

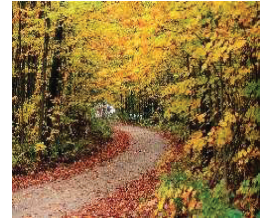
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LLPOA Board Meeting Minutes -October 16, 2014

The LLPOA Board met at the home of Harry Hicks. Present were John Lowden, President, Charlie Backofen, Vice-president, Linda Schwaner, Treasurer, Mary Backofen, Secretary and Directors Harry Hicks, Jared Sawyer, Joe Ridenour, Carolyn Giblin and Joe Giblin and Jon Schwaner.

President Lowden called the meeting to order at 6:45. At that time he made a brief announcement that he was not continuing his term for 2014-15. He turned over the meeting to VP Charlie Backofen who will assume the position of president for the duration of the year.

The Annual Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2014 meeting had been e-delivered to all board members by Mary Backofen, Secretary, for their perusal prior to the meeting. No discussion for corrections of content was necessary. The minutes were then tabled for publication to the membership later in the summer along with the Annual Meeting Notice. These minutes will be approved at the September, 2015 Annual Meeting by the attendees.

The deferred minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting were then read and approved with a motion made by Linda Schwaner and seconded by Jon Schwaner. Motion carried. The minutes of the July 17, 2014 also were read and approved with a motion made by Joe Giblin and seconded by Carolyn Giblin. Motion carried.

Charlie Backofen opened discussion on the budget for 2014-15. A few minor changes were noted: slight increases for utilities, our P.O. Box renewal, the dam inspection and a decrease in the fishing contest allowance. After a review of the budget format, two changes were made on the income statement. A motion to accept the budget was made by Joe Giblin and seconded by Mary Backofen. Motion carried.

Charlie Backofen continued with the topic of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) update. There is no new information and he is anticipating a final inspection sometime this fall. At that time he will file a final report and environmental notice with both IDEM and Brown County respectively.

Linda Schwaner, Treasurer, reported the following:

Checking Account Balance as of 9/30/14 is \$24,092.59

Savings Account Balance as of 9/30/14 is \$10,003.17

SBA Loan Principle Balance as of this meeting date is \$95,549.31

She added that all property dues are in with the exception of 4 members continuing partial payments through December 31, 2014 and 1 member having paid nothing at this point. Also, the board approved Christmas bonuses as in past years to Affordable Services Mowing and our internet/web site monitor.

Director of Complaints and Compliances, Carolyn Giblin, reported none for this quarter. However, at the Annual Meeting the owner of lot #2 raised a concern about the security light on common ground next to his property for which he had made payment for the last 17 years. The board decided to remove the light. The property owner has withdrawn his concern and the situation is resolved. It was noted that at least one more property owner pays for common ground security lighting.

Joe Giblin, Director of Maintenance, had nothing to report

There was no report from the Entertainment Director, Joe Ridenour, as he is new to his position. However, the success of the Annual Meeting under former director, Robert Conway, was noted and applauded by all. The inclusion of a guest speaker and give-a-way items throughout the meeting were well received by those attending.

Jared Sawyer, newly elected Fishing Director, reported that he has been listening carefully to comments on the lake about the fishing. He is planning an organized carp hunt next spring during their spawning season. Details will be published closer to the actual date. He is looking into our LLPOA possibly joining a state-wide lake management association. Two final comments were (1) that the massive amount of leaves in the lake are toxic for the fish, especially the small ones. No property owner should ever purposefully put leaves into our lake (By-law #5) and a reminder of that is forthcoming (2) he proposes a Christmas tree disposal site on the lake to use the trees, hand placed in the lake, as fish habitats. Information is forthcoming. Sinking the trees around docks is discouraged.

