

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014

Attended: Doug Van Meter, Barbara Montgomery, Don Riach, Edgar Reihl, Trudy Harnell, Carol Preble, and Susan Puckett.

Absent: Warren English, Joyce Sterrett, Mike Needham, Andy Rieth, Allison Kirsch

Barb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no visitors present.

Recognition of Doug Van Meter

Doug was presented with a plaque recognizing his two year term with the board as President. He was thanked for his dedication and service.

President's Remark's (Barb Montgomery Nelson)

- Barb would like to initiate a new procedure, creating a Preread document for board members to read before attending each meeting. The idea is to help keep our meetings to one hour, and to be able to spend more time focusing on important discussions. Each board member will be asked to send a short summary of their reports to Barb one week before each meeting. Barb will then send a copy of this Preread to board members prior to the meeting. Attending board members agreed to implement this procedure.

Treasurer's Report (Don Riach)

- Don distributed the treasurer's report for August. KLA currently has 333 members (compared to 324 last year). Suzi made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trudy seconded and the motion carried.
- Don will contact Quinn Kelly to see if he will conduct the annual audit of the KLA.

Secretary's Report (Susan Puckett)

- Trudy made a motion to accept the minutes from the August board meeting, Carol seconded and the motion carried.
- Suzi requested that after reading the board minutes online, each board member respond with an "I approve" if not making any comments or corrections to the minutes. These responses will be considered votes of approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Beach Representatives:** Joyce has contacted all of the beach representatives personally by phone and they have all agreed to continue volunteering.
- **Data Base:** Suzi recently reviewed every entry for current members who submitted a dues form and has updated the data base correcting errors and entering email addresses. She included only 2 phone numbers per residence, using cell phone numbers as the second number if provided instead of a given off lake number. She sent this newest version of the data base to Barb, Don and Mike. Trudy and Barb agreed to be in charge of the dues notice for 2015. Several suggestions were made for changes in the wording and color of the flyer. Edgar said that a copy of the data base could be put on One-Drive (on-line storage). He said we have 20 gigabytes of free storage available to us.
- **Directory/Advertising:** Carol and Trudy will be coordinating the directory/advertising committee for next year. They need more volunteers to help contact the advertisers.
- **DNR/Marine Patrol:** Andy is still working on fishing tournament issues. On 8/24 he visited a fishing tournament at the boat ramp. Many trucks/trailers were parked outside the designated parking spots. He talked to the organizer and mentioned the illegal parking. A marine patrol officer had just been there talking about power loading and unloading but had not mentioned parking concerns.
- **History:** Doug announced that he has recently sold 3 history books and he still has books available. Edgar will post an announcement on the website of their availability.
- **ML&SA:** Mike attended the Region 3 meeting of ML&SA on September 6. At this meeting there was an update from St. Joe County Drain Commissioner, Jeff Wenzel along with updates from ML&SA member lakes in Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, Van Buren, and St. Joseph counties. After attending this meeting and reviewing the agenda for the upcoming state-level meeting, Mike does not plan to attend the state ML&SA meeting.
- **Real Estate:** Allison sent (via email) an updated summary of recent local real estate activity. Three homes have sold in July and August and three additional home sales are currently pending.
- **Water Testing/Treatment:** Mike reported that expected costs for weed treatment next year will be in line with our 2013/2014 contract. Based on the number of acres treated, it is expected to be less than \$2500. Doug made a motion to renew our contract with Aquatic Weed Control for 2015/2016. Edgar seconded and the motion carried. Mike also reported that water clarity in 2014 continues to be marginally better than in 2013. He feels Klinger Lake is in good shape as we head for the fall season. Mike recommended that we continue to treat our lake for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) but not treat Tamarack Lake. This recommendation comes after talking with Aquatic Weed Control and being advised that Tamarack is not a source for our EWM.

OLD BUSINESS

Fireworks

- Don reported that our lawyers did not feel the board would have any insurance concerns if they took over the fireworks. Our current KLA insurance along with the fireworks event insurance would be sufficient.
- Suzi will contact RKM Fireworks to see if we could outsource more of the responsibility for the fireworks with them.
- Suzi will present accounting summaries for the last 3 years of the fireworks at our October board meeting.
- The board will continue this discussion at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Process Documents

- Barb would like board members to consider creating documents that provide descriptions of each job/responsibility they have on the board. These documents would put in writing what they do, why they do it and how they do it. Discussion of this will continue at the next board meeting.

KLA Web Camera

- Barb brought up the idea of a webcam at the lake. Edgar said he would look into costs and other considerations. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment

- Suzi made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Trudy seconded and the motion carried.

The next KLA Board Meeting is Monday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. at KLCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Puckett, Secretary