

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION INC
ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING
SUNDAY, JULY 20 2008
2:00 PM -- CHAFFEE HALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by the secretary, Laurie Layton after treasurer confirmed that a quorum of members was present.

Officers present: Laurie Layton (secretary); Mary Michaud (treasurer).

Gerry Dufresne moved, seconded by Kay Warren, that Stephen Donnell act as chair for the meeting and the motion carried.

Bob Layton moved, seconded by Debbie Coulombe, that correspondence be moved to the top of the agenda. The motion carried.

The secretary read correspondence (see attached):

- ◆ From the LCIA to Chris German demanding remittance of fundraiser money for March 1-2, 2008 safe boating class
- ◆ Letter of resignation from vice President Jay Schroder
- ◆ Letter of resignation from director Sandra Moquin
- ◆ Letter from member Kay Warren to LCIA membership
- ◆ Letter from Mary Michaud (treasurer) to Chris German, acknowledging return of the check for \$400 signed by Beverly German from Connecticut Community Boating.

Nancy Magowan moved, seconded by Tom Martin, to accept the secretary's minutes amended to reflect the correct spelling of "Pauline Backhaus" and "Gay Leedie". Motion carried, no "nay" votes, 3 abstentions.

TREASURERS REPORT

- ◆ See attached
- ◆ Pauline Backhaus moved, seconded by Gerry Dufresne, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

ELECTIONS

- ◆ Pauline Backhaus, Ed Chisholm and Kari Olson were appointed to collect and count ballots. Nancy Magowan subsequently helped.
- ◆ **President:** Kay Warren nominated Laura Koropatkin, seconded by Gerry Dufresne. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. Secretary was directed to cast 1 vote for Laura Koropatkin. Laura Koropatkin was elected president.
- ◆ **Vice president:** Kari Olson was nominated by Bob Layton and seconded by Nancy Magowan. Donna Burkey nominated Kay Warren and Laura Koropatkin seconded. Bob Layton moved the nominations be closed and Pauline Backhaus seconded. Kay Warren received 16 votes, and Kari Olson received 13 votes. Kay Warren was elected vice president
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Gay Leedie nominated Jack Pirzl and Kay Warren seconded. Gerry Dufresne moved the nominations be closed and Kay Warren seconded. Secretary was directed to cast one vote for Jack Pirzl. Jack Pirzl was elected treasurer.
- ◆ **Secretary:** Brenda Chisholm was nominated by Sandra Moquin and seconded by Karen Holmes. The nominations were closed and Secretary was directed to cast one vote for Brenda Chisholm. Brenda Chisholm was elected secretary.
- ◆ **Director (3 year term ends 2011):** Bob Layton nominated Diana Murray, Laurie Layton seconded. Debbie moved the nominations be closed, Kay Warren seconded. Diana Murray ran unopposed with the secretary casting 1 vote; Diana Murray was elected to a 3-year board position as director.

- ◆ **Director (3 year term ends 2011):** Laura Koropatkin nominated Debbie Coulombe, Nancy Magowan seconded. Gay Leedie nominated Kari Olson, Bob Layton seconded. Sandra Moquin nominated Laurie Layton, Nancy Magowan seconded. Karen Holmes nominated Jacqueline Kennedy, Sandra Moquin seconded. Eugenie Bagley moved the nominations be closed, Gerry Dufresne seconded. Kari Olson received 17 votes, Jacqueline Kennedy 7, Laurie Layton 6 and Debbie Coulombe 2. Kari Olson was elected to a 3-year director term.
- ◆ **Director (to complete term of Director vacated by Sandra Moquin's resignation):** Kari Olson nominated Laurie Layton and Kay Warren seconded; Mary Michaud nominated Debbie Coulombe and Laura Koropatkin seconded. Sandra Moquin nominated Jacqueline Kennedy and Eugenie Bagley seconded. Bob Layton moved the nominations be closed, Nancy Magowan seconded Laurie Layton received 16 votes, Debbie Coulombe received 9 and Jacqueline Kennedy received 9 Laurie Layton was elected to director position, term ending 2010.
- ◆ **Director Alternates:** Three members were nominated as alternative directors. Nominations were closed. The assembled membership agreed that the secretary cast 1 vote for each.
 - Debbie Coulombe was elected to a 1-year term as director alternate.
 - Ed Chisholm was elected to a 1-year term as director alternate.
 - Jacqueline Kennedy was elected to a 1-year term as director alternate.

