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Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Board Meeting

Board Meeting

Call to order conducted by Angela Trillhaase at 7:01 p.m.

President's report

Angela Trillhaase presented.

The following topics were addressed by either Angela and/or others in the past month:

South Beach drive-through gate

Open Question: How do emergency personnel gain access to South Beach if gate is locked? There is a lock box near the gate. The board also tasked Mary Ellen Casey with getting a quote to reverse the direction the gate opens.

Landscaping contact

The 2021 landscaping contract was submitted by Mary Ellen and signed by Angela (all negotiations, etc. were completed prior to her appointment as Acting Board President. In the future, she would like to see us explore Mundelein businesses wherever possible.

Snow plow purchase

Open question by Steve Shiley: Does the Board have an appetite to purchase a snow plow to clear the ice of snow for future heavy snow fall like we experienced this winter?

Angela shared her opinion is that we should steer away from any non-critical asset purchases (mainly due to storage, maintenance, chain of succession, liability, insurance), though she is interested in seeing if a plan could be put together to locate rental equipment and set the wheels in motion the next time it is deemed necessary.

The Board shared the same concerns about storage, maintenance, and liability, and that we are not likely to have the winterkill situation every year, but resident education can help us address the problem when it does come up again.

Beach operations manual

Angela submitted her review and suggested edits to the Beach Operations SOP Manual. Expecting update from Luke on this topic later in the meeting.

Late fees for 2020 dues

There were 54 residents whose check payment was not processed until March 23-24, 2020, due to an error in processing by Mperial, who all had a \$35 late fee applied to their account. After discussion between Angela, Mary Ellen, and Mac Goodwin, we directed Mperial to reverse the late charges, which they did.

Dunbar traffic

Walt Trillhaase has been in contact with the Mundelein Police Department regarding the traffic on Dunbar brought up by Monica Villareal. Walt and the PD have agreed they have to wait until baseball season opens to get traffic counts and proceed. Monica and Walt have had difficulty connecting, but Walt is proceeding, just the same.

Secretary's Report

Megan Boedecker presented.

Motion for approval of February meeting minutes was made by Donna Sattler and seconded by Mickey Emde. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mac Goodwin presented.

Mac Goodwin and Linda Klink have finalized the turnover of the Treasurer responsibilities following completion of the 2020 LLPOA audit. Linda has agreed to continue to provide consultation to the board when needed. A few administrative banking tasks remain outstanding in transferring signatory responsibilities to the new Board slate.

Income

Approximately 40% of residents assessment dues have been received through the end of February (\$91k). Additionally early payments for boating stickers and boat storage (\$3.3k) is helping pace income ahead of budget.

Expenses

Expenses remain lower than budget due to the timing of projected 2021 initiatives and payment for Audit services pushed to March.

No resident comments

Administrative report

Mary Ellen Casey presented.

Utilities

Garbage, recycling and porta potty services will resume at both beaches the first week in April. Mary Ellen will call to have the water turned on at South Beach a week or two before the beach opens.

Ice dive training

The Mundelein Fire Department held a successful ice dive training session at South Beach on March 5. They will be on our lake again in the spring for more training. As a reminder to residents, when they are training, there are no lights flashing on their trucks. If it is a true emergency, their truck lights would be flashing.

Key cards

Key cards that have been requested on the annual registration forms will be distributed within the next two weeks.

Welcome bags

The communications committee is meeting later this week to finalize the content of the welcome bags. Mary

Ellen plans on delivering welcome bags to all new 2020 and 2021 residents by the end of March.

Life guards

Mary Ellen has confirmation from three lifeguards who are planning to lifeguard at South Beach this summer. One is a returning guard, and the other two will be new guards. She plans to hire seven more guards. Although we have shared the lifeguard job on various social media platforms and have sent the job posting to the YMCA and local high schools, Mary Ellen has not received much interest. Some of the feedback she has received is regarding other job opportunities like at Barefoot Bay, specifically the significant difference in pay. She suggests raising our hourly pay rate to be competitive to surrounding lifeguard jobs. The safety of our beaches and swimming area is a top priority of LLPOA.

Lake management report

Steve Shiley presented.

The seasonal lake management contract has been signed and accepted. We will be going with a minimal lake contract for the 2021 season and backing off sonar treatments. The contract will be for algae control only.

We have purchased a shallow water diffuser system for south beach swimming and looking for volunteers. Installation end of April.

The second floating raft at South Beach has been removed! The material will be removed from the beach in the next week or two.

Wildlife nuisance license permits have been obtained for both beaver and geese. If you see any beaver dens/activity or goose nests please let Steve Shiley know.

The Tony Baade Father's Day fishing derby will be on June 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sediment and water samples will be taken and sampled in April. Bathymetric map to be completed by Alana at Lake County in May. Now that we are in the spring season, all residents performing spring cleanup please remember to collect all leave/lawn debris and dispose off-site.

