

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Board Meeting Minutes

April 14th, 2014

7pm, KLCC

Present: Doug VanMeter, Barb Montgomery, Mike Needham, Warren English, Allison Kirsch, Trudy Harnell, Carol Preble, Susan Puckett and Andy Rieth (via phone connection)

Absent: Edgar Reihl, Joyce Sterrett, Don Riach

Doug called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. There were not visitors present.

President's Remarks

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1. Last fall Doug was approached by the Riparian regarding their desire to have an article about Klinger Lake for their magazine. Doug contacted Dick Magee and asked him to write an article for submission. His article will appear in the Spring issue.
 2. The dues notices were sent out in early March. Of the 434 sent, only 16 were returned as undeliverable.
 3. The four board members whose terms expire this year are: Carol Preble, Doug VanMeter, Barb Montgomery, and Allison Kirsch. The nominating committee of Don, Suzi and Carol will contact these board members to see if they want to run for another term, and to find others for nomination if needed.
 4. The history books were ordered and have been delivered. Doug sent one to Shelley Connors as a thank you from the board for all the work she did to make this happen. Doug will be in charge of the sales. The availability of the books are currently posted on both the KLA website and in the newsletter.
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Treasurer's Report

Doug distributed two reports in Don's absence. The first covered the time frame of Oct 14-Dec 31, 2013. There was no income during that time, and expenses included the printing of the history books. There were 325 paid members for 2013. The second report covered the time frame Jan 1-April 11, 2014. Income for this time included 252 paid memberships for 2014. Expenses included the cost of the dues notice and the 500 tote bags which will be given to all 2014 paid members. At the next meeting a budget will be discussed. Note: It appears there was no motion to accept the treasurer's report, and this oversight will be addressed in the next meeting.

Review of October 2013 minutes

Suzi distributed copies of the minutes for review. Andy made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike seconded and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Beach Reps/ Welcome Bags

Barb has an updated list of current beach representatives. She and Trudy will be distributing the welcome bags to new residents. Suzi requested that the beach representatives be asked to identify any full time or seasonal renters on their beach and report back to Barb. These renters need to be in the data base as well as included in the welcome bag distribution.

2014 Newsletter

Barb is accepting all articles and other content for the newsletter. The deadline for articles is April 30. Suzi will contact WP Twp and Sturgis for information. Dick Magee will be asked to submit an article. Barb will work with the committee and Portage Printing to finalize the newsletter.

Data Base update

Doug provided Suzi with the returned dues notice forms and other lists indicating changes for the data base. She will be updating the base as more forms come in.

Lake Directory

Carol and her committee have started soliciting ads for the 2014 directory. Her committee members are; Merry Krzemienski, Noreen Owczarzak, Trudy Harnell, and Barb Evert. Carol will work the Portage Printing to proof the directory before printing.

Water testing / Treatment

Mike will not be attending the Spring ML&SA meeting since he just attended last Fall's meeting at Higgins Lake. He distributed several laminated copies of a booklet containing pictures and descriptions of various plant species found in Michigan Lakes. These booklets were created by an association at Paradise Lake, MI. Mike reported that lake monitoring will begin next week.

Marine Patrol / DNR

Andy reported that the advertising sign that is posted on the access road to the public access will be removed by the advertiser. The DNR is in charge of all signage at the public access and access road. The Plainwell office of the DNR has a new director, Brad Brewer. He would like to attend our annual meeting along with a DEQ representative and Sheriff's department marine patrol officer. The board agreed they should all be invited. Andy is working with Drew Montgomery of the DNR on new signage for the public access. They will meet at 10:30 am this Friday at the access to discuss signage options. He is considering a large 44x88 inch PVC sign, at a cost of \$2500-\$3000, which would replace several smaller signs. Andy will report back at the next board meeting. A discussion regarding the possibility of a boat wash at the public access occurred and this idea will be investigated and discussed at a later time.

Real Estate

Allison distributed a sheet reflecting recent market conditions. There are currently 13 homes for sale in the Klinger Lake area. There were 8 sales last year, Current listings range in price from \$282K-\$849K.

Communication/Website

Doug distributed copies of Edgar's report in his absence. He reported an anticipated seasonal decline in visits to the KLA website. There are currently 750 members in the *Klinger Lake Group* and our current FB page has 279 likes. Allison mentioned the possibility of putting a web cam at the lake and linking it to our website. There was a lot of interest in this and it will be brought up again for consideration at the next meeting.

Dam

Warren has spoken with drain commissioner Jeff Wenzel regarding the monitoring of the lake level and dam. They agreed that KLA member Jamie Kasey is successfully managing this task and feel he should continue to do so. The board agreed, and Warren will keep in touch with Jamie regarding this job.

By-laws (Amendments)

Discussion of the by-laws was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business

Beach Representatives/Board Annual Picnic

The picnic/meeting will be held on June 9th at the home of Bob and Suzi Puckett at 6pm (meeting at 7pm). Doug passed around a sign-up sheet for food. Barb will distribute the sheet via email for further sign-ups. Suzi will order the pulled pork and buns. After the meeting directories, newsletters, decals and tote bags will be given to beach representatives for distribution to paid members.

New Business

Klinger Lake Fireworks

Suzi reported the fireworks will be on July 4th, with a rain date of the 5th. The same company is being used this year with the same set-up. Suzi announced this is the last year she and Bob will coordinate the fireworks, and asked if the association would be interested in taking it over. Discussion regarding this will continue in the next meeting. Suzi is also seeking volunteers for this year.

Adjournment

Mike made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Suzi seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Puckett, Secretary