

**Lake Chaffee Annual Budget Meeting
August 21, 2022
Meeting Minutes-DRAFT**

Board Members Present:

Marty Connors (P) Tom Martin (VP) Chris Fyler (S) Phil Silverstein (T)
Gerald Dufresne (R) Carol Natitus (R) Seth Kaufman (R) Lynn Fontaine

Board Members Absent:

Mike Panek (ALT) Irwin Krieger (ALT) Kari Olson (R)

Public in Attendance:

Kay Warren Toni Guerin Dan Rackcliffe Jane Rackcliffe Rich Prior
Lori Prior Scott Fyler Pete Monaco Linda Parent John Mayer
Elizabeth Small Michael Paine Lynn Paine Ginny Connors
Ralph Sherman Kathy Little Neil Gordon Richard Parnas

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:06 A.M.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from July 2022 Annual Election Meeting:**
Members were given a brief period to read the minutes. The motion was made by Gerry to accept the minutes, seconded by Seth. The motion was passed unanimously with 1 abstention.
- 3. Presentation of Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was approved during the August BOD meeting. To be compliant with the State of CT, the LCIA will need to change our fiscal year to 08-31 to 07-31. In 2023 the budget will need to be submitted by July 31st. The sequence of the Annual meetings for 2023 will need to be rearranged. The BOD will be working on this over the next few months.
- 4. Presentation of the Budget:**
Marty provided an overview of the budget which included the income, expenses and bank accounts.
- 5. Voting on the Tax Rate:** Current rate of \$218 changing to \$224. Motion made by Gerry and seconded by Tom. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
- 6. Voting on the Budget:** Motion to accept the Budget as proposed was made by Gerry, seconded by John, Approved unanimously, with 1 abstention.

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7. Chairperson's Reports:

- a. **Constable:** Gerry mentioned still issues with golf carts and ATV's. He has spoken to the State Police. Tom has seen the State Police in our area. Post signs for no ATV's is a possibility. Update ordinance to be more specific with regards to the ATV's.
- b. **Boat Launch and Boat Dock:** Gerry has mowed the boat launch and leveled the dock, raked out weeds and removed cat tails.

Beaches - Main & Mothers: There has been an issue with individuals leaving boats, kayaks, garbage on the beach. If you bring it, take it.

- c. **Dam:** Kari was absent but Gerry has mowed the area.
- d. **Environmental Chairperson: Ralph updated everyone on the following:**
 - i. Geese - were down to about 4 early in the season back up to around 25. This is an ongoing battle. The USDA performed addling and a round up.
 - ii. Water - the July water test was good. August testing will be done soon.
 - iii. Weeds - seems to be less then last year
 - iv. Tuesday, August 23rd, the National Lake Association will be out conducting a study for evaluating degrading and deep soil samples. This study is across the U.S. And there is no charge to LCIA. Two boats with motors will be here, they have gotten permission for the Board for this study and the use of the motors.
 - v. The lake is down about 12 inches due to the drought.
 - vi. ADVISORY - be aware of exposed rocks due to the drought when you are in your boats and kayaks
- e. **Roads:** Mark was absent and Lynn provided an update on Greg Peck. Greg has not been around the lake in some time. Mark has driven around to assess the roads. Marty will provide Lynn Greg's contact information.
- f. **Fund Raising:** Mary Griffin has had success in the 1st dance lesson, August 17th which made \$250. Mary would like to have another paint and mingle on September 15th and a square dance event on November 5th. Motion made by Gerry to approve the use of the hall for these two events, seconded by Lynn. Approved unanimously by voice vote, 1 opposed. 1st paint event raised \$140, 2nd paint event raised \$180 for the playscape. **Poker run** was not well attended this year, only raised \$161.
Sept 17th - tag/craft sale \$10 per space see Kathy.
Oct 8th - fall get together from 5 to 8 p.m. Donation \$20 per family, any questions contact Kathy.
Nov 19th - holiday bazaar at the hall. Right now there is only 1 vendor. Please contact Kay Warren if you would like to be a vendor.
Wearables - will be available to order up until Dec. 10th., then again in April of 2023
- g. **Tax Collection:** Tom has letters ready to go within the next month for those behind on their taxes. If no payment is received by November, will proceed with collection through the attorney.
- h. **Hall:** Lynn mentioned just a bereavement was held.

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Septic tank for the Hall was recently pumped out, Phil did confirm a quote will be done soon for the septic replacement as well as the cap.

- i. **Website:** Ralph made mention of “things to do on the lake” section. More to come.

8. **Old Business: No old business**

9. **Public Comments:** Resident asked about visiting boats that enter the lake. Gerry does check incoming boats at the boat launch and has had them clean it off prior to entering the lake.

Resident comment regarding the islands, there should be no one on the islands after dark. There is an ordinance regarding the islands.

10. **New Business: No new business**

11. **Vote on lowering the lake:**

We have lowered the lake the last 2 years. Discussions for and against included cleaning of lakefront, repair of walls, drought, drop in fish, ice skating, dock repair, work party of 5-6 people to start and stop the siphoning. It's targeted to 3 feet down.

Motion to not lower the lake from Tom, seconded by Kay. All in favor to not lower the lake, 20 votes, 3 nays, 2 abstentions.

12. **Adjournment:** Lynn Fontaine moved for adjournment at 12:36 P.M., seconded by Gerry, and approved unanimously.