Harry Hicks, Director of Long Range Planning, reported that at the Annual Meeting he was approached by several members asking that the number of couples on the board be addressed in the future. Harry considers this a long range planning effort. He did ask those with a concern if they would be willing to volunteer but with no reply. Each year the board publishes the vacancies to be filled and asks for new or returning faces to the board. The board recognizes and encourages as many different properties as possible to be represented. When there are vacancies at the last moment, spouses have stepped up to ensure that positions are filled and the work completed. Carolyn Giblin personally called a host of members asking them to help and with no success this year. Perhaps the concern brought to the attention of Harry will carry over in a renewed interest for the elections next year. The board as always will work hard to recruit.

As a matter of new business, Director Hicks plans to research the proper petition format to be presented to the county commissioners for street improvement on Chickadee Drive and Cardinal Drive. Attending the county commissioners' meetings in groups as large as possible is also part of the initial plan. Information will be forthcoming to our membership.

Jon Schwaner, Director of Communications, will be e-sending a list of reminders for fall and winter activity on the lake. Printed copies will be delivered to those without e-mail.

At 8:40 Linda Schwaner made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mary Backofen. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Backofen, Secretary

Changes in the Executive Board

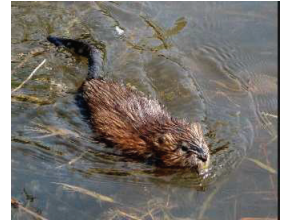
As some of you will note from reading the minutes of the October Board meeting, John Lowden, newly elected President, has resigned his position effective immediately. John cited personal concerns and health issues in making this decision. As an organization we have appreciated his service to and concern for our Lake Neighbors and environment.

As the elected Vice President, Charlie Backofen will assume the duties of President. Harry Hicks will step in to fill the vacancy of Vice President. To fill the Board vacancy John Slater has agreed to return to the Board as Director of Long Term Planning. As a reminder, these positions will be filled as such for the remainder of this year. At the next annual meeting and election of officers, these positions must be filled through the election process.

LLPOA Fall Picnic – 2014

It was a sunny, fall day, September 28, with no fall sweaters or sweatshirts to be seen at our Annual Picnic. The temperature stayed close to 80 degrees with two fire pits and an electric grill available if needed. Marty and Pete Iaria hosted our event and outdid themselves to accommodate their twenty-seven guests. With all of their own extras and the generous amount of food supplied and carried in, nobody could go hungry. Pete's HUGE pot of delicious chili, the beer-steamed brats, hot dogs with trimmings, snacks, side salads and so many desserts say it all. Try your best to come to this event each year....always fun, amazing food and a final good-bye to summer. A hearty thank you again to Marty and Pete from all who attended!





A Problem: Beaver and Muskrat on the Lake

This past summer has seen great activity from one or more beavers on our lake. At least five trees have ended up in the water and another just this past October weekend in Hilficker Cove. One resident lost a tree considerably back from the shoreline in his yard. If those of you who do not at all use your docks check around them, you may see the same evidence. Any small trees in the lake at these docks have been repositioned on the property or removed. Muskrats have also done damage to docks and shorelines over the past few years. These nuisance animals, as described by the Indiana DNR, are active year round.

Last summer, the LLPOA hired a professional to trap habitual muskrats in Thunder Creek on the north end. Despite the sophistication of the trap, the bait, the scent and building a natural setting to hide the trap, the muskrat escaped never to return. The Board then decided to purchase two large and two small traps to allow us to trap ourselves. Continued effort all summer has yielded only raccoons in a trap on occasion and no success with a beaver or muskrat. Mother Nature has outwitted us.

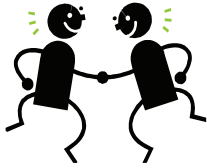
If you repeatedly see a beaver or muskrat, especially in a possible den/habitat area, please contact Joe Giblin, Director of Grounds and Maintenance, at 812-597-0890 or any board member before winter or at the spring thaw or later. If you will set a trap on your shoreline property, Joe has all four cages available for borrowing. After entrapment, the DNR suggests humanely disposing of the animal. Again, please contact a board member for these guidelines or check the Indiana Government web site/DNR. If the population of these nuisance animals continues to grow, the results are obvious for our lake. Please be vigilant on your property. (Editor's note!) I remember as a kid "running the traps" as they called it to catch these animals during the winter months. I think if traps could be placed in the common areas of our lake we may do some good. ARE THERE ANY TRAPPERS ON THE LAKE- or know someone that does trapping!

