



Three Mile Lake Association

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Member Meeting Minutes September 1, 2012

Members Present: Joyce Beedie, Jim DeYoung, Susan & Ron Cicchini, Charles & Betsy Hill, Robert & Paula Fisher, Jim Chlada, Judy Schmidt, Lumie Jones, Jill Harring, Bill & Doris Stambaugh, Joseph & Gay Silder, Joe Priola, Joe Posada, Charlie Bear

- I. Meeting was called to order by Ron Cicchini at 10:05 am.
 - a) Ron extended condolences to families of Lake owners that have passed away this year.
 - b) Ron indicated that at the recent Board Meeting, the Board elected the following officers for the upcoming year: Ron Cicchini, President; Jill Harring, Secretary; Jim Chlada, Treasurer; and approved Joyce Beedie as interim director to fill the open position until the next annual meeting.
- II. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the July 7th meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Bill Stambaugh and seconded by Joyce Beedie.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Jim reported that our balance was \$2,634.35 with 46 members paying. There is one outstanding bill to be paid (Website). The annual Michigan Non-Profit Report has been filed (due October 1st). A motion was made by Bill Stambaugh to approve the report and seconded by Lynn Fisher.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a) Professional Lake Management – Ron indicated that everything seems to be okay with the lake at this time. Lake Management has been inspecting and spraying when necessary.
 - b) Membership – Ron requested that if anyone knows of any new people moving in around the lake to let him know.
 - c) Advertising – No new ads to add to the Website. The Board discussed possibly advertising rentals and homes for sale. Something will be put in the newsletter regarding this.

- d) Website – Joyce is keeping the Website up. The Home Page lists all members that are currently supporting the Association. Also on the website are the Lake Management Reports and the lake treatment schedule.
- e) Lake Association e-mails. Jim indicated he received an email from the North American Lake Management Society about their upcoming meeting in Tustin, MI and also an email from someone wanting to rent on the lake. Jim forwarded this email to the individuals he knows that have rental property.

V. Open Issues

- a) Newsletter – Discussion was held on what we might want to include in the next newsletter. Anyone can submit an idea for the newsletter to one of the Board Members. The Fall Newsletter should go out sometime in October/November.
- b) Survey Results: Jim received 15 responses
- c) Boating rules for renters – Joe Posada indicated that the lake owners who rent are responsible to know the rules for boating and noise. Paula Fisher indicated they post the rules on their wall in their cottage. She also complained about boats coming to the Little Lake and “racing” around when it is a “no wake” area. Ron suggested they post a “no wake” sign on the water’s edge.

VI. New Business:

- a) Meeting times and suggested dates for Member meetings: No suggestions were given.
- b) Recent theft of gas tank from boat and raft found on beach. If anyone sees anyone suspicious they should call 911.
 - 1) Joe Posada said to watch out for kids riding bikes in the area that you do not know. Thieves will use these kids as “spotters” to check out the area and watch for when people are not home and then call. Joe suggested you can casually talk with them, introduce yourself; ask them where they live, etc. This might cause them to just leave.
 - 2) Ron said he had an officer from the township stop by his house showing him a Google map of his end of the lake, detailed enough to show the motors on boats with makes and models of boats and notes as to which ones should be taken. They actually were able to follow these individuals to the Detroit area where they found stolen items and who was reselling them...all before they got to Ron’s area.
 - 3) Joyce indicated that she feels it’s a problem when homes have no lights. Motion lights are best.
- c) MSLA Fall Meetings
 - 1) September 29th lake representative meeting at Decatur Library at 9:30 am. Bill Stambaugh said he would attend.

- 2) September 21st – North American Lake Management Society meeting in Tustin MI, “Aquatic Invasive Species & other Current Lake Research”
 - 3) Anyone can attend these meetings. If so, please report back to the Board.
- d) Formation of Picnic Committee for 2013 picnic and annual meeting.
- 1) Bill and Doris Stembaugh offered the use of their property again next year. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Picnic Committee please contact a Board Member. Jill and Jim will be glad to give them the necessary information.
 - 2) July 6th was picked for the date for the picnic for next year with discussion on timing. 5:00 pm was picked for the annual meeting with picnic being held immediately following with the picnic committee making the final decision.
- e) Neighborhood Watch: Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Township Hall. Anyone wishing to attend and bring back information would be appreciated.
- f) Other Issues:
- 1) Bill Stembaugh expressed concern about golf carts on the road, especially the ones driven by young children, which is actually illegal but not enforced. There is a knoll by their house and he feels someone is going to get hurt.
 - 2) Charlie says there is a liability issue with golf carts. Neither homeowners insurance nor auto insurance covers them. Judy Schmidt indicated she has an Umbrella policy that covers hers.
 - 3) Charlie Bear commented on issues from the survey.
 - a. Paving of Little Three Mile Lake Road would not be an Association issue. The owners of the property on that road would need to get a petition signed and take it to the township. If passed, there would be a special assessment divided among the property owners.
 - b. Condition of property. The township regulates this with building codes and blight ordinances. Anyone can complain to the township. It's a long process and is complaint driven and not a quick process.

VII. Adjournment

Joe Posada made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jim Chlada. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.