

Jose Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

MINUTES

JULY 7, 2018

10:00 AM

OPENING

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Parkinson at 10am on July 7, 2018 at Goodar Township Fire Hall, South Branch MI. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and officers were introduced as follows: Chuck Parkinson, President; George Brown, Vice President; Carrie Albin, Secretary; Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Trustees, David Leighton and Chris Bouck.

Fire Dept. Chief was present at the meeting. He introduced himself and gave a report. They have the new tanker truck up and running. All of their gear is updated. A blue helmet means medically trained and an orange helmet means safety officer. They also purchased radios. They are up to 21 members which is bringing their average age down to 30 or 32. They are working on getting a dump tank. They have been practicing water shuttle exercises to bring their Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating down. The rating is from 10-1 with one being the best. They are at 9. The insurance companies use the rating for determining insurance rates and will lower rates if they can bring that down. He can pump from anywhere on the lake. The closest Hazmat (clean up for hazardous materials) is Midland. They are still doing medical first responder. They met the requirements for 6 license personnel. They need to staff it 24/7, which they currently cannot do. Ogemaw County holds their medical license which confines them to Ogemaw County. They can't respond to us. Plainfield Twp does. They are looking to add an addition to their building to get 3 more trucks inside and have applied for a grant for this.

New members were introduced: Taylors', Goulds, Washburn, Long's

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Minutes from 2017 were not read aloud and were approved. They are available online at the Jose Lake Association website and are mailed or emailed to all members. Motion made to accept and passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Joyce Taylor and motion made to accept and passed.

The Fish Report was noted in the agenda (840 Perch, 900 Walleye, 515 Crappie). Dave Leighton gave a report. The fish were purchased and delivered from Imlay City Fish Farm. No floaters of the fish that was put in. Imlay City Fish Farm is having a hard time getting fish so they put them in late but it seems to have worked out well. A lot of the farms are going out of business because of the regulations. Dave checked into other fish farms but the next closest one is in Cadillac and they charge a delivery fee that made them too expensive.

DNR was on the lake in May to do a Fish Study. They put in several different types of traps and pulled the fish out, recorded the species and size, and then put it back in the lake. They did it for 3 days. There were no problems with the fish. All looked very healthy. They also took some clippings on the bluegills to check their growth rate. They write up the reports during the winter and will send to Chuck Parkinson. We will spend \$4000 for the fish fund this next fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

The boat parade was discussed. It will start at the Jose Lake Store at 3pm. Joanie Brown, Don Knickerbocker, Frank Gailbraith, Natalie Clement, Chris and Roz Schneider, and Connie and Ric Monville volunteered as judges. Boat parade winners will be announced at 5:30pm at the Jose Lake Store.

The dues were discussed. The current dues is \$30 with \$15 going to the general fund and \$15 going to the Fish Fund. A motion was made and passed to keep the dues the same.

George Brown gave a report on Clean Up Day. He passed the duties for it along to Jerry Theut and Chris Bouck. It was the first Saturday in May. At least 40-50 people attended and the area looks very good. If you see something on the trail contact Chuck Parkinson and he will help get it taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of directors took place. Joyce Taylor and Chris Bouck's terms were up. They were re-elected by affirmation.

Board Member Terms:

2019 – George Brown, Vice President; and Chuck Parkinson, President

2020 – Carrie Albin, Secretary; and David Leighton, Trustee

2021 – Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Chris Bouck, Trustee

Seven-person board was brought up and discussed. Members requested a write up of the language for the Seven-Member board so they would know specifically what they were voting on. The Board will write this up and present it at next year's annual meeting.

A member brought up having a problem with gypsie moth caterpillars on his oak trees. They were able to treat it from the air before through a county wide millage. Chuck will contact the County Treasurer and get an answer to see if they will still set some traps. Many people confirm they are having the same problem. Members requested having the results published on the Internet. One solution is if you mix dawn laundry soap and water and spray your trees in the spring. The aerial spraying helped in the past.

