

**Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc.**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 18, 2004**  
**2:00pm, Chaffee Hall**

**Board Member Attendees:** Laura Koropatkin, Deb Coulombe, Kay Warren, Jack Pirzl, Dennis Flaherty, Eugenie Bagley, Sandra Moguin, Gerry Dufresne

**A member's attendance list is attached. Quorum was present**

President Laura Koropatkin called the meeting to order at 2:05pm

President Koropatkin started the meeting by welcoming the members, and stating this has been an exciting & rewarding year, and started noting all the organizing, updating and overall work that had been completed during the last 11 months.

**Chaffee Hall:** Tax arrearage form reviewed. President Koropatkin, explained the outline and stated that all members in default of tax payments will be addressed. Association files for the last 45 years were organized. The water in the Hall could not be used to wash dishes or able to drink, because of water testing failure. Bleach was put down the well to sanitize the water, which took 2 ½ hrs to draw the bleach to the pipes and 2 ½ hrs to clear the line of bleach. This saved the association \$5000.00 it would have cost to drill a new well. The hole behind the corner of the building that was dug (in past years) to find the well line froze during the winter because of inadequate insulation. The pipe was fixed and the hole was filled in. The floor in the kitchen was painted; the floor in the main hall was buffed and waxed. The louver vent on the roof was replaced. The emergency lights, which were inoperable for over a year were replaced. A lock was put on ladies room door. The mowing of the grass has been set up on a schedule.

**Charter Revision Commission:** This committee was charged with the duty of researching the dissolution of the Association, Homerule and Charter Revision. Research was completed and a report was sent to the board stating that their recommendation was Charter Revision. The present Board of Directors dismissed the Commission, as their job was complete. A notice was posted and published in the newsletter that a new Charter Revision Committee was being formed under new guidelines set up by the board to now work on the Charter Revision. All the Association members who were part of the Charter Revision Commission were sent a Thank-you letter and were invited to partake on the new Charter Revision Committee to reform the present charter and by-laws. Two Association members responded with interest, because of the low response the board decided to leave everything status quo.

**Mothers Beach reopens:** A new drain/pipe/catch basin was added. The old railroad ties were replaced with new 2/10 ties all around the perimeter to the beach. New sand was purchased and laid (which was paid for from the can and bottle drive fundraiser) A new picnic table was added. All accumulated leaves from both beached were removed.

**Fundraising:** The can and bottle drive for the last 10 months has raised \$226.75, which was used to purchase 12 yards of sand for Mothers Beach. The November Annual Bazaar with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus raised \$835.53. \$56.40 was raised by selling food at the Boating Class.

**Responsibilities were written for** The Treasurer, Bingo Chairman and Kitchen personnel. If someone needs to step in and perform these tasks, they will be able to follow the procedures/responsibilities to get the job done.

**Guidelines for the following committee positions were written and approved:** Hall of Fame, Constable, Road Chairman, Environmental Chairman, Fundraising Chairman, Newsletter Committee, Hall Rental. Guidelines that were already in place were the Recreation Chairman and Beach Chairman.

**Miscellaneous:** The Gateway Community Signs that were purchased a few years back were installed at the entrances to Old Town Road and Lakeview Drive. A Safe Boating Course was given June 5<sup>th</sup> at Chaffee Hall, and by providing lunch to the participants the kitchen raised \$56.40. Water testing is being done at the Main Beach, Mothers Beach and near the Island that has the swing.

President Koropatkin talked about the geese problem members are experiencing. She is extending an invitation to one of our monthly meetings to Min Huang from the DEP to discuss the problem. The gun can be shot off as long as the state police are notified. She also mentioned the problem on Dave Provencher property. The state will take responsibility for 30'. The problem runs across five properties. It is going to take community involvement to take care of the problem.

**Secretary Minutes:** Richard Ide made a motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2004 Pauline Backhaus seconded. All in favor. 18 abstained **Motion passed.** Gerry Dufresne noted that he and others do the trimming of the trees and bushes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pauline Backhaus made a motion to accept the treasurer's report of July 16, 2004. Kay Warren seconded. All in favor. **Motion passed.** It was noted that monies in Road Maintenance not spent this year will be spent, it is being used for the paving of Amidon Dr.

#### **Election of Officer for 2004/2005 Board of Directors**

##### **President:**

Jack Pirzl made a motion to nominated Laura Koropatkin for President. Pauline Backus seconded. President Koropatkin asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Gerry Dufresne made a motion to close the nominations. Kay Warren seconded. Secretary cast 1 vote. **Motion Passed**  
Laura Koropatkin will perform the duties of LCIA president for year 2004/2005

##### **Vice President:**

Pauline Backus made a motion to nominated Kay Warren for Vice President. Richard Ide seconded. President Koropatkin asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Gerry Dufresne made a motion to close the nominations. Deb Coulombe seconded. Secretary cast 1 vote. **Motion Passed**  
Kay Warren will perform the duties of LCIA vice president for year 2004/2005

##### **Secretary:**

Kay Warren made a motion to nominated Debbie Coulombe for Secretary. Donna Berkey seconded. President Koropatkin asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Gerry Dufresne made a motion to close the nominations. Kay Warren seconded. Secretary cast 1 vote. **Motion Passed**  
Debbie Coulombe will perform the duties of LCIA Secretary for year 2004/2005

##### **Treasurer:**

Dennis Flaherty made a motion to nominated Jack Pirzl for Treasurer. Kay Warren seconded. President Koropatkin asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Betty Dunn made a motion to close the nominations. Kay Warren seconded. Secretary cast 1 vote. **Motion passed**  
Jack Pirzl will perform the duties of LCIA Treasurer for year 2004/2005

### **Director – 3 year term:**

Pauline Backus made a motion to nominate Shirley Bond for a Director 3 year term. Kay Warren seconded. Marilyn DeGrasso made a motion to nominate Sandra Moquin for a director 3-year term. George Moquin seconded.

