

# THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



## KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION August 11, 2013 *Draft Annual Meeting Minutes<sup>i</sup>*

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Doug Van Meter, Barbara Montgomery, Suzi Puckett, Carol Preble, Allison Kirsch, Edgar Reihl, Joyce Sterrett, Jim Beattey

**Board Members Absent:** Jamie Kasey, Don Riach, Dan Evert

**General Attendees:** Thirty-two (32) people plus board members in attendance.

Doug Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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The minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved as presented. (See attached.) The Board Members and the Beach Representatives were introduced and thanked for their service.

Doug thanked retiring board members Jim Beattey, Jamie Kasey and Dan Evert for their enthusiastic support and said they had been a great asset to the board. A gift was presented to Jim Beattey as a token of the Board's appreciation. Gifts will also be distributed to Jamie Kasey and Dan Evert who were not present. Suzi Puckett thanked the Beattey's for their generous hospitality for hosting the Beach Representative Picnic over the past several years.

The following names were placed in nomination to be elected to the Board. There were no nominations from the floor. The below candidates were unanimously elected.

- Warren English, Sandy Beach
- Trudy Harnell, Mound Springs
- Mike Needham, Dogwood Hills
- Andy Rieth, Sunnyside

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Doug Van Meter presented copies of the Treasurer's Report on Don Riach's behalf since he was absent from the meeting. Doug reviewed the details with the KLA members in attendance.
- There are 324 KLA members to date in 2013.
- Suzi moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and the motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Water Treatment – Dan Evert**

- Doug VanMeter presented Dan's written report in his absence.
- In January, we received the report from the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program providing us with the results of our water testing in 2012. The phosphorus, chlorophyll and Secchi disk averages were in line with the previous years.
- This last spring, as many people around the lake observed, the water was not its usual crystal clear but had a dark greenish tint to it. This observation was confirmed when Dan did the May Secchi disk readings. Typically readings in May range from 25 to 28 feet clarity. This year May reading was 7 to 8 feet. It was also observed that the creek coming in from Lake Tamarack was also greenish. A water sample from the lake was tested for phosphorus. The thinking here was that possibly all the fertilizer put on surrounding farm land was somehow getting into the lake and causing the decreased visibility. The results came back that no phosphorus was detected in the water.
- In June, Dan met with a biologist from Aquatic Weed Control to map the lake for invasive weeds. Dan discussed the decreased water clarity with him as he does water clarity testing for several area lakes. He said that the Secchi disk readings were lower in all lakes this year and was attributed to the heavy spring rainfalls. During a rainfall, the cooler rainwater falls to the bottom of a lake and the warmer water rises to the surface bringing nutrients from the lake bottom sediments causing the water to turn green.
- The lake inspection for invasive weeds found three patches, the total cost for treatment of these areas was \$3,140 for the following:
  - One small plant at the south end of the lake
  - A large area of growth at the north end of the ski course
  - A patch close to the inlet

### **Directory – Carol Preble**

- This year's Directory had 65 advertisers. Typically, the KLA start the sales right after April meeting,
- Carol and her team are always looking for volunteers to help. Contact Carol Preble if you are interested.
- There are extra Directories available for only \$5 for existing members.

### **Dam – Doug VanMeter (notes from Jamie Kasey)**

- Trash seems to be a problem at the Dam in the fall and spring. Last year was probably the worst that Jamie Kasey has seen in five (5) years; there was a significant amount of yard waste.
- Maintaining the lake level has been fairly routine with the exception of the 6 to 7 inches of rain that we received less than 24 hours before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Bill Smith – Sherriff's Department**

- The St. Joseph's County Sheriff's Department patrols Klinger Lake between Memorial Day to Labor Day. During off season, from Labor Day to Memorial Day, lake residents may call Central Dispatch at 269.467.4195. This is similar to a 911 call, except is a non-emergency number and the Sheriff's Department will dispatch to Klinger Lake on a need-be-basis. The Sheriff's Department is on-call no matter the time of day.
- Brad Brewer, Conservation Officer, may also be contacted for general information and may be reached at 269.270.8086. Brad has more power than the road officers.

- Klinger Lake Statics for 2013:
  - 117 Patrol Hours
  - 696 Contacts
  - 9 Tickets
  - 26 Warnings
  - 5 Complaints
- 2013 Ticket Descriptions:
  - Under Age Operation of a PWC and Careless/Reckless
    - 4 Citations and 7 Warnings
  - Wrong Direction
    - 1 Citation and 4 Warnings
  - No Observer or Personal Floatation Device (PFD)
    - 2 Citations and 7 Warnings
  - No Registration/Boater Certificate
    - 2 Citations and 8 Warnings
- Major changes to new laws:
  - Driving clockwise or the wrong way around the lake is now a misdemeanor. Punishable by up to \$500 or 30 days in jail.
  - Paddle boards must have life jackets, strap it to your board, don't need to wear them. They are now issuing tickets.
- There have been no accidents on Klinger Lake in the past two years. Boater traffic is down.

