

LAKE ARROWHEAD OPEN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2004

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 14th at 7:30pm

Present: A. Atkinson, P. Rand, K. Scornavacca, A. Todd, M. Bertram, C. Brindle, B. Kane, J. Williams, P. Lefsky

Absent: C. Thomas, P. Dean

President Al Atkinson called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM. Al began the meeting by taking a motion to accept the August open board meeting minutes.

Motion: by Peter Rand, second by Alex Todd to accept the August minutes as submitted.
9 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Alex Todd.

Alex emailed all board members the treasurer's report for the month of October.

October 2004 the beginning balance was \$43,689.08 with receipts of \$336.85 and disbursements of \$7,637.97 leaving a closing balance of \$36,387.96.

Motion: by Michael Bertram, second by Al Atkinson to approve the Treasurer's Report.
9 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

Bar Report: Provided by Michael Bertram.

Mike provided a cash flow report for the month of October. The beginning balance for October was \$968, with an income of \$404, expenses of \$357, leaving a closing balance at the end of October of \$1,015.

Lakes Report: Provided by Peter Rand.

The lake season is over. Sunday, after Thanksgiving, there are plans to do work on the spillway. Discussion opened up to the membership. Ralph Finson expressed a growing concern with the quality & condition of the lake. Ralph mentioned his frustration towards the excessive weeds in the lake which made the sailing and fishing quite impossible. Ralph asked that when we have a weed problem like that again we should try and sweep the lake. He mentioned that Lake Muskanetcong (approx. 250 + acres) spent approx. \$28,000 on harvesting weeds last year. He asked that the club spend some money to harvest our lake. If need be he suggested the board make a levy on every property owner to pay for the harvesting of the weeds. Peter gave an explanation on what caused the algae problem. He did mention that you cannot harvest algae the way you can harvest weeds. The club did receive help to clean up some of the algae. What we intend to do is to educate members to not use fertilizer on their lawn to limit algae growth. Money has been set aside for leaf removal. The club plans to do this in the future. Al said we will take Ralph's concerns under consideration and then see what we can do. We have limited capabilities other than asking for volunteers. We do not have in our bylaws the ability to assess owners.

Beach Report: Provided by Jennifer Williams.

The beach cleanup went very well. A beach cleanup list was created this year to be able to work from for the upcoming years. As part of the end of season cleanup, the cargo net has been added to the new swing set, the broken swing has been repaired, two new garbage cans have been purchased, one for recyclables and the other for garbage, the outdoor shower has been fixed and the outdoor plumbing has been turned off. Thanks goes to Russell Thomas, Steve & Karen Scornavacca, Pete Rand, Mike Baresh, Linford Hackman, John & Barb Kane, Karen Condon, Kevin Williams, Daniel & Alex Bubak, Chris Brindle & Steve Reh.

Clubhouse Report: Provided by Barbara Kane.

Thanks to Linford and Bill Condon for clearing the leaves from the club property. The garbage that has built up next to the clubhouse is currently being cleaned up. Small repairs inside the clubhouse are continuing to be made and the front soffits will be replaced in the spring. Fans will be checked out for the bar.

Grounds Report: Provided by Chris Brindle.

Chris reported continued maintenance on Butterfly Field, Manny has cleaned up the triangle in the front, will weed wack the boat area and the berm is still in the process of being done. Al mentioned the possibility of getting funds together from those that are affected by the berm to help complete it. Chris said he still has some trees left over from the state that he will be planting on the berm. Several trees have been taken down on Mosswood. Al asked membership to please notify Al or Chris if they notice any trees on club property that are dead and need to come down. Ralph mentioned that cut down trees and brush have been left on lake property. Mary Ellen brought to the boards attention that the Lake Arrowhead sign has apparently been hit.

Membership Report: Provided by Peggy Lefsky.

We budgeted for 114 members and have ended the year with 110 members. Al said that it does make it a little bit challenging because we forecasted \$3,000 more than what we received. That does impact what we can do. We have an operation expense that is 2/3 of our budget (includes taxes). It is something we, as the board, will have to consider carefully going forward. Al is urging everybody to talk up the membership, not just to be a part of the club, but to be a part of the community. They are benefiting from the community. A significant part of our budget goes to keeping the community and the lake and the rest of the property alive and cared for. Bill Kahl asked how we are doing in rentals. Al mentioned we are down around 15% in rentals.

Recreation Report: no report.

Special Projects Report: no report.

Mary Ellen did ask if anyone knows the whereabouts of the missing Farberware coffee pot (brand new). A concern is that a renter may have borrowed it. An email will be sent out to the membership.

Old Business:

Berm – We have already discussed the berm and will continue to work on that project.

New Business:

A report from the nominating committee: the nominees are Peter Rand, Peter Fallon, Michael Curran and Vladimir Penkrat. The proposed slate for the nominating committee for 2005 is Peter Nauta, Lyn Rand and Bob Anderson. Al asked for a motion to accept the nominees as presented.

Motion: by Kirk Mellon, second by Peter Rand to accept the election of the board of trustees as presented by the nominating committee. 9 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

Al expressed his thanks to the nominating committee for putting together a slate. Also, thanks to Alex Todd, Peggy Lefsky and Jennifer Williams for their services to the club. And thanks to the newly elected members of the club. We look forward to having you serve the community and to serve on the board.

Bill Kahl brought to the club's attention about his concern with the traffic on our narrow lake roads. Speeding is still a problem despite the speed bumps that were put in a few years ago. Bill suggested a stop sign or yield sign be placed at the top of Garwood. Also, there may be other intersections around the lake that may need a yield sign. Al did say that we will take it into consideration.

Peter Rand also expressed thanks to Angie Haverly for all of her hard work on the garden.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Scornavacca