ROAD CHAIRMAN

- ◆ Gerry Dufresne showed the cost of paving Union Rd and several portions of Westford Road.
- ◆ Karen Holmes and Sandra Moquin both said Maple Dr had not been done as promised and Gerry said there was nothing that could be done
- ◆ Phil Coty asked about Armitage Rd

BEACH REPORT

- ◆ Sandra Moquin reported that she had done raking and pulling weeds.
- ◆ Garbage was discussed and erosion on the beach was discussed.
- ◆ The question was raised about apparent "soap suds" and Diana Murray reported it was from the oil on the leaves and it was present during the wind

BINGO COMMITTEE

Jack Pirzl reported he still needed volunteers and Sandra Moquin volunteered to help

FUNDRAISING

Sandra Moquin reported she would still like to have a tag sale in the fall

ENVIRONMENTAL

- ◆ Diana Murray discussed the high cost of dredging but still recommends it to improve the quality of the lake.
- ◆ It was asked if spraying had been considered-she said copper sulfate is not recommended
- ◆ It was asked if carp had been abandoned-she said the carp grow big and are quite aggressive.
- ◆ Gay recommended frequent septic pumping especially after summer of entertaining

NEWSLETTER

Kay Warren had nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Coville moved that the secretary be directed to send a certified return-receipt-request letter to both known addresses of Christopher German (17 Lakeview Dr, Ashford, and 1494 Main Street, Bridgeport). This letter to advise him that if LCIA receives a certified check for \$400 with no memo line stating donation and accompanied by receipt for the audio visual equipment rental or a certified check for \$470 with no memo line stating donation, within 5 days of receipt of the letter, the secretary of the LCIA will write a letter to the prosecutor's office requesting that the charges be dropped. Ralph Graziola seconded the motion. Bob Layton distributed a two-page timeline (June 22 thru July 19) describing events related to the association's attempt to

recover the missing funds (see attached). Debbie Coulombe reminded the voters that the state police officer had advised that as a criminal matter, LCIA's withdrawal of charges may no longer be relevant. Kay Warren requested secret ballot. The motion to send the certified letter carried with 15 pro and 8 against.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debbie Coulombe brought up 2 names to be placed on the Lake Chaffee Hall of Fame Plaque to be considered by the Hall of Fame committee: Tom martin and Diana Murray.

Debbie Coulombe volunteered to help the bazaar committee get the tickets sold and get the event registered with the state

Bob Layton moved to adjourn and Pauline Backhaus seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Laurie Layton, secretary
Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc.

