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Loch Lomond Laker

Minutes of the February 15, 2021 Board Meeting

Board Meeting

Call to order conducted by Mickey Emde at 7:02 p.m.

Mickey Emde presented.

Thank you for the challenge of leading this board through the COVID pandemic. Our family has lived here 35 years with good neighbors, and it's a neighborhood we're proud of. Our challenge going forward is to serve our residents well in 2021.

Election of new board members

Ginny Rounds moved to Loch Lomond six years ago. After looking at several houses in Mundelein, the Loch Lomond neighborhood immediately felt like the right choice. Her family enjoys everything the community has to offer, especially spending all day at the lake swimming with her four children and being with neighbors. Ginny has a Bachelors in Human Development and Education from Lynchburg College. She is excited to take on the role as South Beach Director and looks forward to working with the community to continue to make Loch Lomond the best neighborhood in Mundelein.

Motion to elect Ginny Rounds to the LLPOA Board of Directors made by Mickey Emde and seconded by Terry Anderson. Motion passed.

Approval of board slate

Motion made by Megan Boedecker and seconded by Luke Emde to approve the following board slate for 2021:

Acting president: Angela Trillhaase

Vice President: Donna Sattler

Treasurer: Mac Goodwin

Secretary: Megan Boedecker

Lake management Director: Steve Shiley

Boat Director: Luke Emde

Dam, Path, and Spillway Director: Terry Anderson

North Beach Director: Mickey Emde

South Beach Director: Ginny Rounds

Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Megan Boedecker presented.

Motion for approval of September November/Annual Meeting minutes was made by Angela Trillhaase and seconded by Luke Emde. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mac Goodwin presented.

2021 includes some innovative expenditures within the individual beach and water management budgets brought forth by the area directors. These include enhancements to our swimming area, water quality and fishery management, landscaping improvements, and removal of hazards at the beaches.

We are also decreasing 2021 future BAD DEBT reserves to compensate for increases in Utilities, Legal services, Audit services, Management company expenses and turnover in our lifeguard personnel. We will continue to focus on strong fiscal financial policy as we transition Linda Klink from the role and handoff the Treasurer responsibilities. We owe a great deal of gratitude to

Linda for her many years managing these responsibilities and commit to maintain the same level of professional aptitude Linda brought to the position.

Resident comments

Monica Villareal

Q: I live off of Dunbar Rd and I would like to know what has been said about all the traffic our street is getting? I don't understand why the people from the baseball fields keep going through our street when they have a light on the other side. This makes traffic crazy. Specially with the Dunbar building they have down the street. It's hard when we have company over or for any of us that sometimes need to park on the street. Plus, it's really dangerous. In addition, sometimes the lights over the sledding hill and hockey rink go off while people are still using it.

A: The board will look into potential solutions and bring them to the Mundelein police/traffic safety officer. For streetlights, contact the Village.

Administrative report

Mary Ellen Casey presented.

Mary Ellen has reserved a room at the fire station for the months of August through November for the monthly board meetings. Meeting room A is reserved from 6:30 to 10 PM on these dates: August 16, September 20, October 18, and November 15.

She is in the process of collecting applications for summer lifeguards. We will need 10 guards to staff the beach this summer. We plan to have lifeguards staffing South Beach on weekdays 12-6 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., weather permitting. If anyone is interested in working as a lifeguard at South Beach this summer, please email swim@lochlomondlake.com for an application. The beach will open Saturday, May 29.

Mitchell's Landscape will be our 2021 lawn service provider. The services and areas to be serviced are the same as last year. There is a 3.25% price increase from last year. The 2021 lawn maintenance contract has been shared with the board.

Due to COVID, welcome bags were not delivered in 2020. Mary Ellen will resume welcome bag delivery next

month. She will email the resident and hang the bag on their front door.

Steve Shiley has acquired a 30-day trapping permit to address Loch Lomond's beaver problem. Three additional traps have been purchased and will be deployed upon receipt. There has been additional damage done to our shoreline vegetation so further action was required. With the additional traps we hope to remove the nuisance ASAP. There will be cones and caution tape put around the trapping area. As residents are recreating on the ice please refrain from going inside the taped off area. We do not want a human or pet to get hurt in the trapping process. Moving forward, LLPOA will have the opportunity to obtain another 30-day permit if nuisance persists.

Lake management report

Steve Shiley presented.