Gerry Dufresne made a motion to close the nominations. Kay Warren seconded.

A vote was taken by the members – Sandra Moquin received 15 votes, Shirley Bond received 12 votes

### **Motion Passed**

Sandra Moquin will perform the duties of a Director for a 3-year term.

### **Director – 3 year term:**

Gerry Dufresne made a motion to nominate Shirley Bond for a Director 3 year term. Pauline Backus seconded. President Koropatkin asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations.

Jack Pirzl made a motion to close the nominations. Kay Warren seconded.

Secretary cast 1 vote.

### **Motion passed**

Shirley Bond will perform the duties of a Director for a 3-year term.

### **Alternate Directors– 3 positions**

Elaine Burns made a motion to nominate Pauline Backus for an alternate position. Linda Smith seconded

Kay Warren made a motion to nominate Carol Natitus for an alternate position. Jack Pirzl seconded.

Pauline Backus made a motion to nominate Sharon Bickford for an alternate position. Kay Warren seconded.

A vote was taken by the association members. All in favor, 3 opposed for Sharon Bickford (reason, Sharon was not present to accept nomination)

### **Motion passed**

Sharon Bickford declined on accepting the nomination for an alternate position.

### **Chairman's Reports:**

#### **Beach Chairman: Sandra Moquin**

Still dealing with existing geese problem. Rope in place now is not effective. Looking at other options. A wood panel on a bench at the beach needs to be replaced. Sandra to take care of it. More rototilling needs to be done. Sandy, would like more sand for main beach possibly within the next year. Trash is being emptied. Some boats are crossing the buoys. An association member asked "How do you control parties using the beach that are not a part of the association?" "What are the options?" It was suggested that beach passes/tags be issued and required when using the beach. It was a procedure that was in place years ago and members felt it did not work. Members were asked to come with ideas/suggestions for the next meeting. Association members feel it is very important to keep up a family atmosphere at the beach. President Koropatkin noted that the beach was being monitored by Jerry Dufresne, Sandra Moquin, herself and the State Police.

#### **Bingo Chairman: Jack Pirzl**

Attendance light for the summer season. Still looking for volunteers to help out. Hours for kitchen help are 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Hour to work the floor are from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

#### **Road Chairman: Gerry Dufresne**

\$9095.00 to be used for the other half of Amindon Drive left to pave. The remainder of the bill will be paid out of next year's budget. Regrading of the roads to continue into year. An association member stated that Short Lane keeps washing out and needs some work. Gerry said it would be worked on. A member fell twice this past winter because digging on Viewpoint was done too deep and formed ice when water accumulated. The same problem also exists on Short Lane. New stop signs are up. There are three more to come. The Board of Directors goal is to have all side association roads that come out onto a main road has a stop sign.

**Newsletter: Dennis Flaherty, Sandra Moquin .**

Dennis stated that the newsletter is the principal organ to communicate with the association members. It is approved by the Board of Directors prior to going to print and mailed to homes quarterly. Looking to members for articles, contributions and advertising. The next addition will be the fall release. President Koropatkin also noted that the newsletter is posted on the website - [www.lakechaffee.org](http://www.lakechaffee.org) along with the name, addresses and phone number of the board of directors.

**Constable Chairman: Gerry Dufresne**

Speeding is a big problem. Police are patrolling the area often and are clamping down. Adults and Kids are hanging out at the beach. President Koropatkin noted that the state Police will be getting a copy of our ordinance and will ticket violator for any violation listed in the ordinances broken. A member voiced a concern about off road vehicles (ATV's). Gerry has given the officials, the name of individuals. The officials are aware of the problem.

**Environmental Chairman: Gay Leedie – Not present**

President Koropatkin went over the water results for the samples taken in June and July, 2004. The results are all within normal acceptance. The water test results have passed every test taked within the last 14 months.

**Recreation Committee:** The position is open. Looking for volunteers who might be interested.

**Fund Raising Chairman: President Koropatkin**

Can & Bottle Drive total is at \$226.75. Can & Bottle drive takes place every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Barrels are set outside of Chaffee Hall. The annual bazaar netted \$835.53.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from the DEP concerning the geese.

**Old Business:**

Homes on Shorefront Drive and on Ashford Dr./Pine Hill, that improvements are being made on, are being checked out for improper or no permits. The town has been notified and the issue is in their hands. The first letter went out to an association member concerning unregistered vehicles. The Town of Ashford and the Board of Directors are waiting for a list of names and addresses from Jerry Dufresne on property owners with unregistered motor vehicles. The town has begun procedures for the vehicles not registered with MVD in the Town of Ashford.

**New Business:** The boat dock located on Lakeview Dr needs repair. Looking for 6/8 volunteers to help fix it. The dock is approx. 25 to 30' long.

Pauline Backus extended a Big Thank-You to the Board of Directors for all their hard work this year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm

**D. Coulombe**  
Secretary

**Date Approved**