### **Fireworks Committee**

- The current Fireworks Committee has plans to step down. There are seeking volunteers and will help with a transition plan. They will publicize on the website this announcement.

### **Real Estate**

- Allison shared a market conditions report. Currently there are 18 homes on the market, 2 sales pending and 4 homes sold. There has been quite a bit of activity on the lake in 2012 compared to previous years.
- She also indicated that typically homes are selling in the 80% range. Allison provided a Market Conditions Detailed Report to the attendees of the KLA Annual Meeting.

### **Website**

- Suzi thanked Edgar Reihl for his efforts to keep our KLA Website up to date as well as communication efforts via Facebook.

### **KLCC**

Jim Riley and Megan Yoder attended and provided news and updates on the Klinger Lake Country Club (KLCC).

### **Jim Riley, President KLCC**

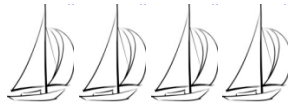
- Membership has grown from 160 to 317 members. There were approximately 5 or 6 new members in 2013. KLCC has a new chef and new staff in 2013. There is also a new Club Manager – Megan Yoder, doing a fabulous job!
- There are lots of great events happening at KLCC:
  - Easter and Mother's Day Brunches

- Comedy Club
- Lawn Concert
- Dualing Piano's
- Karaoke
- Author Luncheon, Ann Markum Walsh,
- Fashion Show
- Trivia Night
- Half-off Wine Night and Bonus Drawing for free food
- This year KLCC will be hosting the 60<sup>th</sup> Golf Invitational, participants will wear what they wore in 1954.
- It is anticipated that there will be a 30% loss of the interest in the game of golf in the next few years. Many club facilities nationally will be impacted and potentially closed due to lack of interest. Jim urges all to continue to support our club in our community and thanked those that are members today.
- The last week in September the club will be shutting down for the season. It will be open for private parties in December. There is no new years eve events planned.
- There were seven (7) weddings this year; KLCC hopes to continue to grow the private events to help support the costs of the club. They are already scheduled for 5-7 weddings next year as well as class reunions.

#### Questions:

- John Nelson -- Dive and Rescue? What is that status? Do they need anything?
  - Bill Smith – Cory Lake has been very generous, call Jason Bingaman if interested in conversations
- Andy Reith – Who is enforcing the fishing tournaments, laws due to parking?
  - Bill Smith – Registration is done online.
  - Doug Van Meter – DNR owns it, 15 or more boats is considered a tournament. Working with the DNR and having a new sign that is up to date on rules.
  - Bill Smith – Sherriff can ticket for power loading, and wrong direction for fisherman going fast and wrong way.
- Mark Kirsch – Power washing of boats...is their signage addressing this issue?
  - Doug Van Meter – yes there is a sign there today.
- Unknown? -- More and more buoys seem to be popping up on Klinger every year.
  - Bill Smith – He does not enforce that, DNR enforces these. Landowner issues? The dock is your property, the water is public. They are liable for anything that runs into this.
  - Bob Koszyk says he has obtained permits for his buoys from the DNR.
- John Nelson – Have any donations been made with the KLA funds recently?
  - Doug VanMeter – Yes, we would like to continue to bank roll our funds to protect the lake if we have a weed infestation.
- Jack Grimm – Trip through outlet, how many weeds, hardly get through, milfoil?
  - Doug VanMeter – We will have the area inspected
- Mark Kirsch – Mentioned a few items
  - Recommended to change the day of the Annual Meeting to gain more participation, a Saturday morning coffee?
  - Asked if anyone knows if the mosquito spraying is safe, works? He shared concerns about haz-mat suits and what chemicals are being used.

- Suggested KLA do some special events, maybe create a committee that would enhance our community, Cruise in Drive in Theatre, other ideas?
- Mentioned the recent negative opinions being expressed on the Klinger Lake Facebook Page
  - Edgar Riehl – There are three (3) Klinger Lake Groups, 600 members, impossible corral, keep it a friendly group, removed posts, free country, people can say what they want, monitor it for spammers and monitor it like a hawk. 4 other administrators
- KLA mission statement read at every annual meeting
  - Doug indicated it's found in the front of the KLA Directory
- John Nelson asked if there was a KLA liaison for the local government.
  - Doug replied that the KLA doesn't have anyone at this time.



The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.  
Barb made a motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Joyce. Motion carried.

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<sup>i</sup> These minutes are not final until approved by the members at the next annual meeting, which in this case will be held in August of 2014.