

# THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



## KLA April Board Meeting Minutes Debbie Doe's Cottage April 17, 2017

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**Attended in person:** Debbie Doe, Allison Kirsch, Mike Needham, Barb Montgomery Nelson, Don Riach, Sharon Snyder, Julie Stutesman, Doug Van Meter,

**Attended via phone:** Edgar Reihl

**Absent:** Warren English, Julie Lavidge, Andy Rieth

President Barbara Montgomery Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were no visitors present.

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### **President-Welcome and Remarks**

Barb Montgomery Nelson welcomed members and thanked them for their time and dedication to KLA.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Don Riach reported that membership payments are coming in, both electronically and through the mail. 172 members have paid so far, compared to 165 paid last year at this time.

- Treasurer's Report

Don presented and explained the current Treasurer's Report

**A motion was made by Doug Van Meter to accept the Treasurer's Report;** Julie Stutesman seconded the motion; all members approved, and the motion carried.

- Expenses for payment

Don explained the current expenses which totaled \$423.27 to Postnet for 2017 Dues Mailers and postage to distribute them.

**A motion was made by Mike Needham to approve the payment to Postnet for printing and distribution of the 2017 Dues Notice Mailers;** Sharon Snyder seconded the motion; all members approved, and the motion carried.

- Change in insurance company and costs for the 2017 Fireworks

Don explained that there may be a change in the insurance provider for the 2017 Fireworks. The 2016 policy was through West Bend Company, provided through WE English Insurance. West Bend Company no longer is affiliated with WE English. There are two options to insure (1) stay with West Bend directly, or (2) stay with WE English and insure through Cincinnati Insurance Company (or a similar company recommended by WE English). After discussing the pros and cons, the Board felt it would be advantageous to stay with WE English and have them assist us in finding the right company and coverage since they are familiar with our coverage needs.

**A motion was made by Doug Van Meter to stay with WE English to have them help the Board determine the best insurance provider for the 2017 Fireworks;** Mike Needham seconded the motion; all members approved, and the motion carried.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Beach Representatives**

Sharon Snyder explained that she has communicated with all Beach Reps and that all beaches are covered for 2017 as well as the following:

- KLA Annual Picnic Board and Beach Rep Picnic will be held on June 5 at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Terry and Sara Lee on Crooked Creek Road
- Ryan Speicher and Ashley Vercler will be South Sandy Beach Reps
- Beach Rep names need to be updated in the Newsletter
- Beach Rep emails will be collected to help ease of communication

### **Communications/Website**

Edgar Reihl reported that the Klinger Lake Association Website and Facebook page are up and running with normal traffic for this time of year. Also, he reported that members are using the online payment options.

### **Dam**

In Warren English's absence, Jamie Kasey has been checking the dam and reported the following to Barb

- On April 12 the dam was plugged up with debris (leaves, branches) which had been tossed into the creek. Jamie worked to remove the debris
- The lake is at an acceptable level for this time of year

The Board discussed concerns over the continued dumping of yard waste and debris into the lake and creek. They agreed on the importance to continue to reach out to residents and their workers to educate them of the problems that the dumping of debris into the lake and stream creates. The Board discussed whether or not taking pictures of the debris and clogged dam area and posting them on the website and Facebook page might help residents understand the problem better.

### **Fireworks**

Barb Montgomery Nelson and Debbie Doe reported that the 2017 Fireworks planning is in full swing

- Fireworks will be held July 3, with a July 4 rain date
- Barb has a signed contract with RKM Fireworks Company and Debbie is securing the permits, verifying insurance, and will be ordering flares
- Warren English is securing workers/volunteers to help move and stage fireworks
- The Fireworks Flyer will be put together and mailed out again by Postnet in May

### **Membership Database**

Don Riach reported that he continues to update the contact information as KLA membership checks come in. This year, so far, he has only had a couple of Dues Mailers returned. The information in the database is what is pulled to be entered into the KLA Directory. The Board discussed the following questions:

- The database has 100-120 residents who do not pay dues-should the database/directory keep these name in?
- What is the purpose of the directory?

### **Directory/Newsletter**

Barb Montgomery Nelson reported that both directory and newsletter are in the works

- 90% of the content is completed
- Board members have been editing, revising and reviewing content of both
- Looking for ideas for cover and inside images- suggested pictures by lake residents/photographers

### **DNR/Marine Patrol**

Andy Reith supplied information regarding the Boater Safety Classes. The KLA Board hopes to reach more out of state kids and make the Boater Safety Class available one additional date, June 24.

## **Boater Safety Classes**

- A Boater Safety Class will be held Sat., 6/17 at Centreville Court House from 9am-3pm. No lunch is provided.
- A KLA sponsored Additional Boater Safety Class is scheduled for Sat., 6/24 from 9 am-3 pm at the White Pigeon Public Library. Roger Schrock will be the instructor. \$50 room charge, no lunch provided.
- The classes will be publicized via KLA Newsletter, KLA website, KL FB page, local newspaper, flyers at area establishments, WP Library events page, etc. All other suggestions/ideas for publicity are welcomed.

Previously, the Board had discussed the benefits of sponsoring an additional Boater Safety Class at Klinger Lake Country Club in order to reach more out of town young people. Space at KLCC was not available, so instead it is tentatively scheduled at the White Pigeon Township Library.

**A motion was made by Don Riach to approve KLA payment for both the \$50 room rental fee and to provide lunch for participants in the Boater Safety Class; Julie Stutesman seconded the motion; all members approved, and the motion carried.**

## **Mobile Boat Wash**

Andy Reith contacted Dr. Jo Latimor (MSU) and Kevin Walters about the Mobile Boat Wash and Landing Blitz programs. He expressed the KLA's interest in hosting one. The dates when the Mobile Boat Wash is available are July 1-9. July 9 is a date that the Board will look into to offer it.

## **History**

Doug Van Meter reported that he still has Bob Hair's *Klinger Lake History* for available for \$30.

## **Real Estate**

Allison Kirsch reported that inventory is down. There are currently 8 homes for sale on the lake, 2 with deeded lake access. In 2016, 6 homes sold. Since January 1, 2017, 1 sold; 1 pending.

## **Water Quality/Michigan Lakes & Streams**

Mike Needham reported that there is a book made available for \$20 by Michigan Lake & Stream Associations. It is titled *The Practical Guide to Lakefront Living: Enjoying and Conserving Your Lake*. The book can be ordered through the MLSA website <http://www.mymlsa.org/> under the Resources Tab, Books and Publications.

## **Miscellaneous Items**

### **Decals and Stickers**

After a brief discussion about 2017 decals and stickers, **a motion was made by Mike Needham to order KLA decals with dates and Keep Klinger Clean stickers to distribute to KLA members for 2017;** Doug Van Meter seconded the motion; all members approved, and the motion carried.

**Mike Needham motioned to adjourn the meeting;** Allison Kirsch seconded the motion; all members approved, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

The next Board meeting will be held May 8, 7 pm at Debbie Doe's cottage

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Doe, Secretary KLA

