

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Lake Chaffee Annual Meeting Election of Officers July 2020

Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Date of Meeting: July 19, 2020

Board Members Present:

Mike Panek (P), Tom Martin (VP), Martin Connors (S), Laura Rathbun (T), Carol Natitus, Kathy Little, Gerry Dufresne, Toni Guerin, Seth Kaufman

Board Members Absent:

Kari Olson, Ken Garree, Bob Corriveau,

Public in Attendance:

Matt Mattina; Mark & Lynn Fontaine; Marilyn Rossi; Diana Butler; Rich Prior; Bill James; Tom Coville; Liz Provencher; Ralph Graziola; Jeff Cosman.

1. Call to Order:

After thanking everyone for attending, Mike Panek called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM .

After the call to order, Mike Panek explained that during the previous BOD meeting, the following by-law was passed by the BOD:

"NO MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER MAY RECORD OR BROADCAST IN ANY WAY ANY BOARD MEETING, ANNUAL MEETING, OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS."

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 2020 Annual Meeting were shared. The President opened the floor to questions or discussion of the minutes of that meeting. Two errors were identified (line 108 and line 113), after which he asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Gerry Dufresne and seconded by Ralph Graziola. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

3. Presentation of Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's report had been passed at the previous meeting, and was not put to a vote.

At this time, a motion was made by Kathy Little to move the elections up to this place in the agenda, so as to allow the members who might be inconvenienced by the late start to participate in the elections. Seconded by Gerry Dufresne, passed unanimously

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4. Election of Officers:

President – Kathy Little made a motion to nominate Mike Panek for President which was seconded by Gerry Dufresne. The audience was polled for any additional nominations to that office. There being none, Mike Panek's nomination was approved by acclamation by the Secretary.

Vice President – Gerry Dufresne made a motion to nominate Tom Martin for Vice President, seconded by Ralph Graziola. The audience was polled for any additional nominations to that office. There being none, Tom Martin's nomination was approved by acclamation by the Secretary.

Secretary – Laura Rathbun made a motion to nominate Marty Connors for Secretary, seconded by Toni Guerin. The audience was polled for any additional nominations to that office. There being none, Marty Connors' nomination was approved by acclamation by the President.

Treasurer – This position was vacated by Laura Rathbun. Toni Guerin made a motion to nominate Phil Silverstein as Treasurer, seconded by Ralph Graziola. Phil accepted the nomination, and the audience was polled for any additional nominations. There being none, Phil Silverstein's nomination was approved by acclamation by the Secretary.

5. Election of Board Members:

BOD seat presently held by Bob Corriveau. Bob had previously expressed the desire to run again, and in accordance with those wishes, Gerry Dufresne made a motion to nominate Bob Corriveau for another term as Director, seconded by Toni Guerin. The audience was polled for any additional nominations. There being none, Bob Corriveau's nomination was approved by acclamation by the Secretary.

BOD seat presently held by Kari Olson. Kari had previously expressed the desire to run again, and in accordance with those wishes Laura Rathbun made a motion to nominate Kari, seconded by Tom Martin. The audience was polled for any additional nominations. There being none, Kari Olson's nomination was approved by acclamation by the Secretary.

One year remainder of BOD seat being vacated by Phil Silverstein. Seth Kaufman expressed the desire to serve in the remainder of Phil Silverstein's BOD seat, and in accordance with those wishes, Tom Martin made a motion to nominate Seth Kaufman, seconded by Gerry Dufresne. The audience was polled for any additional nominations. There being none, Seth's nomination was approved by acclamation of the Secretary.

Alternate BOD position previously held by Toni Guerin. Toni expressed the desire to serve again as alternate. In accordance with those wishes Kathy Little made a motion to nominate Toni for another year as alternate, seconded by Seth Kaufman. The audience was polled for any additional nominations. There being none, Toni's nomination was approved by acclamation of the Secretary.

Alternate BOD position previously held by Ken Garree. Ken was not present, and had not expressed interest in serving to any of the officers of the board. The audience was polled for

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87 nominations, and Mark Fontaine nominated Lynn Fontaine, seconded by Tom Martin. The audience
88 was polled for any additional nominations. There being none, Lynn's nomination was approved by
89 acclamation by the Secretary.

90 **6. Chairperson's Reports:**

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92 **a. Boat Launch and Boat Dock:** Gerry had been maintaining the property with mowing and tree
93 cutting. Awaiting updates on delivery of the replacement dock.

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- 96 • Some illegal use of ATVs and golf carts continues.

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98 **c. Beaches – Main & Mothers:** Chair person was not present. Mike Panek reported:

- 99 • the beaches seem to be OK.
- 100 • One resident complained that children are using trees at Main Beach as urinals, and inquired
101 if there is anything the Board could do to prevent or mitigate the situation. Mike said he
102 would look into possible remedies.

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104 **d. Dam:** Chairperson not in attendance.

- 105 • Gerry Dufresne has been mowing and trimming the swale of the dam
- 106 • Gerry requested a work party to finish cleaning out the area behind the dam.

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108 **e. Environmental Chairperson** Chairman was not in attendance.

- 109 • Mike passed on the information that there was no water test conducted this week due to
110 the recent rains.
- 111 • Ralph Graziola reiterated his offer to roto-till the lake bottom to reduce weeds. If the BOD
112 chooses this option, we would need to organize a work party to collect the weeds that are
113 loosened, and Ralph would need an exemption to use his gasoline engine to provide
114 sufficient power to operate the tiller. Mike said he would address the issue at the next
115 regular BOD meeting.

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117 **f. Roads:** Mike has provided Hipski with a map showing locations where work should be done
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119 **g. Fund Raising:** From Kathy Little:

- 120 • Poker run will be held next Saturday July 25th from 10AM to 1PM. Participants can walk, run,
121 bike or boat.
- 122 • People are needed to host a dock or other poker stop; please consider volunteering.
123 Contact Kathy Little.
- 124 • Lake Chaffee wearables are available through Kathy, including T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and
125 drink cozies.
- 126 • She also can do coffee cups and wine glasses.

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128 **h. Tax Collection:**

- 129 • Finishing old business. Recovery of past due taxes and fees has exceeded budget projections
130 by approximately \$4000.00 (\$3000 planned vs \$7349 actual).

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i. Hall: No report.

j. Website: No update available

7. Old Business: Due to instances of motorcycles parking on the grassy area of Main Beach, there will be a lock placed on the double gate entrance from Lake View Drive. Residents should be aware that the beach is still available for their use through the small entry on the west side of the fence.

8. Public Comments

- A resident raised concerns regarding Tax bills that were allegedly not received, and subsequent delinquent charges assessed. In the ensuing discussion, all residents were reminded that tax payments are due regardless of whether an actual bill is received or not. This is the same requirement that pertains to taxes from Federal, State and Town authorities.

9. New Business:

- There were concerns raised that Smitty's store was selling Lake Chaffee shirts and other proprietary products without a reimbursement to the LCIA. Mike said he will visit the store.
- Other issues include apparently construction is being done on Lake Property without proper permits. Tom will look into it with the Town of Ashford.

10. Adjournment:

In closing, Mike expressed the sincere thanks on behalf of the entire BOD to Laura Rathbun for the extraordinary work she did to bring LCIA accounting up to the level it is today. Sincerest "Thank-you"s all around, and kudos for her work and commitment to the Association.

Gerry Dufresne moved for adjournment at 12:22, seconded by Toni Guerin. There were no dissenting votes.