

# LAKE ARROWHEAD OPEN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 15, 2001

**NOTE: Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at 8PM**

**Present:** P. Nauta, J. Stanton, L. Speiss, A. Atkinson, K. Scornavacca, P. Rand, D. Robinson, E. Baresh

**Absent:** M. Bertram, K. Mellen, P. Geygan

President Peter Nauta called the meeting to order at 8:12PM. The meeting minutes from the February 20, 2001 Open Board meeting were read.

**Motion:** by Peter Rand, second by John Stanton to approve the meeting minutes from the February Open Board meeting. 8 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Provided by Al Atkinson.

- For the month of April 2001 the beginning balance was \$25,059.93 with receipts of \$18,650.00 and disbursements of \$2,270.46 leaving a closing balance of \$41,439.47. The major expenditure for the period was the sewer assessment. Some discussion ensued about the flagpole fund and why it always appears as a negative amount on the report. Also Al mentioned that the CD is up this month and we will probably renew it although the rates are down. The Club is still awaiting membership payments to cover the budget.

**Motion:** by Peter Rand, second by John Stanton to approve the Treasurer's Report. 8 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

**Grounds Report:** Provided by John Stanton.

- The Mosswood Berm:
  - John surveyed the residents that live on Mosswood Trail and they agreed to extend the berm (as opposed to the proposed fence). At the previous Board meeting, it was discussed that if the residents of Mosswood were in agreement to the berm, then we would go ahead with its construction, which could take all summer. John talked to the Denville town engineer today and he felt it was important that the Lake Arrowhead residents attend the May 23<sup>rd</sup> diner expansion meeting in order to get the dirt from the diner's construction for our berm.
  - Previously, John called Dave at DiGuesepi Brothers (334-6218), who came out to look at the Mosswood Trail berm extension. Dave said that they could do it, but it could take the length of the summer to complete. Dave quoted us \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the project, which covers the equipment (mainly the bull dozer) and said he would dump for free. The materials he would be using would be non-recyclables (i.e. clay rock, etc). Dave mentioned that some trees would need to be cut, so John suggested the berm doesn't have to be in an exact straight line. Also they will put a pipe under the berm for Anchor Hardware drainage.
  - Also Steve Wire from Denville Engineering Department came out to look at the site with John Stanton. John asked Steve if we needed a permit for the work. Steve's answer was only if there is soil movement of 100 cubic yards (5 truck loads). John also questioned if we would need approval from the Planning Board. Steve said he would talk to Nick Rosania as to whether or not we need approval. Steve suggested some of the berm at the diner (if their expansion is approved) could be used in this effort. As it turns out, Steve wants to work something out with the diner so we wouldn't need the permit since the soil is already in the area. If it was offsite, we may need the permit, as well as a bond and Planning Board approval.
- Rumble strips:
  - Per the request of one of our residents, the possibility of installing rumble strips to slow traffic in our neighborhood was explored. Elizabeth Baresh explained the town would provide us with two sets of rumble strips. The only drawback to installing rumble strips is the noise that the strips cause when a car drives over them.
  - After Elizabeth discussed possible locations for the strips with Denville Patrolman Richard Byrne, it was decided to install one set of strips by the beach entrance behind Casa Bella on Mosswood Trail and the other set on Lakewood Drive coming off of Rt. 46. The reason for placing the strips in these locations is to slow traffic down for the beach entrance. In addition, since there is no clear delineation as to the center of the road, the strips must be placed over the enter road surface.
  - The Denville Police Department mentioned that they would talk to the residents at 11 Lakewood Drive (the Deans) to seek their approval for the strips since they would be the closest resident to the noise. Elizabeth wasn't sure if that had happened yet, but mentioned that the work order for the strips should be in and could be installed at any time.
  - Mary Ellen Stanton requested that if the strips are successful in slowing traffic down, consideration be given to placing strips along Mosswood & Ironwood to slow traffic down in the area as well.

- Also during the inspection of the property, Officer Byrnes pointed out the large bush in front of the beach entrance that causes a blind spot for drivers passing the entrance. John Stanton mentioned that could be easily corrected and would take care of it.
- During this investigation, Elizabeth Baresh asked about the possibility of installing speed humps or removable humps instead of rumble strips. Indian Lake has brand new speed humps, but that is because they have roughly 7,500 commuter cars that cut through the area daily. Patrolman Byrne said that the traffic through our community doesn't come close to that and therefore speed humps would not be a possibility. Apparently the township doesn't like installing speed humps because it is difficult for snowplows to navigate over them. Unfortunately removable humps are not approved for public roadways, so that was not an option either.
- Sign/Annuals: John also mentioned putting up a Lake Arrowhead sign across Rt. 46. In addition, some annuals were planted around the property.

**Clubhouse Report:** Provided by Doug Robinson.

- Ant/Termite extermination: We have begun exterminating for ants. The contractor has done the initial extermination plus one other treatment. Apparently there has been a lot of ant activity and if someone sees a lot of ants, please let Doug know as the exterminator will come back if there is more activity than usual. Doug also talked about the termite damage downstairs. The exterminator noticed some recent termite activity, as well as old tunnels from previous years. Evidently the only extermination for termites was done in '97 when the clubhouse was sprayed, but unfortunately that treatment was not very effective. Doug is looking at different companies to exterminate the termites, as well as a structural engineer to address what needs to be done. Sylvia Lacey questioned the cost of the termite contract. Doug said that the termite extermination can run anywhere between \$1,000 to \$2,000 depending on the plan.
- Bar Floor/Lakeside of the Clubhouse: Doug will do the bar floor and the refinish the outer lakeside part of the clubhouse sometime in the next few months. There was some discussion about a work party and what kind of flooring would be done.