The Phoslock swimming curtain proposed for the South Beach swimming area will be put on hold this year. We'll keep looking for documentation of success and be sure to budget for it if it seems like a good project for next year. Hopefully the aerator/diffusers will help and we'll have big spring rains to clear goose fecal matter and other contaminants from our lake. In addition, there are upper watershed management issues that could be addressed to help improve the water that enters our lake. Steve has been in contact with Lake County Stormwater about that.

Megan will share nuisance wildlife removal/prevention tips on the website and LLPOA Facebook. Mickey shared that grape Koolaid sprayed on the beach helped keep geese off the shoreline, and as strange as it sounds, it did work.

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. The next lake management committee meeting will be April 13. Feel free to reach out to Steve Shiley: steveshiley@lochlomondlake.com or 815-345-0794.

Dam, path, and spillway report

Terry Anderson presented.

The inspector is in the process of sending his report to the IDNR and will send a copy to Terry, which will show us the extent of any repairs needed to the dam.

Boat report

Luke Emde presented.

Looking forward to a great boating season in 2021. Residents should be receiving stickers along with their beach tags if they paid their dues and sticker fees prior to the March 15 deadline. If you did not receive your stickers, or have a boating issue please reach out to Luke Emde as soon as possible (lukeemde@lochlomondlake.com).

Reminders:

- Any and all boats entering Loch Lomond MUST be registered with the association and display current up to date boating stickers. This includes lake front property owners.

- All electric powered watercraft require an application, permit, and additional sticker prior to entering the lake. No exceptions!
- Any boats stored at North or South Beach require a yearly storage sticker along with a yearly boat sticker. Any boat that does not have a LLPOA sticker are subject to removal.

By requiring boats to be registered and stickered with the association it reduces the amount of boats being launched on the lake from outside Loch Lomond. We are very fortunate that our lake does not have the invasive species such as zebra mussels and eurasian milfoil. However, our lake does have a fair amount of curly leaf pondweed which can be invasive in large quantities. We spent over 10,000 dollars last year to get rid of the curly leaf in our lake so boating, swimming, and fishing could be enjoyed by all. The number one culprit of transferring invasive species from one body of water to another is kayaks and paddle boards. By requiring ALL boats to be registered and display proper stickers, it helps prevent the spread of invasive species in our lake. It only takes one boat, one time, to introduce invasive species into our lake. Please do your part to stop the spread of invasive species in our lake.

The Beach SOP is in its final draft and will be added on the website once approved at the next board meeting.

Procedures worth noting include that for rainfall over .76 inches, the beach will be closed for 24 hours and when E coli counts are >190 and we will test every day until it falls below that.

The next boat committee meeting is March 30.

North beach report

Mickey Emde presented.

North Beach looks good. We've repositioned rope that is hopefully keeping some geese off. There was a lot of beaver damage on one of the properties flanking North Beach. Mickey will connect with the owners this spring to help address this. LLPOA with the help of resident volunteers has been working for nearly 15 years to get native plants in the area surrounding North Beach. This year we'll have four visits from a native plants specialist to help guide us and our volunteers. Interested in

volunteering? Reach out to Mickey at mickeyemde@lochlomondlake.com and she will train you.

South beach report

Ginny Rounds presented.

Gates

The fire department recommended that our beach gates should swing outwards during winter due to snow blocking the emergency entrance. The board is discussing how to proceed.

South Beach clean-up

The South Beach clean-up date is proposed for May 8 with a rain date of May 9.

Smoking area

Smoking signs are to be ordered and placed at south beach by Mary Ellen. One sign will be at the entrance gate. The other will place in smoking area, along with an outdoor standing ashtray. Ginny would like to have the smoking area behind boats on the basketball side of South Beach.

Communications report

Megan Boedecker presented.

The next communications committee meeting will be March 18 to discuss the Q2 print newsletter, renewal of our postal permit, and the printing quote for the booklet of bylaws and rules included in our welcome bags for new residents. For more details, contact communications@lochlomondlake.com.

Old business

Easter

There have been a few registrations received for Easter. We expect there will be more coming in the next couple weeks.

Virtual open house

The LLPOA a virtual Open House has been moved to April 19, beginning at 8 p.m. after the regular board meeting. Please register in advance.

New business

LochFest

The events committee proposed moving the usual LochFest date back to August. After board discussion, we are going to plan for the usual end of July date. Save the date for July 31.

We hopeful we can be back to something like normal by then. However, we are still considering scaling LochFest back and moving some events (like the cornhole tournament, fishing derby, dog party, etc.) to different dates.

Banbury park

Banbury: what do we do about a tree that has fallen on the fence at Banbury park? Mary Ellen will reach out to the Village. In addition, we should review our insurance policy to see if we would be covered if something happened to the railroad bridge over the dam. We'll look at our insurance policy and also find other ways to maybe be proactive about it (calling the Village or railroad inspectors or something). Angela will follow up in April.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. was made by Angela Trillhaase and seconded by Mac Goodwin. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Also in attendance: Mary Ellen Casey, Ted Mashek, Nancy Pietraszewski, Alissa Gold, Sheila Crotty Kagan, Peggy Billittier, and Jennifer Gangler