

Lake Chaffee Improvement Association Inc.

Directors Meeting Minutes - Wednesday September 10, 2008

President Laura Koropatkin called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

In attendance: Laura Koropatkin, Kay Warren, Brenda Chisholm, Kari Olson, Gerry Dufresne, Stephen Donnell, Tom Martin, Jack Pirzl, Dianna Murray, Ed Chisholm (alternate).

Gerry Dufresne made a motion to seat Ed Chisholm as an alternate, Kari Olson seconded, motion passed.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Schroder, Pauline Backhaus. Richard Rodrigue and Sandy Moquin arrived at 7:18 pm

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES:** Kari Olson motioned to change the date posted on the Directors Meeting Minutes to reflect the correct date of August 13, 2008. Tom martin seconded, motion passed.

Kay Warren motioned to accept the secretary's minutes with the corrected date, Tom Martin seconded, motion passed.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:** Pauline Backhaus would like the Board of Directors to do something about contractors starting their work before 8:00 am. The contractors working on the corner of Circle and Lakeview Drive have been starting work at 6:30 am; the noise from heavy equipment being operated at that time is a disturbance to neighbors.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** There was a question raised at the Annual Budget Meeting on August 17, 2008 regarding where the money for the "Lake Maintenance" and the "Lake Maintenance Fund" goes. This issue was addressed during the board meeting because we didn't have an answer at the budget meeting. Any money not used in "Lake Maintenance" rolls over into the "Lake Maintenance Money Market Account". Any money not used in the "Lake Maintenance Fund" rolls over to the "Lake maintenance CD".

Tom Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report of September 1, 2008 with a correction of \$743.09 moved from the "Office Expense line item" to the "Utilities line item". Dianna Murray seconded, motion passed.

**BINGO REPORT:** Sandy Moquin, Ed Chisholm and Brenda Chisholm submitted paperwork to Jack Pirzl to work the floor at bingo. Kari Olson received paperwork as well. Jack will submit the applications as soon as possible. More people are always welcome to volunteer at bingo.

**LAURA OPENED THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD AGAIN AS TWO PEOPLE ARRIVED AT 7:18 PM WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE HEARD**

Sandy Moquin expressed her concern about the property located at 7 Maple Drive. Sandy said there is a lot of water that runs through the property when it rains. Sandy said the land records show there was a covert by the house on Maple Drive but it is no longer there, perhaps buried by the snow plows over the years. Sandy would like the association to fix the problem. Laura said she would try to get someone to look into this situation but made no guarantee. Kari Olson suggested Sandy come to the next meeting with documentation that the covert did exist. The board can then discuss what, if anything can be done about the water problem located at 7 Maple Drive.

Sandy also would like to know what happened to the money that was supposed to be used for aggregate on five of the roads; Maple Drive was one of the roads that was supposed to have been done. The \$4,000 that was set aside for this service was put into the LCIA paving account.

Rich Rodrigue asked that four sterile grass carp be purchased to help with the removal of the weeds from the lake. Rich said several people will donate the money to buy these fish. Rich Rodrigue expressed his dissatisfaction with the Board's handling of this issue. The Board of Director's will be looking into the best way to address the issue of weeds in the lake.

Stephen Donnell reminded the board that the public to be heard should be limited to three minutes per person.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT:** There seems to be some disagreement about whether purchasing carp is a good solution to the weed problem. There is no doubt that the carp will eat the weeds but there is a concern that these carp will cause more problems for the lake in the long run. Ed Chisholm suggested we look into weed tilling. Kay Warren suggested having someone from the DEP come out to meet with the association members to answer any questions about different methods of riding the lake of weeds. Diana Murray has been working on this issue and said we cannot add anything to the lake without the permission from the DEP. Diana Murray said she would try to get somebody from the DEP to come to our next meeting.

Stephen Donnell left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Ed Chisholm made a motion that any member who makes a personal attack on a board member should lose their ability to speak. Gerry Dufresne amended the motion to include that they be ejected from the meeting. Tom Martin seconded, motion passed as amended.

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

**Mr. Chuck Lee from the DEP will be attending our next Board of Directors meeting held on October 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm. All Lake Chaffee Members are encouraged to attend.**

**KITCHEN REPORT:** Kay Warren reported that progress is being made. The new door is up and the mop sink is installed. The plumbing has been completed. The stove still needs to be painted and a few smaller projects need to be finished. Kay is trying to get the work completed within the next two weeks. Once the work is completed she can call for the final inspection.

**BEACH REPORT:** Sandy is planning a clean up on the main beach either at the end of October or beginning of November. Sandy would appreciate any help from volunteers.

Laura has two volunteers helping to take care of Mother's Beach. A special thank-you to Phil Cote and Aaron Gigilio.

**CONSTABLE REPORT:** Gerry reports that it has been quiet in the neighborhood.

**ROAD REPORT:** Hipsky has done some grading and will continue the repair process on Westford Drive and View Point Drive. They are also working on asphalt patching on Armitage Court and Ashford Drive.

**FINANCE REPORT:** No report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Laura requested that ad's go out for table rentals for the bazaar.

The check received from Christopher German has cleared; a letter will be drafted and sent to the prosecutor requesting that all charges filed against Mr. German be dropped.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Committee members were nominated by Laura:

Beach: Sandy Moquin

Bingo: Jack Pirzl

Newsletter: Bob Layton

Road: Gerry Dufresne

Environmental: Diana Murray

Constable: Gerry Dufresne

Kari Olson made a motion to accept the nominations, Tom Martin seconded the motion, motion passed.

***Laura would like a special Thank you to go out to the following people:***

James Dufresne for taking care of the boat launch area

Sandy Moquin for taking care of the Main Beach

Jack Parslow for taking care of the boat dock yard

And the anonymous person who has been mowing the lawn at the Chaffee Hall

Brenda Chisholm motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kari Olson and Tom Martin seconded, motion passed.