**July 20, 2008 Membership Meeting
Attendance**

	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
1	MARY MICHARD	57 Squirrel Hill	429-7227	MECKREHAN@50CG65AL.NET
2	KAY WARREN	31 Amidon Dr.	487-3744	
3	Deanna M. King	355 Ferenc Rd	429-4593	dmermaid@snet.net
4	JOHN FIRZL	3 AMIDON	487-3734	
5	Pauline Baskins	4 Perch Dr	487-3721	
6	Nancy Kapan	18 Circle D	429-2185	
7	Deb Coulombe	4501 Old Town Rd	487-3595	
8	S. Donnell	56 Old Town Rd	477-0191	
9	MIKE MALONEY	5 SHOREFRONT	487-3522	
10	Carol Jakub	19 Shorefront	925-1985	
11	Joe JAKUB	19 Shorefront	925-1985	
12	JERRY DUFRESTE	87 LAKEVIEW	487-3590	
13	Wynne Adams	27 Circle Dr	429-9985	
14	Wynne Adams	147 Lakewood	860 429 2417	rwlayton@att.net
15	LAURIE LAYTON	"	"	laurie.layton@lakechatline.org
16	RALPH GRAZIOLO	14 LAKEVIEW.	487-3544	
17	CESAR BACCIG	77 LAKEVIEW	477-0171	
18	Brenda Chisholm	12 Westford	487-0948	
19	Ed Chisholm	62 Westford	" "	
20	Ruth LeClair	16 Amidon	429 6042	
21	Laura Karpentier	4501 Old Town	487 3595	
22	Linda Frost	125 Lakeview	487 6028	
23	Deb Lethers	143 Lakeview	487 3578	
24	Tom MARTIN	139 LAKEVIEW	487-3599	
25	EUGENE BAGLEY	51 ASHFORD DR	487-3524	
26	BUDD BAGLEY	" " "	" "	
27	JEFF SEVROPAR	6-LAKVIEW	487-3564	
28	TEM COUSLE	23 LAKEVIEW	550 2355	
29	Gary LeClair	58 Ashford Dr	487 3754	
30	Dandra Miquen	4 Lakewood A.	487-3649	
31	J. KENNEDY	21 DEERFIELD R		

32	Kari Olson	27 Shorefront Dr	487-3665
33	^{Kari Olson for} Kiddie Brook Farm	29 Shorefront Dr	487-3665
34	Donna Burkay	24 Old Town Rd	487-3939
35	Richard Denny	52 Amherst Dr	487-3628
36	Bob Bickford	3 Maple Dr	487-5569
37	Karen Holm	7 Maple Dr	9428-682
38	PHIL COTE	19 RAINIER	429-2246
39	Rache/Donnell	56 Old Town	477-0191
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June 23,2008

Chris German:

After an attempt by phone on Sunday June 22, 2008 by me to collect the \$400.00 pledged to the LCIA by you on January 12, 2008 as a fundraiser for teaching a Safe Boating Course on March 1, 2008 sponsored by the LCIA on LCIA property, I am obliged to state the following:

It was moved and seconded and passed at the general membership meeting of June 22, 2008 that we send you a certified letter requesting the money pledged to the LCIA membership during your presidency in the amount of \$400.00 It is understood that you had 47 attendees at the course with a fee being charged of \$10.00 each and your fee for teaching the course was waived. \$470 should have been raised and remitted by you per your word on January 12, 2008. When questioned why only \$400 was being remitted you indicated \$70 was used for rental of audiovisual equipment for the course. The LCIA board would like a receipt for that rental fee.

Attached please find the confirmation of delivery of the fish stocking of the lake on 6/21/08 that was supposed to be funded partially by that fundraiser and committed with the express understanding that the \$400 would be available. Due to your refusal to remit the funds to the treasurer despite several requests, the funds had to be allocated from other areas to be paid back upon receipt of those funds.

We will assume that the \$400.00 and proof of rental of the audiovisual equipment will be received by the LCIA treasurer Mary Michaud or an agent acting on her behalf-i.e. officer or board member of the LCIA; within 5 days of receipt of this letter. Failure to do so will be an assumption on our part that we will need to look into possible legal action. The necessity for a receipt was never discussed prior to my conversation with you on June 22. Considering the course was completed March 1,2008, this was a disappointing delay tactic.

Sincerely, Laurie Layton

Secretary of LCIA

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

To LCIA Board of Directors and Ass. Members:

It saddens me to say I must resign my position as vice president due to the recent decision of the board to press charges and have Capt. Chris German arrested for theft. I feel the boating course and money was – is a donation. I feel we as a board should have been happy to accept the check that said donation. I also feel it is not in the best interest of LCIA to pursue this matter and will have no part of it if they do. When I took this position I promised to do what I thought was right for our community and ass. members and I feel this is not right. This could have real repercussions for the LCIA.

Thank you,

Jeff Schroder

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeff Schroder".

