

Lake Chaffee Improvement Association

Budget Meeting

Aug 19, 2001

Attendance: see attached list

The meeting was called to order by Gay Leedie at 2:05

Public to be heard: none.

Secretary's report : Robert Kersten made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Bill Thompson seconded. All in favor.. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Gerry Dufresne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Linda Parent seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Present board of director's proposed budget: Robert Kersten made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Irwin Krieger seconded. Laura Koropatkin opposed. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gerry Dufresne made a motion to assess the dues at \$50.00. Jack Pirzl seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Hall of Fame Committee: Gerry indicated that the new names will be engraved shortly. Gay solicited information from the group regarding the Hall of Fame members and the contributions they have made over the years. Gay would like to print these stories in upcoming newsletters.

Fund raising chair's report: Bingo flyers were distributed to the group in hopes they would be circulated to help increase awareness.

Fund raising ideas that were discussed:

- 1) Contact sporting goods manufacturers/sporting groups to use Their logo on our hall for an honorarium
- 2) Bob Latham volunteered his time and expertise to create a website for lake chaffee.org. The name is still available. Gerry made a motion to authorize Bob Latham to reserve the name. Bud Bagley seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 2) Gay encouraged everyone to attend the Sept Board of Directors Meeting with their fund raising ideas.

Road chair's report: The roads were graded. Gerry is waiting for the bid to arrive for snowplowing. Gay and Gerry thanked the people responsible for painting their road signs.

Bingo chair report: As the budget indicates, Bingo was not very successful last year. Currently we are at about breakeven, raising very little money for our efforts. We will continue the Bingo for another six months in hopes of attracting more people to make it profitable again.

Constable's report : Fairly quiet except for a few extra fire works going off.

Rec. chair's report : none

Beach chair's report : Sandra had a situation where a group of kids were blaring a radio. Sandra discussed the problem with their parents and asked the kids to find something to do besides loitering. Sandra also asked the group not to allow children to swim with their diapers. A sign will be posted when the time comes to remove the buoys and bring in the raft.

Environmental's report: Robert Kersten presented two "rake" options to be used to control the weeds in the lake. One is a traditional weed cutter that can be purchased from Home Depot for about \$18.00. The second was a "rake" made from a metal rake with a bow saw attached to it. Either can be used by hand, or

used from a boat with a trolling motor. This is a good alternative to the harrow rake the association has that needs to be used with a boat and a gas motor. We still have not had a volunteer the use of their boat. Bob has researched the type of weed found in the lake and determined it to be *Water Celery Tape Grass*. This weed is healthy for fish life, but is a nuisance. This weed does not reseed. When water clarity is good, this weed problem will be worse.

Gerry Dufresne spoke with the Head of Security at Sturbridge Village and obtained a sample of the “bullet” they use to scare the geese off. Gerry checked with the Conservation Office who suggested they use an inexpensive shotgun to fire these bullets because the gun will become damaged due to the type of bullets. (similar to fire crackers) the cost of the shells is approximately \$135 per 100. This process is recommended in the spring when the geese are nesting. The public will be notified when the process begins.

Correspondence: none

Old business: The board will be replaced at the dam in the spring to try to maintain the highest water levels for next year.

Michael Grant has volunteered to help raise funds for the fish fund this year and also participate in the fish selection process.

New business: Bob Kersten made a motion to add an item to the agenda. Deborah Lathrop seconded. All in favor motion passed. We added lowering of the lake to the agenda. Pauline Backhaus made a motion to have the lake lowered on or about, Columbus Day, Oct 8, 2001. Irwin Krieger seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Bill Thompson has drafted a letter to be sent to foxwoods casinos requesting advice on how to increase our bingo attendance, and a donation for our cause.

Pauline Backhaus made a motion to adjourn. Laura Koropatkin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3.20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M Parent
Secretary