Oak wilt was brought up and how it spreads. Oak wilt is an invasive species that is spreading throughout Michigan and killing many oak trees. It is important to follow these three basic guidelines. 1. Do not cut your trees from April 15 – July 15. 2. If you cut a tree down that had oak wilt, be sure to cover the wood with a tarp to prevent the beetles from spreading the oak wilt to other healthy trees. 3. Do not move firewood: oak is spread by the movement of the infected wood. To learn more go to: <https://tinyurl.com/oakwiltjoselake>

Another member brought up about the no wake zone by the store and the also at the end of the smaller part of the lake. We need to get people to slow down otherwise there are concerns the DNR will be out on our lake. Every sign we have put up someone takes them down. Members

asked about putting the sign back up. Each spring we do post the Water Safety Regulations for Jose Lake in the newsletter. It has been recommended to take a picture of any boat, jet ski, etc that is not obeying the rules and call 911. You need to get their MC numbers. Some members have had success talking to the people and sharing the safe boating rules. We need to keep the lake a safe place for everyone to enjoy.

A member brought up having an AED perhaps at the store so that is accessible. A tourniquet would be another life saving equipment as well as an epi-pen, but it would need to be replaced often.

A member brought up the milfoil. Chuck Parkinson said that it is now a separate board meeting through the township because it was part of the 451 assessment. The member thinks we need a yearly report. It was requested that the representative should be here every year to give a report. George is a member of that board and gave the report. It is a bad year for milfoil due to the weather. We only have so much we can treat at a time due to regulations. There are also only certain chemicals we can use. Next Tuesday, 8am July 10 at Plainfield Township Hall there is a meeting to see if we will continue as we have been or change our borders. A member requested the report that Bre gave at the Clean Up meeting be published on the website. George will make copies of 451 minutes to hand out at the annual meeting and give a 5 minute report at each meeting in July.

A member is asking that he has access to get in and out of his cove. There are too many boats tying up and floating together and causing a backup.

Natalee and Jerrod Clements announced they left the store in order to take care of their 4 month-old baby. She really misses and appreciates everyone's help over the past year. She has set up a group Facebook page for Jose Lake and Chain of Lakes. It will be a place for people to connect with what is going on around the lake, sell items like refrigerators, cabins, etc, and provide tips for service providers in the area. It is a closed group so you need to request access by going to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/276330239579020/about/>.

The Store will put on the firework show again this year. They have twice as many as last year. Natalee and Jerrod will try to keep it going. It costs about \$1000 to put on the firework show. Discussion was brought up about the timing of the fireworks and the liability. There is no liability issues for the association since it is a donation. They also brought in approximately \$600 through the Firework Jar at the store in the previous year. A motion was made and passed to provide \$500 in donation for this year. The \$500 that was approved from last year was not provided to the Store and will be put in with the check for this year.

A motion was made and passed to keep the Goodar Township Fire Department to \$1000.

A motion was made and passed to use \$4000 of the Fish Fund for fish this year.

A motion was made and passed to provide the Hale Citizen's Patrol with \$200. A member requested having someone attend the meeting and give a report. Chuck Parkinson is a part of the Hale Citizens Patrol and gave a report. They pick up the radio at the Shell station. They put on

150-170 miles. It is about 4 or 5 times per week. They go around the cottages in the winter to check on them. They call 911 and the State Police responds. They only have 15-20 people. The Sheriff Dept comes to their monthly meetings to tell them where the issues are.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Follow up with Plainfield Township about the gypsie moth issue.	Chuck Parkinson	7/31/2018
Post Bre's presentation on the website regarding the weed update.	Carrie Albin	9/1/2018
Need to draft up the language for a seven-person board to be presented at next year's meeting.	George Brown	5/1/2019
Print out copies of the 451 Minutes for the meeting	George Brown	6/30/2019
OPEN DISCUSSION		
A member brought up a publication that talked about the Jose Lake Beach. It was created by the Plainfield Township who owns the property and had to put it in the publication as part of their 5-year plan.		
CLOSING		
Meeting was adjourned at 11:20am. There were about 60 people in attendance.		

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Public Hearing to Establish the PA451 for the next 5 Years

Where: Eagle Point Plaza

When: July 31st at 10am

Annual Clean Up Day

Where: Jose Lake Store

When: First Saturday in May at 9am

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Where: Goodar Township Hall

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