The lake management committee has all residents in mind when it comes to preserving and restoring the lake ecosystem. We must be stewards of our lake to maintain a balance between our diverse recreational activities including fishing, boating, and swimming. This year we are focusing on all three for both short term and long-term applications. Lake ecosystems are unique and somewhat unpredictable year to year due to changing weather patterns. We must be willing and ready to adjust to these changes as a community and lean on our experts in the lake management field. We rely on Lake County Stormwater Management, Lakes Management Unit Lake County Health Dept, IL Wildlife Biologists, Army Corp of Engineers, lake management contractors, LLPOA residents, and many more.

Fishing

Fishing Short Term: This year we are experiencing thick ice, arctic cold and LOTS of snow! This is a recipe for disaster. Why? About ten years ago we had a massive fish kill on the lake that destroyed our fish population and damaged our lake's ecosystem with the amount of dead and decaying fish in the lake. This year is shaping out to be almost identical to the fish kill year. We had a solid 4 to 6 inches of clear ice, followed by a slushy snow layer, and then a foot of snow, then extreme cold temperatures. When this happens, it makes it almost impossible for the sunlight to get through the snow and

ice preventing any plant photosynthesis and not creating oxygen in the lake. Also, when the lake is this frozen over there is no moving water coming in or water movement under the ice again reducing oxygen levels in the lake and preventing any gas exchanges to occur. ILDNR recommends twenty to fifty percent of the lake be cleared of snow when these types of conditions occur.

We had a gentleman go out on the lake with a garden tractor to remove snow, but the slush layer was too thick. We did have a couple residents go out on the ice with personal snowblowers, which was effective. However, we are expecting more snow tonight and potentially again later this week. Extended forecast puts us in the upper 30s soon! It is now a waiting game to determine if we have a fish kill or not.

Fishing Long Term: Fishing survey is in the works to help record and track lake fish numbers. Digital survey form will be uploaded to our LLPOA website and hard copies will be supplied at the new interpretive signage at both North and South Beach. This survey will help educate lake management committee and IL fisheries biologist in stocking numbers and overall fish health. Data will be compiled year over year to help maintain and increase our fish populations. Can we eventually get Muskie in to our lake? It's a great goal to have!

Fishing tournament

We will be hosting the annual Tony Baade Fishing Derby during Father's Day weekend!

When: June 19 2021

Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: South Beach for registration - Fishing all over the lake

Entry Fee: \$10 per angler

Winners: By species, length, weight

Additional Prizes: TBD

Food & Beverage Provided

Donna Sattler with RE/Max At Home will be sponsoring. Still open to other sponsorship or volunteers!

Swimming

Short Term: Every year we are experiencing more and more beach closures due to multiple lake health issues. Issues include E. coli from bird feces, harmful algal

blooms (HABs), and high phosphorus levels in water column. These are all major concerns to our residents' health and well-being. What can be done to solve the issues? The bigger issue is we have a large body of water with issues... how can we treat it all? Well, we can but it's going to cost major \$\$\$\$. However, an idea has been tossed around and is currently in the study phase. The idea is to isolate the swimming area using an impermeable Turbidity Curtain. The curtain would section off a 1-acre swimming area. The curtain area would receive aeration, algaecide and phoslock, and goose deterrents.

Long Term: Creating a healthier lake ecosystem through BMPs. These are outlined throughout document. Continue to use turbidity curtain or just build a pool. Other associations have done it. Then we don't have to worry about water levels. BUT it takes away the lake experience...

Bottom line is, if we don't begin to address the issues, we will experience more and more beach closures every year.

Boating

Short Term: Last year we experienced a Major invasive aquatic weed flare up! This year we are already monitoring curly leaf growth through cameras under the ice. Fortunately, ice and snow conditions are limiting vegetation growth. It appears that we will have minimal invasive aquatic weeds this year... However, lakes are unpredictable and we do have Clearwater harvesters on the books the week before Memorial Day to cut and clear weeds if necessary. Same application we performed last Memorial Day.

Watercraft activity on the lake is at an all-time high and continues to rise. With additional electric motors and paddle boats we must find a balance between boat recreation and aquatic vegetation. We need vegetation for aquatic habitat and oxygen, but we want a navigable waterway. If you do notice pockets of native vegetation please navigate around them. They were put there for a reason!

Long Term: Creating a healthier lake ecosystem through BMPs. These are outlined throughout document.

Continue to educate and expand boating opportunities for all.

Additional lake management topics

These all correspond to the above items.

