

Jose Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

MINUTES

JULY 1, 2017

10:00 AM

OPENING

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Parkinson at 10am on July 1, 2017 at Goodar Township Fire Hall, South Branch MI. The agenda was read. 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 Joe Moran.

One Goodar Fire Department volunteer and the Fire Dept. Chief were present at the meeting. They introduced themselves and explained their roles.

Report by the Jose Lake Store. They have been open for 1 year. They will be doing a Jose Lake Member discount this fall. They will also have the Halloween event and the Labor Day volleyball tournament. They are hoping to do a Splash and Dash in August but needs volunteers for that as well as tricycles or big wheels. Natalee also does a blog and is looking for additional stories. If you have a story please email her at joselakestoreandresort@gmail.com.

New members were introduced. They are Bruce and Vicki Roth, Kelly and Mike Boks, and Bob and Del Wallace. Welcome to Jose Lake!!!

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Minutes from 2016 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 passed.

The Fish Report was noted in the agenda (572 Perch, 381 Walleye, 400 Crappie). Dave Leighton gave a report. The fish were purchased and delivered from Imlay City Fish Farm. Dan Beamish gave a report on the fish cribs. Dan Beamish, Joe Moran, Don Rem, and Chris Bouck were on the sub-committee. They decided to look at the 16 cribs that were already in the lake and then from there decide whether to make the purchase. Made multiple trips out on the lake in the spring in May with a video camera. It was pretty effective. They found the two large cribs one in front of Larry Long's and one in front of Joe Moran's. The two they found were in excellent condition with some algae and zebra mussels on them. They couldn't find the other 14 cribs. They did see much more weeds (the good weeds). They wonder if the zebra mussels cleaned the lake so that the sun can shine down and the weeds can grow. They are in agreement that we have habitat that is working well and therefore do not need additional cribs. Chris B. has an underwater camera and he will dive down and locate the other cribs. We will spend \$4000 for the fish fund this next fiscal year.

A member asked if there is a way to GPS the cribs? They all originally had a bottle attached to them but it has deteriorated. They will look into this.

Another member asked if there is any way the DNR can tell us how many we should have in there? Some are small, some have lids, some don't. They vary in sizes. Hard to find with a fish finder. Chances are a lot of sediment has built up and covered them up. May need to dive.

A member asked if you are satisfied with your findings why do we need to continue looking for them? Fishing seems to be good.

Frank Galbraith, a degreed biologist, volunteered to help.

They will continue their research and feel we are doing fine.

Thanks to the volunteers for doing their research.

OLD BUSINESS

The boat parade was discussed. It will start at the Jose Lake Store at 3pm. Rick and Connie Monville, Frank Gailbraith, Matt Northup, Chris Bouck, and Rosemary Wlodarczyk volunteered as judges. The Jose Lake Store volunteered to have the annual association party at their house after the boat parade. It will begin at 4:30pm. Boat parade winners will be announced at 5:30pm at the BBQ.

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. It was the first Saturday in May. About 49 people attended and the area looks very good.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of directors took place. David Leighton and Carrie Albin's terms were up. They were re-elected by affirmation.

Joe Moran is resigning with one year left on his term. Chuck asked for people to sign up and the board will assign the position. Those that signed up include: Chris Bouck, and Frank Galbraith. The board assigned Chris Bouck to fill Joe Moran's position. He will see out the remaining year of Joe's term.

Board Member Terms:

2018 – Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Chris Bouck, Trustee

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

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

George Brown reported on the weed control program. It continues to be effective. The Lake Board Representative term is expiring. George has done an excellent job with the weed control program. Chuck recommended that he be re-elected by affirmation. Supported, seconded and passed.

Question was asked about the tax money. How long does it last? George said every 5 years but it will be last pretty much indefinitely because we will always need to fight the weeds.

The board would like to realign the Treasurer and Secretary duties. It was moved and supported. Currently the Secretary does all of the secretarial duties as well as most of the Treasurer's duties. The board provided the members with a copy of the proposed changes in a mailing that went out at the end of May. The motion was supported, seconded, and passed.

A motion was made and passed to divide the secretary's salary with the treasurer and to raise it to \$300 each. Dave Leighton moved to move increase to \$300 salary. It was seconded. Sandy Kew (the previous secretary) explained the salary – Secretary got \$400 and Treasurer nothing. Now it will be \$300 for Secretary and \$300 for Treasurer. The motion was supported, seconded and passed.

Question was asked about being bonded and how much it costs. Joyce, the Treasurer, is already bonded through her current job so there is no extra cost to the association.

Next the donation to the Goodar Fire Department was discussed. Question was asked about Emergency Response Team. The Fire Chief said he has the staff – they need 6 but they have 8. But they do not currently have the schedule. So they do not officially have the team set up. Looking to team up with Ogemaw. They have a 6 X 6 that they are building. It is a freebie by the Dept. of Defense. They had to purchase the tank which was \$3000. It is usable but it is not marked as fire dept. It is not red but Army green. It will help to get water there faster. Chuck explained if we do not have a Fire Dept. here it would triple our insurance. It is very important for us to support them. They still need volunteers. He left cards with his contact info. Please contact him at Robert View at 989-889-6902. Age is not a problem, there is a job for everybody. Estimated response time is 8 minutes. Fire Chief is 12-14 minutes out. If we have a medical emergency and we call 911, losco is the only one that will come out. Fire Chief is a paramedic. Thanked us for our support. A motion was made and passed to keep the Goodar Township Fire Department to \$1000.

Chuck Parkinson brought up the work of the Hale Citizen's Patrol. He explained what they did. He asked for support. Question was asked about the Jose Lake Citizens Patrol. The Jose Lake patrol isn't recorded through 911 or the State Police. It is just members that keep an eye out. The Hale Citizens Patrol is about 20 volunteers. Question was asked about how to keep teenagers out of their pool. Chuck mentioned a sign that he has that she could put up. The sign will eliminate the liability if anyone gets hurt. A motion was made and passed to provide the Hale Citizen's Patrol with \$200.

The need for a seven person board was brought up so that we don't have a tie in votes. Chuck Parkinson notified the association of the proposed change to the by-laws and it will be voted on at the next annual meeting.

The Jose Lake Store will be providing fireworks this year for the 4th of July. The association has made a donation of \$200. A motion was made and passed to provide \$500 for next year. The motion was passed.

The need to change the bylaws to include duties for all board members was brought up. Dave Leighton feels that everyone on the board should have actual duties. Chuck said that the President should appoint those duties.

Vice President – will perform the Clean Up Day duties.

Secretary – will perform secretary duties

Treasurer – will perform treasurer duties

Trustee – will oversee the Fish fund

Trustee – will oversee the Boat parade

| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
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| Need to update bylaws for Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees including the amended date. A link to the updated bylaws will be provided in the Newsletter. | Carrie Albin | 7/31/17 |
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OPEN DISCUSSION

Keep an eye out for the loons.

Also asked about the bottles that mark the rock bar. Someone is putting 3 more up today.

Sandy Kew thanked everyone for the gift last year for her 30 years of service.

Lee May thanked everyone for raking their part of their lake.

Joe Moran was thanked for all his years of service. He received a standing ovation.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. There were about 60 people in attendance.