**Beach Report:** In Kirk Mellen's absence, Elizabeth Baresh provided the report.

- State Law: A new sign is now in place stating the State law that nobody under the age of 16 is permitted on the beach without a guardian. Sylvia Lacey questioned the conflict between our beach rules, which specify no one under the age of 10 is permitted on the beach without a guardian and the State Law, which specifies nobody under the age of 16 is permitted on the beach without a guardian. Elizabeth Baresh mentioned that she saw on the Cedar Lake website a monthly publication called "The Blurb" that reminded their residents no one under the age of 10 was allowed on the beach without someone 13 years of age or older. The question was raised that if the lifeguard was 16, could they be considered the guardian to those under the age of 16? Since the State doesn't mandate we need lifeguards, then why do we have this rule? Unfortunately these questions could not be resolved, as Kirk Mellen was not present to respond. Sylvia Lacey also questioned how much the sign cost. Treasurer, Al Atkinson, responded that a receipt has not been provided yet.
- Shepard's Crook: A new crook has been purchased for the beach. Sylvia Lacey mentioned we have a crook, but our rescue floatation device is in need of replacement. It was thought that perhaps the new crook was purchased because it is much longer than the old one.
- Lifeguards: Two lifeguards have been hired to work at our beach this summer. Sylvia Lacey wanted to know how much they were being paid.
- Beach Clean Up: Flyers went to the distributors today stating that the beach clean up will be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Karen Scornavacca suggested we send a few of the volunteers over to Butterfly Field to clean it up since we usually get a big turn out for the beach clean up. Karen offered to head up the Butterfly Field work crew. Mary Ellen Stanton requested that we weed whack around the horseshoe pits.
- Swim Lessons: Arrangements have been made with the Lakeland Hills YMCA "Backyard Pool Program" for swim lessons. According to the flyer, residents need to find fellow swimmers to fill out the class size to get the best rates. Peter Rand expressed his disappointment with this approach. He said that swim lessons have been an issue for several years now and still nothing is being done about it. Also it was felt that there should be more organization to the lessons. Peter Rand suggested that perhaps the lifeguard could teach some of the basics to the children. In addition, the cost of the "Backyard Pool Program" was felt to be particularly high.
- Beach Opening: Some residents wondered when the beach was going to open for the season. Generally the beach opens after school is out, so those in attendance guessed the opening would occur around June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Lakes Report:** Provided by Peter Rand.

- Treatments: The lake will be treated with copper sulfate this Thursday, May 17th. The purpose of the treatment is to control the algae.
- New Docks: Peter has purchased the lumber and painted the planks for the dock. He asked for help cutting the wood and rebuilding the dock during beach clean up day.
- Lakes are for Members Only: Peter has noticed that people are using our lakes that are not paying members. He reminded residents to put boat tags on your boats promptly to avoid any confusion.
- Lowering the lakes: Karen Scornavacca inquired as to when the lake was going to be lowered. Peter Rand said that coincides with the dam inspection and we aren't sure when that is going to occur. He mentioned possibly lowering the

Great Bay.

**Recreation Report:** No report provided, as Phil Geygan was absent.

**Membership Report:** Provided by Karen Scornavacca.

- Dues: Thus far, we have received payment from 72 members, six of which are new. Karen sent out the second notice last week reminding residents to submit their membership dues.
- Boat Tags: Karen also reminded residents to adhere their boat tags to their boats.
- Wine & Cheese Party: The Wine & Cheese Party will be held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5PM. Thus far, Karen has received four RSVPs.

**Special Projects:** Provided by Lisa Speiss.

- Busy Month: Lisa reported there has been a lot of activity at the clubhouse this month including rentals, auxiliary events etc.
- Beach Barbeque: Lisa wondered if the Start of Summer Kick Off being sponsored by the Auxiliary on June 16th is replacing the Beach Barbeque. Elizabeth Baresh explained that the Start of Summer Kick Off is primarily for families, where as the Beach Barbeque is intended for adults only. It is not the intention of the Auxiliary to replace the Beach Barbeque with their event.
- Condition of the Clubhouse: Lois Noonan, who rents the clubhouse frequently, mentioned that over the past several weeks when her group has come in they have found the heat on and the lights. She brought this to Lisa's attention, as she doesn't want her group to be held accountable.

**Bar Report:** No report provided, as Mike Bertram was absent.

- Friday Night: Apparently there has been a big turn out for the Friday Night Open Bar. There are more people and different groups of people than the usual crowd on Saturday night. So far, it has been deemed a success.

**Old Business:**

- The Diner Expansion: The diner is asking for 14 variances to expand their restaurant to 83 seats with 23 parking spaces. Some discussion ensued as to the Board's position on this. Obviously we are opposed to the expansion, as it could cause increase traffic and noise in our neighborhood. There is a meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the expansion. All residents are encouraged to attend.

**New Business:**

- www.lakearrowheadclub.com: Elizabeth Baresh discussed the website that she and her husband, Michael, intend on building for the community. They registered the URL already. Elizabeth asked where she could obtain old photographs of our neighborhood. A few suggestions were offered.
- Nebel's Donation: Sylvia Lacey found a slide carousel for the club to use. In addition, the Nebels made a \$100 donation to the club and Sylvia wondered how we were going to use that money. She suggested we put up a bulletin board and put a plaque on it in memory of the Nebels.

**Motion:** by Doug Robinson, second by John Stanton to adjourn the meeting at 9:44PM. 8 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Baresh