

Lake Chaffee Meeting Minutes

LCIA General Meeting Draft

August 16, 2026

Date of Meeting: August 16, 2026 This meeting was held at Pirzl Hall

Board Members:

Mike Panek (P)	Tom Martin (VP)	Lynn Fontaine (S)	Erin Szela (T)
Gerald Dufresne (R)	Mary Griffin (R)	Carol Natitus (R)	Seth Kaufman (R)
Phil Silverstein (R)	Kay Warren (R)	Mark Fontaine (Alt)	Mike Paine (Alt)
Alma Miranda (Alt)			

Public in Attendance:

1. **Call to Order:** Mike called the meeting to order at 11:10am
2. **Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes:** of July 2026 Election of Officers Meeting. Tom made a motion to accept, Phil seconded and the motion passed.
3. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** of July 2026 were accepted at the August 12th meeting
4. **Chairmen's Reports:**
 - a. **Boat Launch and Boat Dock:** (Jerry Dufresne) was mowed yesterday, the 15th
 - b. **Constable:** (Jerry Dufresne) Atvs have been seen driving around the lake.
 - c. **Beaches - Main and Mothers:** (Mary Griffin) Mother beach fence was repaired by LCIA member Marty Bier.
 - d. **Dam:** (none) Phil, Mike and Mark will plan a time to remove brush on the Earthen Dam
 - e. **Environmental:** (Ralph Sherman) not in attendance
 - f. **Roads:** (Phil Silverstein) we have received our road repair bill from Greg Peck and it put us over budget.
 - g. **Fund Raising:** (Mary Griffin) not in attendance
 - h. **Tax Collection:** (Tom Martin) Discussion about posting a list of property owners that are behind on their taxes. Several members thought it would be a good idea to post on the LCIA bulletin board and not online. There was also discussion regarding how the Liens process works when taxes are in arrears. Joe Hall suggested a possible Venmo to be set up for people to pay their taxes.
 - i. **Hall:** (Lynn Fontaine) Fire Marshall left a list of updates for the hall which Mike took care of a few and the rest will be addressed as soon as possible.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Lake lowering discussed. Mike attended the August 4th IWWC/DEEP to discuss our lake lowering and was told as long as we continue to vote every year and notify them with the dates and details, then we have been given permission to continue on the way we have been.
 - b. Mike asked for thoughts and discussions on lowering the lake and their thoughts on voting versus a scheduled time.
 - c. A question was asked to possibly change the voting of lowering the lake to the June meeting instead of the August meeting to help with attaining permits and companies to help with work at the shorelines.
 - d. Ivan proposed we vote for the following year to give ample time to attain permits and workmen.

6. Public Comments:

- a. Ivan Wasko thanks the board for the road repair and wants to advise the board of a possible home daycare that is causing a lot of cars on Union Dr
- b. Jerry Dufresne said he had company from Canada and they helped take weeds out of the boat launch.
- c. Mike stated that he received pictures of illegal AirBNB's guests putting their own canoe in the water before washing it and dogs without leashes. There were also kids without life jackets out on the lake from the same Airbnb.
- d. Several members of the audience discussed the weeds and what was the best way to remove them. Mike Paine said you must remove the whole weed and then let them dry out or it is too heavy to move them. John Mayer said they make great compost. Linda Roy stated there are many weeds floating in the lake that should be taken out.

7. New Business: None

- 8. Vote on the Lake Lowering:** Kay made a motion to take a vote on whether Lake Chaffee should be lowered. Erin seconded the motion. A vote was taken by a show of hands but the numbers were incorrect so Mike polled the members one by one. The final numbers were: 17 yes 11 no and 3 people abstained. Motion to lower the lake was passed for 2026.

9. Correspondence : None

- 10. Adjournment:** Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Erin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Lynn Fontaine
Secretary