

LAKE COCHRANE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 27, 2007 *The meeting was called to order by Phil Kooima at 9:00 a.m.*

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved based on the August meeting minutes that had been mailed to each board member prior to the meeting.

Report of Treasury

Petty Cash	\$ 2.90
Savings	\$ 2,795.37
Checking	\$ 1,341.90

Balance (10.26.07)	\$ 4,140.17
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Treasure's report was read and approved.

Old Business - none

New Business

Committee Reports

1. Safety – Anna, Carol and Kari

Dave Bartling send out the latest regulations for docks that will be in effect for the summer of 08 – this information will be printed in the newsletter.

Liability insurance was looked into by Carol. We currently pay a yearly premium of \$166.00 and the policy lists most activities that are held at the lake that involve the association and/or its members; however, there are some events that are not listed and Carol will contact the insurer to see if this needs to be changed to be more inclusive or what would be the best way to handle the policy. This will be reported on at the next meeting since the policy will need to be renewed in March.

There have been a few questions regarding the use of the money raised in the Lake Cochrane Walk/Run and the board decided that since there are so many worthwhile projects going on right here at the lake that the profits (currently about \$200.00 a year) will be used for projects as the Lake Association Board designates.

2. Walking Path – Kari and Carol

Hank Schulze is 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. Marianne Beebout will follow up with the request for signage with the GF&P to make sure it has full approval.

Marianne is going to check with the state about maintaining the path during the winter similar to a snowmobile trail, she will contact Kari or Carol with information as it is available.

3. Mosquito Control – John and Russ

Motioned by Phil Kooima and seconded by Anna Baumiller that the LCIA is committed to spray for mosquitoes in 2008 and will work with the county to apply the spray once per week. Motion passed unanimous. John Bauer will be contacting Ray VanLiere to work out the details so a plan can be in place for next spring. He will report back to the board in January.

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 he had spoken with the NRCS office in Clear Lake regarding the land around the lake. There are 1900 acres in the watershed so it is very small compared to most lake systems in the state. He spoke with Kevin Loomis about the sediment ponds to the west of the lake and there seems to be some confusion as to how they are maintained and who maintains them. This issue will be followed up on to make sure they are being handled properly.

6. Water Monitoring - Phil

Dave Bartling had asked the board to consider lifting the no wake policy on Lake Oliver starting in 2008 which would be earlier than planned with the previous alum treatment; however, the board did not feel that a change such as this should be made at this time since the water quality committee is just beginning their work. There seems to be issues with people not noticing the sign posted at the landing that indicates it is a no wake lake or they are ignoring the ruling (which is also printed in the GF&P fishing handbook). It was motioned by Russ Eng and seconded by Kari Scott to have a custom sign made that would be more visible indicating that Lake Oliver is a no wake lake with a cost of no more than \$100.00.

A report of the financial needs of the water quality committee was presented. The committee is working with Paul Lorenzen of the SD DENR in finalize a very formal and specific water monitoring program that will take place at Lake Cochrane over the next 3+ years. There are costs involved in the testing and equipment that is needed to conduct the testing and the committee is in need of board support. To sample 3 locations in 2 lakes once a month for 5 months would be \$4500.00. Each sample set is \$150.00 and there would be 6 each month over the 5 months for a total of 30. This set would consist of tests for alkalinity, total solids, total suspended solids and volatile total suspended solids; ammonia, nitrate/nitrite, TKN and total phosphorus; E. Coli and fecal coliform; and total dissolved phosphorus. Algae testing for the 5 months would be about \$600.00. There is a piece of equipment that the state highly recommends we purchased based on the information it can provide and the specific detail it can give and that would be \$5,000 – 5,5000 – one time cost.

There is an opportunity to apply for a grant that is due in March and Jane Gubrud will be assisting since it takes a great deal of time to apply for a grant. The hope is that some of the monies can come from outside sources, but we cannot be guaranteed of that.

A motion was made by Merl Hamak and seconded by John Bauer that the board approves money for the testing of water quality in Lake Cochrane and Lake Oliver for the summer of 2008 and \$5,100.00 will be allocated for that purpose. Motion passed. The board also gave approval of applying for the grant with a match of up to 50%.

7. Tornado Sirens – Jay

Jay checked into why the sirens could not be heard on the days that they were tested and found that a signal was not being sent to the lake for the testing. There will be signal sent starting next spring during the routine testing time of the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. The batteries are currently out of the sirens; however, they will work unless there is a power outage. The batteries will be re-installed next spring.

8. Web Page – Travis and Jane

The web page is up and running; however, there is very little information on it at this time. The web address is www.lakecochrane.org. The board was asked for suggestions in regards to content and several suggested having a weather link – both the weather station on the north side of the lake and a current weather report such as accuweather. It is a goal to publish the newsletter on the web for people to read and possible cut down on postage at some point if they would rather not receive it in the mail.

In other business, Anna Baumiller has registered the Lake Cochrane Improvement Association with the state of South Dakota to receive non-profit status. This needs to be renewed each year and Anna will be the contact from this point forward so we do not receive a late fee penalty when it is not paid.

Dues were discussed by the board with the possibility of raising them to cover expenses. Since there are so many very important projects going on at the lake and the dues have not been raised in many, many years, the board felt that there is a valid need to raise them at this time. A motion by Phil Kooima and second by Carol Gorder to raise the dues to \$30.00 a year rather than \$20.00 a year and a special letter will be sent to each homeowner by the end of December. Motion passed.

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

- ⊙ Annual Meeting – Saturday, June 14, 2008 – 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 – in the 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
- ⊙ A date will be set for the ditch clean up in the spring, and the National Guard clean up day is pending.

Next Meeting

January 19, 2008 @ Anna Baumiller'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