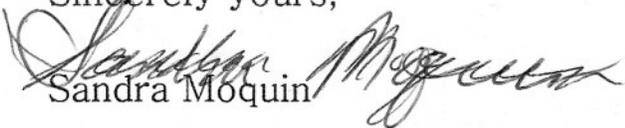
July 17, 2008

To the Board of Directors
Of the Lake Chaffee Improvement Association

I have decided that due to the recent decision of the Board of Directors (please note that I abstained on that vote) to have Capt. Chris German arrested and to continue to press charges even after he had submitted a check for the amount that was donated. This is a waste of time and effort and we should be more concerned with the general condition of our lake and the weeds and more important matters that need to be tended to. I do not wish to be any part of the Board of Directors if this is the way things are going to be handled.

I will be sending a signed letter of this in the mail to our secretary of the board of directors. The keys will be turned in before the next meeting (to the secretary). I will be glad to help at the main beach in any way that I can regardless if I hold title to the beach chair or not; I still care about the maintenance, safety and physical appearance of this beach.

Sincerely yours,


Sandra Moquin

July 15, 2008

Mr. German:

It was the consensus of the LCIA Board of Directors that I return the check issued by Beverly German for the following reason.

This check is unacceptable. The memo line of the check indicated it was a donation to the Fish Fund by CT Community Boating Inc. In the past, all safe boating classes taught at LCIA were fundraisers. Board meeting minutes of January 9, 2008, you stated that you would teach the course, and all proceeds go to LCIA, as you would not take a fee for teaching the course. In the April 9, 2008 board meeting you reported that the safe boating course on March 1st and 2nd, 2008 had 47 people in attendance and raised \$400.00.

Please submit to me a check to the Treasurer for \$470.00.

**Rental of video equipment (Need a receipt or the \$70.00).
Fundraiser of \$400.00**

Total: \$470.00

Respectfully submitted

**Mary E Michaud
LCIA Treasurer**

Mrs. Kay M. Warren
31 Amidon Drive
Ashford, CT 06278-2004
860-487-3744

July 19, 2008

To Members of the Association and the Board of Directors:

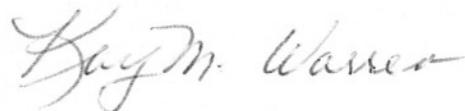
I would like this letter read at the July 20, 2008 meeting. This is a rebuttal to the insinuations that ex-president Chris German stated in his resignation letter of June 22, 2008 about me. I also would like this letter to be made a part of the July 20, 2008 minutes.

CHRIS'S STATEMENT: I WAS COMPLETELY DISREGARDED WHEN I DEMANDED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE REPAIR OF THE KITCHEN AND DID NOT RECEIVE ANY REPORT ON FINANCES ABOUT THE KITCHEN UNTIL ALMOST \$10,000 WAS SPENT BY A NON-ELECTED PAST BOARD MEMBER ACTING ON HER OWN AUTHORITY.

MY ANSWER: Once Mr. German had the state health department close our kitchen, no one had come forward to become Clerk of the Works over the kitchen. I volunteered to oversee the repairs to the kitchen. The Board of Directors gave me this responsibility along with Mr. German at a Board of Director's meeting. I was authorized to spend monies for the kitchen from the back taxes that were collected and about to be collected for use of the kitchen repairs. There was a motion to this affect at the August budget meeting. I gave a report to the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings and discussed any problems that I had encountered with them. As for being a non-elected past Board member anyone could have done what I am doing whether they are board members or past board members as long as the Board of Directors or the membership approved it. If Mr. German had added each monthly statement up he would have known what was being spent. As for the \$10,000 being spent, as of the June 22, 2008 meeting I had only spent \$5,047.44 on the kitchen with a balance of \$742.03 left until more back taxes come in. This can be verified by the Kitchen Report of June 22, 2008.

