

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Lake Chaffee Board Meeting

August 09, 2017 --- Revised

Board Members Present: Mike Panek, Kathy Little, Tom Martin, Carol Natitus, Jerry Dufresne, Toni Guerin, Marty Connors, Bob Corriveau (6:40), Jacqueline Kennedy (6:50) Alternates: Bobby Guerin, Seth Kaufman, Ken Garee

Public in Attendance: Jean Panek, Phil Silverstein, Lise Silverstein, Dave Columbe

Call to Order: Mike Panek called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Jerry Dufresne made a motion to move the Budget discussion to first on the agenda, Carol Natitus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2017-2018 Budget Planning: President Mike Panek reviewed the line items on the 2016-2017 budget and the following discussions and adjustments took place...

The Income for taxes was listed at \$26,000 on last year's budget; this was the anticipated income from tax bills mailed. Mike pointed out that the budget should reflect the total amount billed as anticipated income, therefore the tax line will be increased to reflect the correct amount.

Office expenses and Postage will be increased for the coming year

The road repair figure will remain the same for the coming year and the balance of the 2016-2017 funds will be used to repair the roads currently in need before the snow flies this year.

Main Beach, Mothers Beach and the Hall will now be maintained by a local landscaper and the expense will be included in the new budget.

The full new proposed Budget will be presented to the membership for approval at the August 20, 2017 Annual Members Budget Meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The June Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Jerry Dufresne made a motion to approve the minutes; Marty Connors seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Public Comments: Dave Columbe spoke to the Board about some environmental issues that he has observed. Dave stated that we have some invasive species of plants in the lake that are causing problems with the fishing. The Hydrilla will double if the water is drained and doesn't fill up fast enough. A lot of hydrilla will hurt the fishing. Also the purple loosestrife are blooming now and need to be removed properly so they don't multiply. There are some native plants that are coming back and that is good. However we have far too many geese. The geese do a lot of damage to properties. There are ways to get rid of the geese; shaking the eggs in the nests, introducing Swans to the environment, "banging" them. The best way to get rid of the geese is to keep them from nesting. All of these suggestions will be researched and discussed further.

Lise Silverstein discussed possible ways to make our community look better and more inviting. Some ideas would be to plant flowers in some of our public areas; the boat launches, beaches, etc.

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45 **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Jacqueline Kennedy presented the treasurer's report. Bob
46 Corriveau made a motion, seconded by Marty Conners to accept the treasurer's report. The motion
47 passed.

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49 **Remarks by President:** Mike let us know that he hired a local landscaper to rototill the sand at the
50 Main Beach. He also spoke to the landscaper about maintaining the Main Beach, Mother's Beach
51 and Hall property. The board discussed the proposal and agreed that the landscaper should be
52 hired for the balance of the growing season. Additionally Mike will speak to him about the repairs
53 needed at Mothers Beach.

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55 **Correspondence:**

- 56 (1) Mike was contacted by a resident on Circle Drive regarding a branch that had fallen into the
57 road. Mike discussed with Tom Martin and Tom removed the branch.
- 58 (2) Mike received a phone call from Dave Columbe because the beach raft floated away from the
59 beach and ended up at Dave's waterfront and hit his boat. Mike and Jerry Dufresne both spoke
60 with Dave at different times and Dave agreed that there was minimal damage to his boat and he
61 would not ask for restitution. Tom agreed to retrieve the raft from Dave's place and put
62 proper anchors on it and return it to the main beach.

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64 **Chairperson's Reports:**

65 **Boat Launch:** Jerry Dufresne reported that the boat launch was just mowed and he cleaned out the
66 muck and weeds from the waterfront and will continue to do so. Jerry noted that there is water
67 coming onto the property from the road during rainstorms; Jerry will take care of it. Jerry agreed to
68 continue as Boat Launch and Boat Dock Chairman for the coming year.

69 **Boat Dock:** Nothing new to report

70 **Constable:** No problems have been reported.

71 **Dam:** The trees have been removed. Someone will need to maintain the property now to ensure
72 we keep the **area clear**.

73 **Environmental Chairperson:** Ralph Sherman was not present, however he submitted a written
74 report which is attached to the minutes.

75 **Fund Raising:** Kathy Little reported that the Poker Run in July brought in \$120 for LCIA and \$120 for
76 the winner; Nicolas Marciano. Additionally, a 50/50 raffle was held and brought in \$65 in ticket
77 sales. The winner, Mike Panek, won \$32.50. Mike donated \$12.50 back to LCIA, making the total
78 for LCIA \$45.00 The total fund Raising from the Poker Run was \$165.00. Kathy resigned as Fund
79 Raising Chairperson; Phil Silverstein agreed to take on the position.

80 **Hall:** Kathy Little reported that the Hall was rented in June but there was an issue during the rental
81 period. The holding tank was not pumped before the event and the toilets backed up before the
82 end of the rental. Kathy asked the Board to authorize the rebate of the full rental amount. The
83 Board agreed. Kathy will mail a check with an apology letter to the renter. We currently are in need
84 of a Hall Chairman.

85 **Main Beach and Mothers Beach:** We are currently in need of a Beach Chairperson.

86 **Road Chairperson:** Mike has taken a tour of the lake roads and identified some that are in need of
87 repair. Mike has brought a map of the lake roads and asked each Board member to identify
88 anywhere on the lake roads where a pothole or other issue exists. Local companies will be
89 contacted to make the repairs. We are currently in need of a Road Chairperson.

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90 **Tax Collection:** Tom Martin will get a list of back due taxpayers and amounts from Jacqueline and
91 proceed with collection measures. Tom will continue to be responsible for Tax Collection in the
92 coming year.

93 **Website:** Jacqueline has assured the Board that the new website will be completed in the next 60
94 days. At that time Toni Guerin will assist with the upkeep of the website.

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96 **Old Business:** Bob Corriveau discussed the changing of the Charter. Bob explained that we have
97 been talking about it or a year and we are at the point where we should appoint the committee
98 members. Bob made a motion to establish a Charter Revision Committee, Jerry Dufresne seconded
99 the motion. The motion requires a 2/3 vote of Board Members; the eight Board Members present
100 voted to favorably to establish the committee. Bob asked Mike to appoint members to the
101 committee within the next 30 days. The committee will now have 16 months to submit a draft
102 report of their recommendations.

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104 **New Business:** The snowplowing contract will be put out for bids. Jerry Dufresne agreed to
105 research how to put an ad in the Ashford Citizen and get the information to Kathy. Kathy will
106 prepare the write up and submit it to the Citizen and get it to Jacqueline for posting on the website.

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108 **Adjournment:** Jerry Dufresne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Little. The meeting
109 adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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