

Lake LaSalle

Property Owner's Association Inc.



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Lake LaSalle Property Owners Association Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at the home of Ed Ranard - President.

Present were Ed Ranard President, Vice President Charlie Backofen, Treasurer Dan Jackson, Secretary David LaFon, Directors Kurt Ellinger, Jared Sawyer, Sally Gindling, Joe Giblin, John Slater and Joe Ridenour.

The minutes of the October 20th 2016 meeting were read by the Secretary. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Sally Gindling and a second by Joe Giblin. Motion passed.

President – Ed Ranard Mentioned the loss of Mary Backofen's mom. Thoughts and prayers go with the family. A thank you card was received from Linda Schwaner for the gift that the LLPOA provided to her. The thank you card was read aloud. An update regarding Lot 51/52 will be given to Ed by Charlie Backofen at a later time.

Storm damage report was given regarding the down tree across LaSalle. Contacted John Slater and best process to remove the tree. John contacted Jared Sawyer for assistance. Ed will remove the remaining branches at a later date. Joe Giblin had a car damaged due to a fallen tree. No one injured, but totaled the car. Power line also hit by tree.

Chickadee looks like a war zone. County has made some much needed repairs in anticipation of redoing the road. Dug out and filled some soft spots, new culverts on some driveways, wider ditches, etc... Looks like they are doing the work the right way. Ed speaks to the workers to get an update on the progress. Ed felt that the contractor flushed in 5 acres of dirt into the lake. The Brown County Water has also been working on the main water taps. They did a lot of damaged to Tammy's yard next to Three Story Hill. The contractors are supposed to come back in nice weather and fix, reseed any members properties that had damaged due to the construction. Charlie Backofen mentioned that the contractors only do what the Brown County Water tells them to do. So the LLPOA may need to stay on top of the Brown County Water to ensure repairs to properties are completed. LLPOA wants to make sure all residents are satisfied with the property restorations.

Vice President – Charlie Backofen Filed the 990 tax form for being a Not-for-Profit corporation. Copy given to Ed. Mowing contract bids will be submitted to 3 other companies besides STB Lawn care, which is our current vendor. We should have something in place by the next meeting. Charlie Backofen has letters from last year that he will use this year to submit for the bids. John Slater mentioned we had a few issues with STB Lawn Care, but STB quickly resolved them. Some complaints were cutting the grass to high, not weed eating along the edge of the water. STB Lawn Care resolved issues quickly. Last year then did run across a yellow jacket hive in the ground. Bad season for bees.

Charlie Backofen also mentioned that new signs were made but not installed yet. Waiting to do entire project at once and did not want to interfere with current road work. Tammy, next to Three Story Hill, has approved the placement of one of the signs on her property. Curtis McCloud offered to help install the signs. The question also came up on a specific location on Cardinal.

Treasurer – Dan Jackson reported the following account information:

Dues Collected: \$17,889.84
Remaining Dues: \$27,582.16
One person making payments at this time.

Checking: \$28,192.01
Savings: \$14,968.26 with interest of \$0.25
SBA Loan: \$52,195.33 with payoff amount of \$52,372.65

Dan Jackson suggested adding a \$50 late fee if dues are not received by January 31st and add a \$5 convenience fee for members who are making payments. Dan Jackson's issue is that he has to monitor the P.O. Box more often waiting on those payments. If payment is not received, he has to call or send out additional letters. Sally Gindling mentioned that there was a lot of push back when the due date was changed from May 31st to January 31st for the yearly dues. She does not recall the reason for the change. She mentioned that when the change occurred, the previous owners were grandfathered in and their due date would still be May 31st. Any new owners, the due date would be January 31st. The current process is that the dues are due by January 31st, notices go out in June, July meeting, decisions are made on which members to file a lien against. A 10% fee is added to the lien. Sally Gindling thought there was an option to make multiple payments. Previous Treasurer did not want to charge a convenience fee for a payment plan. Charlie Backofen indicated that the board could impose a \$5 convenience fee for those making payments and it could be done with a board resolution. Charlie Backofen indicated very few liens are filed now since payment plans are available. In the past, LLPOA would file a large number of liens. Dan Jackson indicated that he does not have a list of members that normally make payments. Charlie Backofen indicated that the previous Treasurer had a spreadsheet listing payment plan members. Dan Jackson felt that any member wanting to make payments should have the reason stated and be approved by the board. Suggestion was made to change the due date back to May 31st. Notice would go out prior to January, but would be considered late after May 31st. A convenience fee would be added if the member wanted to make payments from January until May. This would cover any grandfather clauses. The discussion will be further research and tabled until the next meeting.

