

Jose Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

MINUTES

JULY 2, 2016

10:00 AM

OPENING

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Parkinson at 10am on July 2, 2016 at Goodar Township Fire Hall, South Branch MI. The agenda was read and Chuck Parkinson added the Hale Citizens Patrol to the agenda. The addition was seconded and approved. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and officers were introduced as follows: Chuck Parkinson, President; George Brown, Vice President; Sandy Kew, Secretary (not present); Carrie Albin, Treasurer; and Trustees, Chuck Lauria (deceased) and Joe Moran.

The new owners of the Jose Lake Store and Resort were introduced. Natalee Clement spoke about the store opening. They are working hard to get all of their licenses back for gas, liquor, lotto, etc. They are also working hard on refurbishing the cottages.

We had a moment of silence in remembrance of Chuck Lauria. We appreciate all of his years of dedication to Jose Lake and the association.

Sandy Kew is stepping down from her position as Secretary due to health issues. She was not present at the meeting but George Brown presented an engraved lawn ornament that the association purchased to thank Sandy for her 30 years of service!

Five Goodar Fire Department volunteers and the Fire Dept. Chief were present at the meeting. They introduced themselves and explained their roles. They are in need of volunteers of any age or gender. A member asked if they would accept temporary volunteers for people that are up here on a seasonal basis and the Fire Chief said yes, that is not a problem.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Minutes from 2015 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.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Carrie Albin and passed.

The Fish Report was noted in the agenda (200 Red ear blue gill, 500 Perch, 473 Walleye, 180 Crappie). Joe Moran gave a report. The fish were purchased and delivered from Imlay City Fish Farm.

OLD BUSINESS

The boat parade was discussed. It will start at the Jose Lake Store at 3pm. Lisa Turner, Perry Roberts, Pat Robinson, Joyce Taylor, members from the Jose Lake Store, and Nancy MacDonald volunteered as judges. Rick and Connie Monville volunteered to have the annual association party at their house after the boat parade.

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 30 people attended and the area looks very good. Next year the Clean Up Day will move back to the store.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of directors took place. Sandy Kew is stepping down as Secretary and has one year left in her term. Chuck Lauria passed away and he had two years left in his term. George Brown and Chuck Parkinson's terms expired. Joyce Taylor was appointed to the board to fill Chuck Lauria's remaining two year term. She introduced herself and the motion was passed to approve her appointment. Sandy Kew's one year term was up next and there were two people that were nominated for that term – David Leighton and Chris Bouck. Both of them introduced themselves. A vote was taken and David Leighton was elected. Next Chuck Parkinson's and George Brown's term were up. Chuck Parkinson, George Brown, Chris Bouck and Don Rem were all in the running for the two open positions. A vote was taken and Chuck Parkinson and George Brown were both elected.

Board Member Terms:

2017 – Carrie Albin, Secretary; and David Leighton, Trustee

2018 – Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Joe Moran, Trustee

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

George Brown reported on the weed control program. It continues to be effective.

A motion was made and passed to keep the secretary's salary the same as last year at \$400.00. A motion was made and passed to purchase a recorder to help with taking minutes for the meeting.

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

George Brown brought up the possibility of doing a fish study. He contacted the DNR and they are going to be doing Chain Lakes in the next year and will do one on our lake too for free. The benefit to the study is finding out what fish our lake supports. It has been over 20 years since the last time we have had a fish study and our lake has changed a lot over those years. After some discussion it was decided to not follow up with the DNR regarding a fish study. Joe Moran brought up the need for a subcommittee of volunteers to help with fish attractor habitats. Chris Bouck, Don Rem, Dan Beamish and Joe Moran will all be part of the subcommittee to look into the fish attractor habitats. A motion was made and passed to allow them to spend up to \$3000 on the habitats.

Chuck Parkinson brought up the work of the Hale Citizen's Patrol. He asked for support. 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 as well as a subcommittee to review the by-laws. They were written in the 1950s and need to be updated. A motion was not

made or passed at this time. The board will look through the by-laws and send recommendations to George Brown.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Fish Attractor Habitat subcommittee to decide the number of fish attractors to put in the lake and the locations.	Joe Mora, Dan Beamish, Don Rem, and Chris Bouck	12/15/2016
The Board will review the by-laws and send any recommendations to George Brown.	The Association Board	6/30/2017

OPEN DISCUSSION

It was brought up that there seemed to be more boats not following the rules of the lake. All of us need to talk to our neighbors, family and friends that we may have up and educate them on the rules to keep everyone safe. Below are some of the regulations:

Water Safety Regulations for Jose Lake

1. Waterskiing, jet skiing and tubing between the hours of 10 am and 7 pm only.
2. **No wake between the two channels (near the store and between the middle and small lake)**
3. When jet skiing or towing water skiers or tubers, operate at least 100 feet from all swimmers, anglers, and docks.
4. Respect all swimmers and the designated swimming areas.
5. Jet skiers should NEVER cut across the path of any other watercraft.
6. EXCESSIVE SPEED of any watercraft is always dangerous and is considered reckless. Please use common sense when operating your watercrafts.
7. Never throw refuse in the lake or in the boat ramp area. PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LAKE AREA CLEAN.
8. There is no parking at the lake's boat ramp.
9. Obey all rules of water safety and boating that have been established in the State of Michigan Boating Guide.
10. Help stop the spread of aquatic hitchhikers by making sure your boat is cleaned, drained and dry before putting it into Jose Lake

It was recommended that you 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. We need to keep the lake a safe place for everyone to enjoy.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am. There were about 60 people in attendance.