

LAKE ARROWHEAD OPEN BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 17, 2007

Present: Paul Dean, Robin Bachman, Mark Stein, Bob Seijas, Kevin Williams, Rehana Flessner

Absent: Pete Rand, Michael Bertram, Barb Kane, Chris Brindle

Meeting called to order at 8:10 by Paul Dean

Paul Dean requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Rehana Flessner moved, Kevin seconded. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Treasurer's:

No report available.

Clubhouse:

It was noted that plans were in place to install the awning on the coming weekend. Helpers would be appreciated.

During a rental, it was noted that the cold water faucets were not working in the rest rooms. Al Atkinson's grandson, an apprentice plumber, has volunteered the labor to assess and repair the problem. The club is very appreciative of this offer.

Grounds:

The tractor, mower, and trimmer have been tuned up and are working well. Butterfly Field, the boat launch area and the main entrance to the lake have been mowed. Flowers have been planted in the barrels at the lake entrances and by the bear statue at the main entrance. Thanks to Angie Haverly and Eileen Atkinson for the gardening work along the beach fence; it looks great! Thanks to John Stanton for planting the flowers on the bridge.

Beach:

Beach clean up was held on May 12. We had great participation. The dock and lanes are being put out. We bought new beach toys with the proceeds from last season's soda/candy sales. Life guards have been secured beginning Tuesday, June 19.

Lakes:

There is ongoing concern about the condition of our lakes. It was suggested that we establish a plan and budget to improve the condition of all of the lakes and present it to all of the residents. If they see a plan in place, they might be willing to pledge.

We have paid our dues (\$80 plus legal fund, \$20) to NJCOLA.

Treatments have begun for 2007 on all lakes. Allied has suggested we try a new product to treat oxygen levels. Unfortunately we do not have adequate funding for this. We will be conducting sonar treatment to improve the water quality.

We have switched to a new product, Cutrine Ultra, which is more effective than Copper Sulfate and is now comparably priced. It is safer for organic life and has less nutrient release, less grow back. We hope this is more cost effective because the treatment lasts longer. It may be possible to see an overall lower cost of a season's treatment

We have discussed stocking the lake with trout but this has been ruled out. It would place severe restrictions on lake treatments.

A comment was made that the condition of Bay of Deep Waters looks like a swamp. Those residents are reluctant to join since they don't see any investment in the water their homes sit on.

We will begin concentrating on Great Bay and Bay of Deep Waters. We would like to consider hydraraking; the problem is access. It is difficult to get equipment into these water bodies. There are also other logistical issues such as tree removal, etc.

Recreation:

The first event of the summer is the track meet, to be held at Morris Knolls on June 16th. This is for kids and adults. Mike Curran will be participating.

Other events begin in July. A schedule will be available from Paul Dean in early June.

Membership:

57 paid memberships have been received to date including 7 new members. We believe we are on target to meet our goal of 103 members.

A second distribution will go out shortly.

Special Events:

We are planning some events for the 80th anniversary including a slide show about the history of the lake.

Bar:

No report available.

Old Business:

We have been requesting pledges to conduct a leaf removal project. It is estimated to cost \$15,000 - \$20,000. \$10,000 has been pledged to date.

New Business:

It was commented that the minutes have not been posted on the website. This will be resolved by contacting the webmaster. Minutes from 2006 to present will be posted.

It was suggested that we consider a tiered dues to reduce costs for those who don't use the lake facilities. We responded that we don't feel this is workable for our lake and resources.

We need to stress to residents that they cannot blow leaves and other materials into or near the lake.

It was suggested that a larger Lake Committee might get more focus and more community involvement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bachman