

**Jose Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes 2002**

The meeting of the Jose Lake Improvement Association was called to order on July 7, at 10:05. The Board of Directors was introduced.

Chief Bud Biggers from the South Branch Fire Department spoke to us about the department. The money we donate is used to keep the medical response unit up to date, to maintain the building for training, and to improve and maintain equipment. A truck was purchased for \$93,000. The medical team practices once a month to hone their skills and prepare them for emergencies. Our fire department is 100% volunteer. The members are certified in fire fighting and trained for medical response. There were 15 fire calls and 128 medical calls answered. We should be very proud and grateful for the skill and dedication of these volunteers.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read. Skip moved to accept the minutes. Ed seconded and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report read as follows:

Balance on hand 07-07-01.....	\$ 358.48
Dues.....	1640.00
Fish Fund (from dues).....	716.00
Rummage Sale.....	363.00
Dunk Tank & Fish Fund (from store).....	415.00
Total:.....	\$3492.48

Debits:

Jose Lake Store (sign for clean-up).....	\$ 150.00
Hale Citizen's Patrol.....	150.00
Stamps, Copies, & Supplies.....	106.96
Jose Lake Store (Fishing Contest.....	85.00
State of Michigan (Incorporation Fee).....	10.00
Rose City Trout Farm.....	1707.60
Secretary Salary & Postage.....	347.60
South Branch Fire Department.....	150.00
Total	\$2707.16
Balance on hand 07-07-02.....	\$ 785.32

Joe moved to accept the report as read. Pete seconded and the motion carried.

Joe Moran reported on our fish program. 600 walleye and 800 hybrid bluegill were planted in the fall. Cribs have been assembled and more will be built and placed in strategic places around the lake. Maps will be available showing where the cribs are located. Thanks to the many people who have taken so much of their own time and talent to make and place these fish-attracting cribs in our lake. Ralph moved to continue our fish program by planting 400 hybrid bluegill, 400 crappie, and 600 walleye this year. Discussion followed with Skip amending the motion to allow the fish committee to use whatever funds are available to plant fish. Pete seconded and the motion passed.

The annual clean-up was held on June 1, 2002. Fifteen people took part and disposed of 40 yards of trash. There were two truck loads of tires and items as big as refrigerators picked up. Lori, Dave, Steve, and Corky, were, as usual very helpful. They provided food and fun for the workers. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this worthwhile activity. Look for information for next year's clean-up at the store.

Motions were made and passed to donate \$300 to the fire department, \$150 to the Hale Citizen's Patrol, and to continue the Secretary's salary at \$300.

We discussed having a fishing tournament for kids on Labor Day weekend. We will hold the contest on Sunday. Details will be found at the store. We will use \$100 for prizes for different ages and categories.

Election of directors was held. Terms expiring belonged to Sandy and Skip. A motion was made to retain Skip and Sandy by acclamation. The motion passed.

Larry Long spoke of the possibility of having Nicole Dr. paved. He will be glad to share information with anyone interested.

One of our members shared information about aerating the lake to help disperse some of the muck. More information will be given at next year's meeting. The people who are using the aerators have reported improvement in their areas.

The fireworks display was held on July 4. The people involved did a fantastic job. Between \$600 and \$700 was spent. These funds came from the donation can at the store, the store owners themselves, and the person providing the fireworks. We thank all of the participants for a beautiful, safe, and fun night.

The Jose Lake signs were discussed. The road commission will not provide a guardrail because there is not a 10 foot drop off. We would appreciate if people would not hang yard sale and other signs from our signs. These signs take money to maintain and the nails harm the signs and allow water to get in the wood.

The no-wake zone in front of the store is being enforced by the Sheriff's Department. People needing boating guides may contact 257-5356. To report infractions write down the MC number and call the Sheriff. We want to keep our lake safe.

Ralph moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hudson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Kew, Secretary

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Our fishing contest was a big success. We had a great turnout with many enthusiastic fishing friends. We had many winners and lots of fish caught. Thanks to Lori, Dave, Steve, and Corky for their help and generosity. Thanks also to the many volunteers who made this day such a fun, family-oriented event. Between the donations taken at the store and the fishing tournament, we raised \$555 for the Association.

In September 400 hybrid bluegill and 400 black crappie were planted in the lake. In October 600 walleye were put in. Good luck to all you anglers.

Check the store for details on our up-coming annual clean-up. Please plan to take part in this fun day.