

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Lake Chaffee Annual General Meeting

June 26, 2016

Board Members Present: Bob Corriveau, Tom Martin, Ken Garee, Kathy Little, Carol Natitus, Gerald Dufresne, Sandy Moquin, Kari Olson, Jeff Cosman. Alternates: Gay Leedie, Liz Provencher, Jacqueline Kennedy,

Public in Attendance: 32 members in attendance per sign in sheets

1. **Call to Order:** Bob Corriveau called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** President Corriveau asked everyone to review the minutes of the August 16, 2015 meeting. Kari Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Martin, to accept the minutes. The motion passed without objection.

3. **Recap of Past Year:** Bob Corriveau thanked the Board Members for their service over the last year. Vice President Tom Martin who has also has worked diligently to collect back taxes; Secretary Kathy Little for accurate recording of the meetings as well as her work on the Halloween Party and Christmas Party; Ken Garee for the many hours of hard work as Treasurer; Jeff Cosman for his help on repairing broken pipes in Chaffee Hall, Kari Olson for her efforts on our dam repair project, Jerry Dufresne for keeping the boat launch maintained and repaired as well as his work as constable, Sandy Moquin for maintaining Main Beach, Ivan Wasko for not only taking care of our roads but also Chaffee Hall. Also thanks to Carol Natitus, Jacqueline Kennedy, Liz Provencher and Gay Leedie. Additionally Bob recognized Patti Munsch who is our Mothers Beach chairperson for her work, along with her sister Liz Provencher, on cleaning up Mothers Beach and keeping it maintained.

Bob reminded the membership that we did not lower the lake in 2015 but we will have to lower it this year; which Kari Olson will discuss later in the meeting. Bob reported that Ivan Wasko and Tom Martin coordinated changing our gas provider for Chaffee Hall and replacing their tanks with newly purchased tanks. Our provider was charging us much more than the general market price for gas; by owning our own tanks we are able to shop around for the best price saving the Association a good amount of money.

4. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Ken Garee presented the Treasurer's report. Member Ed Chisholm asked when the roads would be graded and requested that they be done sooner rather than later as he is having his house appraised and the road condition will affect his appraisal. Linda Parent asked if the tax income line item meant we collected 100% of taxes; Ken replied that we collected 100% of what we anticipated, and budgeted for. Tom Martin made a motion, seconded by Kathy Little, "to accept the Treasurer's report as presented." The motion passed without objection.

5. **Chairman's reports:**

Constable Jerry Dufresne reported that there were break in's at the package store and general store. There have been some problems with one individual on Oak

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41 Drive. Halloween was very quiet with no vandalism, nothing more than a few candy
42 wrappers on the roads. Other than that things have been fairly quiet.

43 **Dam Chair** Kari Olson reported on the dam project. Notice was received 2 years ago
44 from DEEP calling for an inspection of our dam. A postponement was requested and
45 accepted last year but the time had come for us to get it done. Late last year the
46 Board hired Karl Acimovic, a licensed engineer, to inspect and provide a report on
47 the condition of the dam. The report was filed with the DEEP and accepted by DEEP
48 as recommendations of what we should do to repair our dam. The
49 recommendations include removal of trees, stumps, and vegetation from all
50 embankment and abutment areas, monitor and possibly repair seepage issue, and
51 repair minor concrete deficiencies noted on the spillway walls. Kari met, at the dam,
52 with Karl Acimovic, a DEEP representative, and the two adjoining property owners in
53 May to discuss what needs to be done. The DEEP recommended that the trees be
54 removed in the fall after the lake has been lowered. Previously the Board
55 authorized Kari to contract with Jeff Ference to remove the trees, which she did.
56 When the lake is lowered the concrete should be repaired. DEEP now considers us
57 in compliance. The cost of the dam repair is not as high as we anticipated it would
58 be. Once the repairs are completed we will ask Karl to come back and re-evaluate.
59 Questions were raised by the membership...

