

JOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 2009 MINUTES

The meeting of the Jose Lake Improvement Association was called to order on July 4, 2009, at 10:08, by President, Chuck Lauria. Directors were introduced and new members were introduced and welcomed. The agenda was presented by Chuck. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the agenda.

The minutes of the 2008 meeting were read by secretary, Sandy Kew. Charles Morice moved to accept the minutes as read. Tim Donovan seconded and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer, Carrie Albin as follows:

Balance on hand 7-5-08_____	\$2000.25
Receipts: Dues and donations_____	3075.00
Total_____	\$5075.25
Debits: State of MI Incorporation fee_____	\$ 20.00
Hale Citizens' Patrol_____	200.00
Goodar Township Fire Dept._____	300.00
Rose City Trout Farm_____	2399.00
Sandy Kew, Secretary's salary, postage_____	384.00
Total_____	\$3003.00
Balance on hand July 4, 2009_____	\$1772.25

Tom Fox moved to accept the report as read. Tim Donovan seconded. The motion passed

Joe Moran reported on our fish-stocking program. Five hundred walleye, 500 yellow perch, and 5 gallons of flathead minnows were put in the lake last fall. It was reported that walleye were being caught. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that we continue our fish stocking program. It was suggested that a breakdown of fish funds and operating costs be reported in the future. This will be done starting with the 2010 Treasurer's Report

The annual clean-up was discussed. We had a very small turn out this year. This was blamed on poor communication. We had several had workers clean up Rollways Road and Chain Lakes Road. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to this worth while program. It was suggested that we set up our clean-ups for the same day every year. This will make it easier for everyone to remember. Tom Griffiths moved to make the clean-up on the first Saturday in May. Scott Apple seconded, and the motion carried. George Brown volunteered his home for the meeting place. Signs and details will be posted on our bulletin boards and at the Jose Lake Store.

Chuck reported on the follow-up research he did on the question of the water quality of our lake. He explained a program that monitors the clarity and quality of the water. This program could prove to be expensive and require unwanted attention from different organizations. After discussion it was decided to drop this issue for the time being.

Fred Lewis, the township supervisor, visited and spoke to us. He reported that even with all the budget cuts, there have been no cuts in services at this time. The township is trying to handle blight issues by sending letters to property owners. Road improvement is an important goal of the township. Dust control will start July 13. There was a period of questions and answers. One member asked where she could dispose of leaves. Mr. Lewis told her about the brush and leaf area at the transfer station. The grading of Nicole Rd. was discussed. Mr. Griffiths stated that grading will not help. Gravel and proper drainage are needed to improve this road. This could be provided by ditches and crowning the road. Larry Long said that the road is being graded too deeply. Mr. Lewis will look into having gravel put down in the fall, and maybe not grading the road, just doing dust control. Lee May asked if the township has the right to abate blight properties. Mr. Lewis answered no, property owners' rights overrule. The township has no authority over this issue, the county does.

The parade was discussed. It will be held on July 4, 2009, starting at the store at 3:00. Diane Falker, Joan Brown, Chuck Lauria, Brenda Herrmann, and Karen Hollenback volunteered to be judges.

A motion was passed that the annual dues will remain at \$25.00.

A motion was passed to keep the secretary's salary at \$300.00.

A motion was made to donate \$200.00 to the Hale Citizens' Patrol. A discussion followed. Chuck Lauria told us about a program that Chain Lake has started and has had great success. This is a volunteer program to patrol the area and post signs that there is a Citizens' Patrol in the area. Richard Melin offered to make magnetic signs for posting on volunteers' cars. The project will be researched. More information will follow as we develop ways to implement this program on our lake. The motion to donate \$200.00 to the Hale Citizens' Patrol was seconded and passed.

Ralph Kull moved to continue our donation of \$300.00 to the Goodar Township Fire Department. He suggested that we invite someone from the fire department to our next meeting to tell us how our donations are being used. Tom Griffiths seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Election of directors took place. Terms expiring belonged to Joe Moran and Chuck Lauria. Pete Tate informed us that he would resign his position due to health reasons. We needed the nomination of a third person to complete Pete's remaining year. Matt Albin, Chuck Lauria, Ray Hollenback, Sheri Jankowiak, and Joe Moran were nominated. Chuck Lauria and Joe Moran were elected and Matt Albin was chosen to complete Pete's term. The membership thanked Pete and applauded his many years of dedication to our organization.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Kew, Secretary

Guess What!!