I want to give Kurt Ellinger a big thank you for volunteering to print and send out our Newsletter at his expense !!

THANK YOU

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Once again I am looking for people to step up and tell us what you do. I tried getting people to tell us about their hobbies and do you know only 5 people on this lake have hobbies, and one of those five people has left the lake already.

I am now going to ask you to tell us about your job, your vocation. (We featured Debbie Thompson in the Summer news letter) Share with us about that place you spend more time with than your wife or family. I know we have Teachers, Preachers, Fortune Seekers. We have Lawyers, Architects, Package Designers, we have Printers, Electricians, Fire Chiefs, Business Owners, Engineers, Salesmen. We have CPA's and Nurses, Florists.

You see we should be able to read an interesting article about your neighbors and never run out of stories. With all that said, I will be asking for people to give me your stories and get your 15 minutes of very limited fame. I just volunteered to go first to get the ball rolling.

My name is *Jon Schwaner* and you see my name in every newsletter. I was volunteered to take this job –I was very happy being in charge of fishing but, there was a need for an Editor so I am what you got!

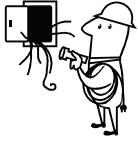
I have a B.S. in Industrial Design from University of Cincinnati. I worked for Inland Container Corp. Tech Center in Indianapolis for 38 yrs. as a Senior Packaging Designer. I designed corrugated (card board) packaging for almost every product that is shipped.

I designed the first total package for Whirlpool when they moved some refrigerator manufacturing into Mexico. I received eight American and one Canadian patents for my designs. I wrote 3 articles on bulk packaging in national packaging magazines. I have been honored by winning first places in several Fiber board competitions.

I am one of those guys who loved their job, and would go back in a minute if I could, but Lung cancer cut my career a bit short. I enjoy my hobby of painting now. Look at my website on "member sites" located on our Lake LaSalle website to see about 50 years of my paintings.

My wife Linda, (she has been Treasurer for 7 years) and I have 5 children, 15 grandkids and 6 great grandkids. We bought our lake heaven in 1997 and we are still weekenders but enjoy our time at the lake. We live Greenwood and do a lot of babysitting.

Those of you still awake, thank you for reading this and remember its your turn next to tell us about you, your job and see if you can also put us to sleep! Please let Mary Backofen or myself know about your story. Thank you and God bless us all.



WHO TO CALL “When you need a helping hand”

Eagle Lawn Care 597-2319 or 317-374-9921 Perry Pierson of Lake LaSalle Road, is available for small projects of 1 or 2 days that include tree work, dock and seawall repair, landscaping, mowing and pressure washings.

Cecil Swafford, Jr. 597-0486 or 812-720-0695 Carpentry, decks, roofs, remodeling

The Chimney Man 812-829-4558-Chimney cleaning by Steve Beaumont

Parker Construction 812-597-4355-Carpentry, decks, roofs, remodeling

Fire in the Hole 765-342-6878- Tree service and chimney service. Contact Wayne Almond.

Critser’s Flowers & Gifts- Shane White in Morgantown -812-597-4551 lives on the lake.

McCloud’s Home Maintenance 317-965-6333-General construction, landscaping, docks and painting, contact Andrew McCloud

Honey Creek Tackle (located south of Bargersville on State Road 135) huge selection of fishing tackle, rods and reels, live bait and quality outdoor gear.

Knight’s Electric licensed and Insured -812-327-3014 (lives on the lake)

Clearshine window and or gutter cleaning service Pleasant St., Edinburgh, IN 46124, Ph. # 812- 350-3481
E-mail clearshine@sbcglobal.net Owner operator is Allan Woolbright