Dan Jackson also submitted a memo concerning the commercial insurance policy. Asked if there were any changes. Policy premiums did not change. A question was asked about our liability insurance. Charlie Backofen indicated that we cannot be sued for someone else's stupidity. Jared Sawyer asked if there needs to be a sign on the Cardinal dam. The dam is on private property. Charlie Backofen thought the dam was built when the lake was built. The dam is on the DNR register. The DNR recommends having the dams inspected, but it is not a requirement.

Secretary - David LaFon Lot 24 7953 LaSalle Rd is up for sale and a seller's packet was delivered on 1/24/17 Lot 35, Tim Kelly sold the lot. Gretchen and Jerod are new owners of the lot. No contact information yet.

Complaints - Joe Giblin One complaint regarding a boat getting too close to someone fishing on the lake.

Entertainment - Joe Ridenour mentioned that there would be no Polar Bear Plunge in the lake this year. Waiting on warmer weather to plan an event.

Fishing - Jared Sawyer No report. Others mention that some large fish have been caught in the lake.

Long Range Planning - Sally Gindling Charlie Backofen gave Sally Gindling some old documents. She is organizing the information and creating a list of things that were done and things to think about in the long term. She is about ½ way thru the documents. She did get the measuring poles and log book. Once the lake returns to a normal level she and John Slater will take some measurements.

Maintenance - John Slater. Charlie Backofen mentioned that they took some training on Incident And Emergency Action Plan. (IAEAP). This is a detailed plan in case of an emergency involving the dam. Joh Slater is the Coordinator , Charlie Backofen is the Assistant Coordinator, David LaFon is communications. The final plan will be mailed to the PO Box. Included in the plan is a map of what would happen in case of a total breach. This should be available by the next meeting. This plan was done with grant money. Otherwise it would have cost thousands to do this. Charlie Baclofen spoke to the DNR regarding our fair rating and tried to find out why we only have a fair rating when all inspections have been good. The DNR states that the engineering firm we are using does not have a good reputation. DNR could not recommend one. Charlei Backofen suggested possibly using Chris Burk for the 2018 inspection. A fair rating does not affect our insurance rates. The 2008 flood has been the closest to a major breach. However our dam worked well. Chris Burk mentioned an incident in Iowa where the POA never tested the lift gates on their dam. When they needed to use them, the lift gates did not work and the dam breached and caused fatalities. The POA was held responsible. That is why it is important to stay on top of these items.

Communications - Kurt Ellinger Working modernizing the website. He has been keeping everything up-to-date. Removed Mike Vanhorn as an approved boat vendor. Kurt Ellinger requested a new boat vendor to be added to the list.

Old Business - None

New Business – Suggested was made by Dan Jackson to increase the boating hours due in the summer due to Day Light Savings time. New hours would need to be approved by the membership. Hours are listed in Bylaw #16. Next meeting, have a resolution to change the hours and send out to the membership. We would need 51% of the membership to approve the change.

Motion to adjourn by Sally Gindling and second David LaFon. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next Board Meeting on Thursday April 20th 6:30pm at Dan Jackson's home.

Respectfully submitted,
David LaFon, Secretary, LLPOA

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2016/2017 Board of Directors

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Officers			
Ed Ranard President	2016	2017	Email bcsandsailor@gmail.com Ph. (812) 597-4089 Cell (765) 516-3542
Charlie Backofen Vice President, Budget/Finance	2016	2017	Email chasbac@aol.com Ph. (812) 597-4871
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David LaFon Secretary	2016	2017	Email davidlafon@att.net Cell (317) 319-2872
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Joe Ridenour Entertainment	2014	2017	Email jsridenour@live.com Ph. (812) 597--0135
Kurt Ellinger Communications Newsletter/Website	2015	2018	Email kurtell@icloud.com Cell (317) 514-7003
Joe Giblin Complaints & Compliance Building	2015	2018	Email jgiblin@sbcglobal.net Ph. (812) 597-0890
Jared Sawyer Fishing	2014	2017	Email jared.sawyer22@gmail.com Cell Ph (316) 409-5055
John Slater Maintenance	2016	2019	Email grnhog63@yahoo.com Cell (317) 459-1094
Sally Gindling Long Term Planning	2016	2019	Email sagindling@yahoo.com Cell (317) 626-0455

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