

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Board Meeting Minutes Monday, September 12, 2016 7:00 p.m. at KLCC

Greeting and Call to Order

Present: Barbara Montgomery Nelson, Mike Needham, Don Riach, Debbie Doe, Warren English, Edgar Reihl (via phone), Andy Rieth, Sharon Snyder, Julie Stutesman, Doug Van Meter

Absent: Allison Kirsch, Julie Lavidge

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by president Barbara Montgomery Nelson.

Barb welcomed the members. She noted we had a busy beginning of the year, and the main task at this meeting is to begin organizing for next year's activities. She also proposed meeting March—October, instead of April—October, since the bulk of decisions and tasks are in the spring and early summer.

Treasurer's Report—Don Riach

Don presented both August and September Treasurer's Reports for approval.

- \$12,500 was paid out for fireworks-donation income from fireworks was \$14,000, which covers the costs for the fireworks; the number of donors was down from last year; however, the amount collected increased.
- KLA has a membership level of 342 this year.
- KLA received a refund from the Michiana Trash Removal Company.
- There expenses for weed control and fireworks presented for approval.

After reviewing and discussing the report, **Andy Rieth made a motion to accept the report; Doug VanMeter seconded it, all members approved, and the treasurer's report was accepted.**

After Don reviewed expenses for fireworks and weed control **a motion was made by Doug VanMeter to approve the payment of these expenses; Mike Needham seconded it, all members approved, and the motion carried.**

Committees Updates

- **Beach Representatives (Sharon Snyder)**
Shelley Cartwright will take over for Mike Waszak as a beach rep for Sunnyside Beach area. The Beach Rep Picnic will be June 5, 2016, hosted by Sara and Terry Lee.
- **Communications/Website (Edgar Reihl)**
Edgar is looking for a PDF of the Spring Newsletter; Barb will check to see if she can obtain a copy of it for him.
- Andy asked if the board should rethink delaying the posting of the Newsletter until the close of the season. He pointed out that it contains information relevant to the whole summer. Edgar offered the possibility of creating a login onto the website for KLA members. He can make all current KLA information and correspondences available to members this way. He offered to create a practice login page for the board members to review at the October meeting .

- **Dam (Warren English)**
Warren reported that on December 1, 2016, the dam will be raised to the required state level, and that the water level has been stable. Warren noted that the stability is a result of Jamie Kasey's vigilance to keep the water levels balanced, especially after heavy rains. Normally, Warren checks the dam every 10 days to 2 weeks as well as after heavy storms to make sure no debris is stuck in the dam's mechanisms.
- **Fireworks (Warren English, Andy Rieth, Debbie Doe, Barbara Montgomery Nelson, Julie Stutesman)**
Barb will check with RKM to make sure a contract is in place for next year's fireworks. Warren will research costs for replacing the decking on the pontoon boat, the costs for new barrels for the barges, and the possibility of renting overhead lights for the staging area. He will talk with Tom Fudge to set lifts for fireworks, which would reduce volunteer manpower. Debbie will create a to do list for the fireworks and have it prepared for the October meeting.
- **Membership Database-(Don Riach, Debbie Doe)**
There are 342 current members; we are going to make an effort to get addresses of residents who live off the lake, so we can make them available in the directory. Don noted that new addresses and/or updates should be provided to him or to Debbie.
- **Directory/Newsletter (Barb Montgomery Nelson Julie Stutesman, Julie Lavidge, Allison Kirsch)**
Barb mentioned that she is working on improvements for next year's directory. We have a credit from advertising of \$2,035.60 which will go into the KLA general fund.
- **DNR/Marine Patrol (Andy Rieth)**
Bill Smith reported to Andy that no major incidents occurred between Memorial Day and Labor Day on the lake; Andy noted that the speed limit is 55 MPH on all Michigan Lakes; Andy will look into offering a Boater's Safety Class on two Saturdays in May at Klinger Lake Country Club or the White Pigeon Library.
- **History (Doug VanMeter)**
Doug said he has sold some of the *History of Klinger Lake Books* and that some are still available for \$35 each—Edgar offered to publicize their availability on the website.
- **Water Quality/Michigan Lakes & Streams (Mike Needham)**
Mike has information on meetings regarding Michigan lakes and information pertinent to them if anyone would like to attend. One is Saturday, September 17, and the second is Wednesday, September 28. On September 22, Mike will be conducting chlorophyll and phosphorus testing on Klinger. He reported that the water quality the transparency readings have been good throughout the summer, and moving into Fall, the transparency will continue to improve.

Old Business—Doug VanMeter reported that he still has some of the old color maps of Klinger Lake available. The board discussed parking at the public access and questioned under whose jurisdiction it falls.

New Business—Address changing the beginning KLA monthly meeting from April to March; investigate the possibility of conducting online meetings rather than physical meetings.

The next KLA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM at KLCC.

Mike Needham motioned to adjourn the meeting; Andy Rieth seconded the motion, all members approved, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Doe, KLA Secretary

