

Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc,
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2003
6:30pm, Chaffee Hall

Attendees: Laura Koropatkin, Kay Warren, Deb Coulombe, Jack Pirzl, Eugenie Bagley, Dennis Flaherty, Tom Martin, Gerry Dufresne

Alternates: None present

Public Attendees: Sandra Moquin, Rich Rodrigue, Donna Burkey

Laura Koropatkin called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.

Public Heard: Sandra Moquin noted that the newsletter had been distributed by hand. She said things went well. Sandra stated that Gay Leedie was the editor and she was the co-editor and going forward they want the newsletter to act as a separate entity from the board of directors. The newsletter is self-financed. The ad space that is sold pays for the paper and postage that is used. They feel they do not want to be told by the board how the paper should be published. Questions were asked about the ad price chart, another question was asked about associate members wanting to put articles in the newsletter that it would be assured to go in the newsletter. Sandra stated she felt that the purpose of the newsletter was to make money for the lake. It was stated by the board that if the newsletter went out as a separate entity that the Lake Chaffee Improvement Association name should not be used. It was also noted that if it were to be a separate entity a blurb should be noted in every issue that it is not associated with the board. It was suggested by a board member that a newsletter chair be created on the board of directors. Laura stated that the newsletter was going to be talked about under new business later in the meeting and the board will get back to Sandra with what it has decided.

Secretary Minutes: Kay Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of September 17, 2003. Eugenie Bagley seconded. Spelling errors noted. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Kay Warren made a motion to accept the treasurers report of October 1, 2003. Gerry Dufresne seconded. Discussion was held. All in favor. Motion passed.

Appointment of Chairmans:

Beach Chairman: Thanks went out to those involved for bringing in the raft and for the help they provided. Raking is continuing. It was noted that the kids are removing the chains, moving the bench to the picnic table.

Bingo Chairman: Jack stated that Bingo did very well the week of 10/4. Had a new trainee on the floor and a new trainee in the kitchen.

Constable Chairman: Gerry has talked with the kids hanging out at the beach, he has asked them to put their trash in the trash bin or take their trash with them. He is taking frequent trips by the beach to keep an eye out. Some of the kids are from out of town. Gerry noted that he thinks the state police have talked with the speeders. He has noticed some change with certain individuals.

Road Chairman: Gerry received a contract from RDC Home Improvement for plowing the roads. The 2003 cost is \$5500.00. It will begin upon acceptance of contract.

Gerry also noted that he has talked with Joe Hipsky about sanding the roads. He is waiting on a contract. The 2003 cost is yet undetermined.

Kay Warren made a motion to accept the contract from RDC Home Improvement for \$5500.00 to be made in two payments. Jack Pirzl seconded. Discussion was had. All in favor. **Motion passed**

Dennis Flaherty made a motion to give Gerry Dufresne the authority to accept the contract from Joe Hipsky for up to \$165.00 per load of sand. Eugenie Bagley seconded. Discussion was had. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Gerry stated that he had done some brush cutting that should be cleaned up soon.

Environmental Chairman: No chairman present.

Fund Raising: Bottle drive 1st drop off is at Lake Chaffee hall on October 25th. Barrels will be put out; \$48.55 already has been collected.

Charter Revision: Last meeting held on 10/7/03. Not a lot of attendance, not really an official meeting. Decision to be made on what are the feelings of the commission members and what their direction should be.

Correspondence: A letter from an association member (does not want name published) was received having a concern complaint about an issue within her neighborhood.

Old Business: The draining of the lake is set for the Columbus Day weekend. Mike Mahoney will do the job.

New Business: Handouts were given out from Laura having correspondence to and from Gay Leedy concerning the newsletter. Laura explained problem/concerns. Handouts from Gay were handed out with pretty much the same information. Issue at hand is how should the newsletter proceed for the future. There should be guidelines set up, delivery should be consistent. How many issues per year, type and time of delivery. If hand delivered, everyone should receive on same day. Every effort should be made to ensure all association members receive a newsletter. Ideas were presented. Deb Coulombe made a motion for board members to think about how the newsletter should proceed and bring ideas to the next meeting. Guidelines and issues will be decided on. Tom Martin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. All further issues of the newsletter will be suspended until guidelines and issues are decided on. Eugenie Bagley will talk with Gay Leedy on newsletter discussion.

Kay Warren and Laura Koropatkin are in the process of trying to organize old files from the board of directors dating back to the 50's. They have asked to purchase a locked mail cabinet to put files in. It was suggested that they check out Office Solution, in the Manchester Parkade. The purpose of this is so that in the future if the board has to research information it should be easy to accomplish. The cabinet will be kept at Chaffee Hall.

Looking for volunteers to clean up the kitchen and closet at Chaffee Hall to better organize things.

Boy scouts will start using Chaffee Hall in October for there meetings.

Talked about savings for septic system clean out and phone. It was decided to keep what was in place.

Ladder to the beach raft is stored at Chaffee Hall for the winter.

There is a business that wants to advertise on the web site.

LCIA signs have been posted although incorrectly. Drawing submitted for permit has 2 posts with an arm. Two more post needed to posts according to drawing. Plexiglass does not cover whole sign, it covers just middle portion. Dennis volunteered to take signs and get Plexiglass so that it covers complete sign. Purpose for this is so that signs remain fresh and do not get faded because of weather conditions.

15mph speed limit sign has been posted by the boat launch.

Agenda for Charter Commission had not been posted, therefore the meeting was a discussion on topics for next meeting only.

It was asked by Laura Koropatkin, that if a chairman is not able to attend a meeting, they submit a report in writing prior to the meeting or call a board member to provide new information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

D. Coulombe

Secretary

Date Approved