60 Q – will the lake have to be lowered more than usual to get the job done?

61 A – we don't know but Kari will discuss with Karl Acimovic

62 Q – when will it be done?

63 A – the usual time in October

64 Q – Do we remove the boards to lower the lake?

65 A – we use a syphon system. There was in the past boards present on the
66 spillway but they have since been demolished. The Board never authorized the
67 boards be put in place and has removed them several times.

68 **Main Beach Chair** Sandy Moquin submitted a written report, attached, which she
69 reviewed with the membership. Sandy asked for suggestions for dealing with the
70 geese population. She reported that the raft is being moved, either by persons or
71 by the current from very shallow waters to deeper waters. Volunteers are needed
72 to help keep the beach raked and the debris picked up. Sandy asked Gay Leedie to
73 report on her research on buoy's and ropes. Gay reported that 300 ft on ¾" rope (5"
74 buoys that are 9 feet apart) can be purchased for \$630.

75 **Mothers Beach Chair** Patti Munsch reported that there is the same geese issue at
76 Mother's Beach. A Rototilling project is being done by Patti's husband. Clean up
77 efforts have resulted in the beach being the cleanest it has been in many years.
78 Members are once again comfortable using Mother's Beach. Patti reported that a
79 fence will soon be installed around the beach property. Gay Leedie reported that in
80 the near future help will be needed to clear the shrubs for installation of the fence.

81 **Road Chair** Ivan Wasko was not present. Bob Corriveau reported the roads were
82 being repaired, potholes were being filled and Ivan was going to contact Hipsky to
83 grade the dirt roads.

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84 **Hall Chair** Ivan Wasko was not present. Bob Corriveau reported the hall was rented
85 once or twice this year.

86 **Environmental Chair** Ralph Sherman reminded us that we had not lowered the lake
87 last year and he is watching for any effects. He reported the geese population is up
88 to 17 adults and 7 babies this year and mentioned that geese will return to the same
89 spot year after year and reminded us DO NOT FEED THE GEESE. Ralph reported that
90 he has tested the lake with good results.

91 Gay Leedie reported that there have been some DEEP people around looking at
92 culverts for a study on flooding. They told her we should keep sticks, leaves, etc.
93 from in and around the culverts.

94 **Collections** Bob Corriveau asked Tom Martin to talk to us about his collection
95 efforts. Tom reported that he started this process a couple of years ago to collect
96 back taxes. He looks at the oldest back due taxes and tries to collect some money
97 on them. A member asked if the members in arrears were year round residents.
98 The answer is some are year round and some are out of state. We did foreclose on
99 one property and were able to collect all that was due LCIA.

100 Bob Corriveau thanked Tom and all of the Board members and chairpersons who
101 have worked so diligently to keep this lake going.

102 It was pointed out that the donations are what has kept us from incurring an
103 operating loss this year and that donations from a few members should not be what
104 we rely on to keep going. Member Pauline Backhaus said that we need to pursue
105 an increase in the tax base again to try to get more income. This has been
106 attempted in the past and has failed, but will likely be attempted again.

107 6. **New Business:**

- 108 • The Boat Parade will be held on July 4th at noon, meet at the boat dock.
- 109 • The Poker Run will be held on July 17th from 11:30 – 1:30, start at Chaffee Hall.
- 110 • At the end of July our current webmaster will be giving up his position and we
111 are in need of someone who can take over the design and maintenance of our
112 LakeChaffee.org website. Jacqueline Kennedy volunteered to take on the task.
113 We want to thank Bob Layton for the many years he voluntarily did this for LCIA.
- 114 • Marian Vitali asked if there is way to communicate with other members. This is
115 something we will look at for the website.
- 116 • Dan Rackcliffe advised that there are ways to control the geese. You have to
117 obtain permission from DEEP but you can locate their nests and take measures
118 to control them.

119 7. **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to discuss

120 8. **Old Business:** No old business was reported

121 9. **Adjournment:** Jerry Dufresne made the motion, seconded by Tom Martin, “to
122 adjourn.” The motion passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08
123 p.m.

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