

LAKE ARROWHEAD OPEN BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Present: Robin Bachman, Mark Stein, Bob Seijas, Kevin Williams, Rehana Flessner, Michael Bertram, Jeff Lauver, Peggy Lefsky, Dave Hobart, Kevin Williams

Absent: Barb Kane

Meeting called to order at 8:13 by Mike Bertram.

Rehana Flessner moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as presented, Mark Stein seconded. No discussion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Treasurer's:

Current account balances are as follows:

Checking:	\$11,363.56
CD1:	\$14,431.27
CD2:	<u>\$ 4,316.98</u>
Total:	\$30,111.81

Clubhouse:

We have \$1500 budgeted for maintenance. Projects will include stripping and painting the exterior, fixing interior ceiling, digital thermostats, improved storage for trash containers, painting the kitchen.

\$100 is budgeted to replace some picnic benches.

Al Atkinson raised the point that we have funds reserved for electrical work and A/C. These funds are available and we will look to get quotes for this work.

Bill Condon raised the point that the front door needs to be repaired. He also indicated that we need some form of checkout for renters on restoring chairs, setting the thermostat back, etc.

Grounds:

\$300 is budgeted for refurbishing the lawnmowers and some tree trimming.

Beach:

\$5500 is budgeted. We will purchase sand and continue to provide lifeguards from 12 to 5 daily.

Lakes:

\$12,795 is budgeted for 2008 vs. \$16500 last year.

The Lakes Committee has met 3 times so far this year.

As you are aware, we have had a significant algae bloom problem for the last few years. We will be addressing this in several ways. First we will be changing our lake treatment firm from Allied Biological to Aquatic Technologies. They will charge us per season rather than by treatment. We are proposing several treatments. First is an algaecide for all 4 lakes. Second is the application of a blue dye to Lake Arrowhead to reduce the amount of light that enters the lake. Thirdly would be an alum treatment for Lake Arrowhead if necessary. A motion was made to hire Aquatic Technologies, seconded by Mark Stein. The motion was approved.

The Lakes Committee is also trying to educate the neighborhood on good lake practices to help maintain the lakes. The emphasis is on reducing the amount of nutrients that enter the lakes either through normal run-off or through fertilizer. Please use phosphate-free fertilizers.

We plan to continue with 'Operation Algae' to manually remove algae if necessary.

We plan to establish a practice of regular monitoring/testing to understand how the lake is behaving.

We plan a draw-down in late October to cramp down the nutrients at the lake floor. This will reduce nutrients and also allow us to manually access some of the organic matter on the lake floor and remove it. Homeowners can also do dock maintenance.

We have included \$100 to construct a lock for the dam. Last year the dam was vandalized lowering the lake by several 1000 gallons. We are taking this step to ensure this can't happen again.

Recreation:

We have \$400 in the budget for Hub Lakes and \$300 for holiday beverages, etc. Lake Arrowhead won the Handicap trophy for the first time in 15 years.

Hub Lakes Dinner Dance is October 4, 2008 at Indian Lake.

Membership:

We have a goal this year of 107 members. We are offering the reduced fee for early payment to incent early payments. We will also accommodate installment payments as long as the total is paid by June 30th. \$550 is budgeted for membership, \$350 is earmarked for the wine & cheese party. We have also budgeted for small welcome gift/packets to welcome new residents and encourage membership.

Special Events:

.A small amount has been budgeted to cover any overage for the Beach BBQ.

We are also encouraging rentals; we have planned for \$5000 in rental revenue.

Reserves:

They are not held in a separate account but they are designated to the items identified on the budget

Sylvia Lacey questioned what the money donated from Dot Neville's estate was used for. We do not know.

Bill Condon raised a question about the \$5000 donation as this does not provide us with a sustainable budget/revenue stream. There was discussion as to how will we cover the budget without gifts in the future. There was some discussion as to whether we could consider an assessment when we exceed our operating budget. Also discussed was the possibility of higher dues but there is significant concern that we would lose too many members.

A question was also raised as to a prior emergency reserve fund of ~\$30,000. The current Board is unaware of this. We will review prior budgets and see if we can find any record of it.

Bob Seijas moved to accept the budget; Robin Bachman seconded. There were 15 votes for the budget; opposed none, 4 abstentions. The 2008 budget is passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A question was raised as to why lake membership is not mandatory. It is suggested that we investigate some type of lake maintenance fee being included in deeds.

We were notified of a Board of Adjustment meeting to review a construction request for patio and awning for Melanie and Rene Havekas. The meeting is 3/19 at 7:00 pm.

We will become a member of Denville PRIDE for \$10 per year.

John Stanton is accumulating old memorabilia of Lake Arrowhead. He will put on disc for preservation.

Mark Stein motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rehana Flessner. The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bachman