- Yearly lake management contract: Under review and additional changes and a la carte items being revised/added based on previous management meetings. Will decide on contractor by next LLPOA board meeting.
- Interpretive Signage: Signage will be put up at both North and South Beach for a number of educational reasons. Overall watershed health, fishing and boating ID/regulations. First sign is 100% complete and second sign is 50%. Boy Scouts have been contacted and potential Eagle Scout will be managing build. Looking for sponsors of building material for sign. Digital signs will be posted to our website. Potential yard signs available!
- Goose control: Additional fencing at North and South Beach will be installed. Both at shoreline and piers. IL wildlife nuisance permit applied for to control through nest abatement. IL wildlife biologist has additional guidance we will be looking in to for the next meeting.
- Stream bank Restoration: As identified in the Hey Report we will begin to address the upstream inlets and stream banks. Stream bank grading and installation of recycled concrete, straw blanket and grass seed will be implemented. VOLUNTEERS needed! June start month!
- Secchi Readings. Tom Casey will head the sampling. Please reach out to me if you are interested in learning more about the sampling and volunteering. Readings are uploaded to Lake County website.
- Beaver Control: See Mary Ellen's comments

Lake Management Committee invites you to come and be a part of the conversation to promote Loch Lomond conservation! We meet the second Tuesday of every

Month. Feel free to reach out to me any time. Steve Shiley. steveshiley@lochlomondlake.com 815-345-0794

Dam, path, and spillway report

Terry Anderson presented.

Terry Anderson received a letter from IDNR that our dam was up for inspection. He track down who had done our previous inspection, and contacted Blech Engineering. He then received a contract in late November for dam inspection. On Nov. 28, there was a complete dam and earthen dike inspection. There were some rip rap issues on the shoreline of the dike, concrete issues, some stonework that has to be added to the bottom of the spillway, and we need an arborist to trim back trees and eliminate dead growth. Our landscaping service is going to need to stay on top of this—they did not address any woody growth along the earthen dike last year. We are waiting to get the official inspection report, then we can begin seeking bids to do this work, which all needs to be permitted through the Army Corps of Engineers.

Boat report

Luke Emde presented.

Looking forward to another successful boating season in 2021. Boat stickers have been ordered and shipped to Mperial so they will go out with beach tags to all residents who ordered boat stickers. Please remember that all boats entering Loch Lomond need a current 2021 boat sticker before entering the lake. Residents who are storing boats at the beach this season will also need a current 2021 storage sticker as well. Please make sure if you are storing a boat at either beach that it is stored in a designated area, upside down, stickers clearly visible and locked at all times.

Motion made by Luke Emde and seconded by Angela Trillhaase to make the following proposed boating rule changes for 2021:

- Removing the rule of only one electric motor per boat, and changing it to a restriction of “maximum horsepower of no more than 3hp for a four-battery system and no more than 70 pounds of thrust for a one or two battery system.”

- Adding a rule that “Only one large pontoon (14ft to 18ft) may be stored or moored off an individual's property or pier.”

Motion passed.

Communications report

Megan Boedecker presented.

Our current website contract will be up after this year. Though we are happy with the current site, the communications committee will begin examining options for next year. The next communications committee meeting will be March 18 to discuss the Q2 print newsletter. For more details, contact communications@lochlomondlake.com.

Old business

Village work and soil erosion update

The LLPOA will be sending the Village of Mundelein specific requests/guidelines for work performed that would impact the health of our lake.

New business

2021 board meeting schedule

We will meet every month in some form in 2021 on the third Monday of each month. We are hoping that we can meet at the beaches during some of the summer meetings, and we are hopeful to be back at the fire station in the fall.

Easter egg hunt

Instead of a traditional Easter egg hunt, this year, we'll put out the message that families can let us know via a quick sign-up form that they'd like the Easter bunny to drive by their house on April 3. The sign-up form will give

us an idea of how many people are interested and which houses need to be on the Easter bunny's route

Virtual open house

The LLPOA will hold a virtual Open House on March 15, beginning at 8 p.m. after the regular board meeting. There will be registration beforehand with ability to ask questions in advance. This will be Zoom, and we will be limited to a strict 40-minute deadline. The event will include a presentation consisting of an introduction of board members, website tips/highlights, lake management highlights, and information about how to get connected as a volunteer. Then there will be 10-15 minutes for questions from attendees.

Thank you

Thank you to Mickey for serving as our president last year, and welcome officially to Mary Ellen as our administrator.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. was made by Angela Trillhaase and seconded by Megan Boedecker. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Board Members in Attendance

Mickey Emde, Luke Emde, Megan Boedecker, Mac Goodwin, Terry Anderson, Steve Shiley, Ginny Rounds, and Angela Trillhaase.

Mary Ellen Casey and several residents were also in attendance.