU professor will be conducting a workshop on lake ecology and basic limnology – this will be great information to better understand what takes place in a lake ecosystem and how humans effect that – both in a positive and negative way. The presentation will be held just prior to the potluck and annual meeting – it will start at 4:00 pm and will be held at David Peterson's shed.

7. Tornado Sirens – Jay

No report

8. Web Page – Travis and Jane

Travis Nordgaard along with Luke Jessen made a presentation to the board to demonstrate the LCIA website that is currently up and running. A time for discussion was held and feedback given to the web site creators. The board is very happy with what has been done so far and feel that it will be a valuable tool for people to use. Tom Farrell professor from Dakota State University in Madison (and a Lake Cochrane home owner) was also present at the meeting and offered his professional web site creation advice to Travis, Luke and the board.

The address for the web site is www.lakecochrane.org – please go and check it out!!!

In other new business:

A motion was made by Kari Scott and seconded by Merl Hamak to place a dumpster at the public boat landing from Memorial Day to Labor Day that can be used by boaters to dispose of their trash. Pending GF&P approval, the cost will be absorbed by the LCIA if GF&P will not cover the cost. Passed.

Dates were set for many of the events taking place in 2008 – they are as follows:

- ⊙ Lakeside Ditch Clean Up – Saturday, April 26, 2008 – meet at 10 am @ the Stateline Bar and Grill
- ⊙ Annual Meeting – Saturday, June 14, 2008 – 4:00 pm Limnology presentation by David German, SDSU professor. 5:30 pm potluck and meeting at 7:00 pm – Dave Peterson’s shed
- ⊙ Fishing Contest – Saturday, June 14, 2008 – public boat landing – all kids ages 0-15 welcome – registration starts at 10:00 am fishing from 10:30 – 11:30 am – hot dogs and prizes to follow
- ⊙ Walk/Run – Saturday, July 12, 2008 – 8:30 am – meet at Stateline
- ⊙ Boat Parade – Saturday, July 12, 2008 – in the afternoon – more information to come about this
- ⊙ Lake Rummage Sale – Saturday, August 2, 2008 – in the am – more information to come about this and the board is looking for someone to chair this event – please contact Anna Baumiller if you are interested.

Next Meeting

June 13th @ Phil Kooima’s house 6:00 pm – meeting and then set-up for annual meeting to follow.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kari, seconded by Harvey - passed.

Respectfully submitted – Jane Gubrud, LCIA Secretary