CHRIS'S STATEMENT: I RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THERE IS A SECRET "BAZAAR COMMITTEE" COMPRISED OF UN-ELECTED PAST BOARD MEMBERS THAT HAS COMPLETE FISCAL AUTHORITY OVER \$6,000 OF OUR BUDGET AND IS NO WAY OBLIGATED TO ANSWER TO ANYONE IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

KAY'S ANSWER: There is no SECRET bazaar committee. This committee does the bazaar in November and the monies are kept separate in the budget so that it is in the bank and not in anyone's possession and it will draw interest. We consider ourselves an auxiliary to the Association and the monies are always spent on items that will benefit the Association. Anyone can belong to the Bazaar Committee and it's always a vote of the committee on what is purchased and this year, to help the kitchen budget, the bazaar committee has graciously committed to purchasing the new countertops for the kitchen for a little over \$2,000; some years we bought table and chairs. This has been done even before I came to Lake Chaffee 32 years ago. As far as the amount of \$6,000 the correct figure is \$4,86.61 just to set the record straight.



Kay M. Warren

Treasurer's Report

	As of 07/20/2008	Approved 2007-2008		
Association Taxes	\$ 29,331.25	\$ 30,000.00		
Past Due Assoc. Taxes	2,483.70 **	3,196.43		
Penalties	873.88 **	1,000.00		
Interest	111.33	300.00		
Donations	399.76	500.00		
Rentals	-----	600.00		
Bingo – Kitchen (\$424.39)	5,309.13	5,000.00		
Sealed Tickets	770.51	800.00		
LCIA Fundraisers	290.00	400.00		
Fish Donations	320.00	300.00		
LICA Fund (Bazaar)	2,083.00	1000.00		
Newsletter (Ads)	205.00	500.00		
Road Bond Money	1000.00	500.00		
Web Site	-----	0.00		
Total Income	\$ 43,177.56	\$ 44,096.43		
EXPENSES	Actual 07/20/08			
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,353.08	\$2,750.00		
Utilities	4,437.03	5,000.00		
Office Expense	774.48	1,000.00		
Postage	292.00	250.00		
Road Maintenance	21,399.93	21,399.93 *		
Insurance	8,540.56	9,400.00		
Honorariums	-----	0.00		
Contingency	400.00	400.00		
Audit	-----	0.00		
Legal	193.50	1,000.00		
Recreation		300.00		
Beach Maintenance	1127.05	1,500.00		
Lake Maintenance	360.00	500.00		
LCIA Fund	1906.51	500.00		
Lake Maint. Fund	500.00	500.00		
Fish Fund	325.00	200.00		
Return Road Bond	500.00	500.00		
Newsletter	225.00	300.00		
Web Site	36.00	36.00		
Kitchen Improvement	5,047.44	2,446.43 **		
Total Expense	\$47,417.48	\$47,982.36		
	As of 07/20/2008		Funds as of	07/20/2008
Starting Balance	\$ 13,326.98		Lake Maint. MM	3,611.77
Income to date	43,177.56		Lake Maint. CD	15,437.80
Total	56,504.54		LCIA Baazar	6,196.70
Expenses to date	47,417.48		RECREATION	516.58
Income/Expenses Total	\$ 9,087.06		LCIA Paving MM	6,520.88
			TOTAL	\$32,283.73
FUNDS AS OF	07/20/2008			
Checking	\$ 1,048.09		TAX	
			ASSESSMENT	
Savings	8,038.97		\$125.00	
Total on Hand	\$ 9,087.06			

*Please note \$4,985.93 was allocated on June 24, 2007 Annual Meeting for roads upgrade and aggregate. Paid \$3,340.55 to Hipsky for grading. Balance of \$1645.38 was put into the LCIA paving MM. ** All Past Due Taxes and Penalties allocated to Kitchen Improvement at Budget Meeting.

MISSING LCIA FUNDS

TIMELINE OF PERTINENT EVENTS

June 22, 2008 thru July 18, 2008

June 22 **Annual Membership meeting.**

- ◆ Chris German, president, resignation letter handed to director Bob Layton by director Sandra Moquin to be delivered to the LCIA corporation secretary and read to assembled membership
- ◆ Above letter read to membership under “Correspondence”.
- ◆ Membership authorizes secretary to demand, via certified letter, that Chris German remit overdue fundraiser money (acquired March 1st) amounting to between \$400 and \$470. Zero “nay” votes; one abstention.
- ◆ After the meeting Laurie Layton, LCIA corporation secretary, telephones Chris German, offers to go to his house and pick up a check, saving everybody the trouble of the certified letter.
- ◆ Chris tells Laurie to send him the letter and the receipt for the \$800 spent for the fish; that his board (Connecticut Community Boating) requires the receipt before they will let him give LCIA the money. *NOTE: Chris German is the only principal of and agent for Connecticut Community Boating accordingly to the Secretary of the State of Connecticut; business address as “agent” as well as residential address for principal is shown by the Secretary of State is 17 Lakeview Drive, Ashford, CT*