Again we had an amazing parade. Congratulations to our winners. The Apple family came in first with Every Day's a Circus on Jose Lake. The Tates, Mills, and Morse's took second place with Red Neck Yot Club. Third place was Carrie and Matt Albin for Gilligan's Island. What a group of creative and talented people we have. Thanks to everyone who took part especially the judges. What a hard job that is. Thanks to Marv Kew who made the trophies for the winners. Be thinking about next year. The parade will be on July 3, 2010.

The next item I have to discuss is partly quoted by a letter sent to Chain Lakes property owners. This subject was discussed at the meeting and I would like to tell you about it. "A GROWING PROBLEM AND PROPOSED SOLUTION This might get lengthy, but it is important that I bring you up to date on the current situation and our proposed answer for it. It is no secret our economy is in a shambles, that jobs are scarce, and that costs are rising at an unprecedented rate. This is especially true here where our local economy is almost entirely dependent on tourism in one form or another, and no one has been coming north. Even when they do they aren't spending money. Add that to the fact that we are already in one of the poorest counties in the state where many of the locals barely scrape by even in good times. Put it all together and you get an almost explosive growth in property crime (primarily theft).

Not only are all normal types of theft on the increase, but with scrap metal prices going through the roof, we are seeing entirely new types of theft: removing all the copper plumbing from under homes and cottages, stripping off aluminum siding, even stealing the copper tubing of propane tanks and just letting the propane bleed off into the air. At the current price for aluminum your pontoon boat is probably worth more as scrap than you could get for it as a boat. Someone faced with a hungry family, or unable to afford fuel this winter will likely do anything to keep their family fed and warm.

As you know our association has always contributed to the Hale Area Citizens' Patrol, and I don't want to say anything against that organization, but they are structured in such a manner that they try to cover an area of about 12x12 miles or 144 square miles, with an average patrol covering about 80 road miles. This requires about 21/2 -3 hours of volunteer time, and they are compensated with 8 gallons of fuel (about \$35 worth). This makes it hard for them to get enough volunteer time, and requires raising lots of money, both of which are scarce. The bottom line is that in an average month, we might get someone driving our roads twice. As you can imagine this is not much of a deterrent, as the odds of being seen are slim.

We are proposing that we set up our own Chain Lakes Watch Program (in our case Jose Jake Watch Program). The object ,to provide a visual deterrent. We want to have a vehicle marked with Watch Signs patrol our streets at least once a day. Now understand that this is not to be construed as a security force. This will strictly be your neighbors making their presence known, to make would-be thieves think it might be easier pickings elsewhere, and report anything that they happen to see to authorities.

To put this program in place we need signs and possible mounting poles to announce that we have a Watch Patrol and 8-10 sets of magnetic signs for the vehicles of volunteers."

The rest of the letter basically pertained only to Chain Lakes. There was much interest in this project at the meeting. We would like to get this program started as soon as possible. There will not be enough funds in the treasury at this point. It would not take much money because we are very fortunate. Richard Melin offered to donate the magnetic signs. All we would need is signs to post around the area informing the public of the Watch Program. Prices are being researched. If you would like to donate to this project check the appropriate box on the

form included with this letter. If you are a full time or extended time resident of the lake, and would like to volunteer to patrol the area, please mark the appropriate box. This will be strictly on a volunteer basis. You will not be reimbursed for fuel. Patrols can be made any time of day. They are not scheduled. We ask that you display your signs at all times when you are in your car. It helps to see them in town or wherever you travel.

A helpful hint I got from the president of the Chain Lakes Association: " According to Michigan State Police so called security lights are anything but. I am told having your property lit just makes it easier for thieves to case your property, and makes you more, not less likely to be a target. Apparently a lot of research has been done on this subject."

The current directors include: Chuck Lauria, President, George Brown, Vice President; Sandy Kew, Secretary; Carrie Albin, Treasurer; and Joe Moran and Matt Albin, Directors.

Please visit our website at www.joselakemi.com. Matt and Carrie continue doing a wonderful job running this.

We are going to start an Emergency Information Notification list. This is described on a form I am enclosing with this letter. Please fill out this form and return it to me. I know it seems that I am asking you for a lot of forms and stuff. We are just trying to make our area a safer place to live and enjoy. We are trying, as an association, to do more than "just stock fish." Thanks for your cooperation.

Please fill out and return the following form. Return it to me at Sandy Kew, 7035 Jose Lake Rd., South Branch, MI 48761. If you would like to contact me you can call me at 989 257-4341 or email at waaytoosassy@yahoo.com

2009 dues is \$25.00 Paid _____ Due _____

I would like to donate to the Jose Lake Watch _____ (amount)

I would like to be a volunteer for the Patrol _____ (a sign-up form will be sent to you.)