

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Board Meeting – Monday June 10th, 2024

In person: Kirby Baker, Chris Bowers, Allison Kirsch, Katie Kitchen, Mike Needham, Edgar Reihl

Via ZOOM: Rick Knoedler, Mary Vogt

Absent: Debbie Doe, John Dresser, Barb Pancoast, Andy Rieth

Guests Present: n/a

Mike Needham called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

We did not review / approve the May minutes

Treasurer's Report:

Kirby Baker emailed reports out for the month of May. We have approximately 201 paid memberships (vs 299 as of this date last year) and 185 fireworks donations (vs 271 last year). Donation amounts in both categories are significantly lower than last year. After discussion, the Board recommended a USPS 'Money Appeal' for both membership contributions and fireworks donations. Mike Needham will produce and send the mailing. The board was reminded that only PAID members are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. A process will be in place to check membership rolls before distributing ballots at the meeting on 6/15/24. **A motion was made by Chris Bowers to approve the Treasurer's report as issued, seconded by Edgar Reihl. Motion passed.**

The board approved a payment of \$340 to Mike Needham for reimbursement for gift cards for the Beach Representatives in lieu of a beach representative picnic.

Chris Bowers moved that we set a budget of \$1000 for additional Sheriff's Marine Patrol staffing. Motion was seconded by Edgar Reihl. Motion carried.

From our April, 2024 meeting

A motion was made to allocate \$2000 for extra coverage by marine patrol by Debbie Doe and 2nd by Edgar Reihl. All members approved and the motion was passed.

We will have to decide which motion to follow – it is safe to say we want more coverage!

History:

Katie Kitchen has organized a binder full of old newspaper and magazine articles which will remain a part of our collection.

Water Quality:

Chris Bowers reported that Secchi disk transparency was at 16.5 feet. This is in line with past years' data. PLM will be treating 2 small areas of Eurasian Watermilfoil later this week. At this time, we are not seeing any starry stonewort in the lake (hurray!).

Fireworks:

Mary Vogt reported that 2 of the 3 permits required are in place and the third one should be finalized soon. Mary requested cash for use to provide tips to the RKM on-site team and to the Klinger Lake Marina workers. **Chris Bowers moved that we approve an amount Not To Exceed \$1650 for tips for the Fireworks (budgeting \$600 for RKM and \$1050 for the Marina team). Motion was seconded by Kirby Baker. Motion carried.** We're still working to get language to cover Matt Wolf as part of the insurance for the fireworks. Also, we confirmed the availability of the Klinger Lake Yacht Club 'sailing buoys' to mark off the boundaries of the Fall Out zone for 2024. Mary Vogt will coordinate the placement of these buoys by Paul Monsen and the Marina team. Mary Vogt will also work with Andy Rieth to confirm Marine Patrol staffing for the show. Edgar Reihl will deliver pizzas to the workers again this year.

Real Estate:

Allison Kirsch provided a real estate report for the most recent time period.

Old/New Business:

- Dick Magee has contacted the Board regarding the possibility of having the KLA purchase the rights to the Klinger Lake book. We plan to discuss this in either the July or August meeting. Dick has no preconceived notion as to the value of the book rights.
- This year's Invasive Species Blitz and Mobile Boat Wash will be on Sunday July 7th this year.
- Annual Meeting slides were reviewed. Adjustments will be made and new versions distributed to speakers no later than Wednesday, June 12.
- Chris Bowers created ballots for Board Member elections for the Annual Meeting. The ballot will list 2 incumbents (Pancoast and Knoedler) and 2 new board members (Joe Davis and Karol Andree). Chris also reported that we have 2 additional people who have expressed interest in becoming a member of the board (Bob Battjes and Marty Cathcart)
- There was a discussion regarding operating / maintaining the Klinger Lake dam. Responsibility for the dam belongs to the St Joseph County Drain Commission (Jeff Wenzel is currently Drain Commissioner) but is delegated to the KLA. We currently have a volunteer who has managed the dam for a long time. We are not looking to replace our current volunteer but are seeking a backup plan should one be needed. Mike Needham reported that Jeff Wenzel is exploring 3 potential resources.
- The board approved the installation of a QR Code sign to inform wake boat visitors of operating recommendations

Kirby Baker moved we adjourn, Edgar Reihl seconded the motion, all members approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Needham, KLA