June 24

- ◆ Laurie Layton, as secretary, sends certified letter, dated June 23rd, with return receipt requested, to 17 Lakeview Drive, Chris German's address of record according to the Ashford and LCIA tax roll.
- ◆ Bob Layton, on behalf of the LCIA secretary, sends an e-mail to the address used by Chris German for all correspondence during the past eleven months, with copy of the above-mentioned letter and receipt attached. *NOTE: Receipt of this message was not acknowledged.*

July 9 **Board of Directors meeting**

- ◆ Laurie Layton, reads the June 23rd letter, sent via certified mail on June 24th, and advised the board that the certified mail has not yet been accepted by Chris German.
- ◆ Members of the board vote (7 yea, Sandra Moquin abstaining, Jay Schroder as presiding officer not casting a vote, no alternate directors seated) directing the secretary to immediately file a complaint with the Connecticut State Police
- ◆ After meeting adjournment, Laurie Layton as secretary and accompanied by two board members proceeded to the Tolland Barracks of the CT State Police. Laurie Layton, as secretary, filed the complaint as directed.
- ◆ Jay Schroder leaves message for Laurie Layton, saying that Chris told him that the certified letter had been sent to the wrong address; that she should send it to his company address in Bridgeport and that the company would issue a check in 30 days.

July 10

- ◆ Attorney Cherron Payne claiming to represent Chris German, calls Bob Layton with questions, one of which was would the action go away if a certified check for \$400 were received from Chris German. Bob Layton responded that that was a decision to be made by members of the board but that he would support dropping the action under such circumstance.
- ◆ Jay Schroder, vice president calls with news that he has a \$400 check from Chris and that he will deliver it to Mary Michaud, treasurer, on Friday.
- ◆ Laurie Layton, as secretary, telephones the state police and leaves a message asking that the action be placed on hold pending receipt and clearing of an acceptable check.

July 11

- ◆ Check drawn on Connecticut Community Boating, signed by Beverly German, and carrying notation "donation" is delivered to Mary Michaud, as treasurer Friday night. The check is NOT a certified check.

July 12

- ◆ Laurie Layton, as secretary, begins polling all board members on Mary's behalf, to determine if check should be accepted or returned.

July 13

- ◆ Laurie Layton, as secretary, continues poll

July 14

- ◆ Certified letter, sent to Chris German on June 24, is returned to Laurie Layton, secretary, by USPS after three failed delivery attempts
- ◆ Laurie Layton, as secretary, completes poll. Eight (8) board members favor returning the check as unacceptable because of the word "donation". Four (4) members favor cashing the check and dropping action.
- ◆ Laurie Layton, as secretary, provides the results to Mary Michaud and calls the State Police, leaving a message that the check was deemed unacceptable by the LCIA board.

July 15

- ◆ Connecticut State Police advises corporation secretary Laurie Layton that the check should be returned or retained but not cashed.
- ◆ Jay Schroder, vice president, delivers verbal resignation to Laurie Layton, written to follow.

July 16

- ◆ Mary Michaud, treasurer, sends letter deeming check as unacceptable accompanied by above check, to Chris German
- ◆ Jay Schroder delivers signed letter of resignation

July 17

- ◆ Sandra Moquin, director, e-mails letter of resignation

For details of the events leading up to June 22, please see minutes of the December, January, April and May meetings of the LCIA Board of directors at <http://www.lakechaffee.org> - click on ARCHIVES

Minutes of the June 22nd and July 9th meetings can also be found in the ARCHIVES section of our website.