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## Loch Lomond Laker

### Minutes of the May 18, 2020 Board Meeting

#### Board Meeting

Call to order conducted by Mickey Emde at 7:05 p.m.

#### Board slate approval

A resolution was brought to approve the board slate as follows:

President: Mickey Emde

Vice President: Angela Trillhaase

Treasurer: Linda Klink

Secretary: Megan Boedecker

Lake Management: Steve Shiley

Boat Director: Luke Emde

Dam, Path, & Spillway: Terry Anderson

South Beach: Donna Sattler

North Beach: Mickey Emde

Community Relations: Lawrence "Mac" Goodwin

Events: Mary Ellen Casey

At-large: Kate Wright

All members indicated their agreement to sign the resolution with the understanding that Lawrence "Mac" Goodwin will be appointed to the Treasurer position at some point after the completion of the pending 2019 audit. At that time, Linda Klink will be appointed as a board member at large.

#### President's Report

Mickey Emde presented.

We are looking forward to this year with an emphasis on lake ecology and providing a vibrant community to live in.

#### *Recognition of Tony Baade*

Tony Baade submitted a letter of retirement from the LLPOA board last September. He has spent countless

hours and many years involved in the community for the betterment of all. We reluctantly accept his resignation. Thank you for your years of service.

#### Treasurer's Report

Linda Klink presented.

We're up year-over-year on percentage of people who are paid up on dues. 27% have not paid. Historically, 20% is about the average rate of dues payment.

#### *Motion for approval of Treasurer's report*

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Mac Goodwin and seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion carried.

#### Secretary's Report

Megan Boedecker presented.

#### *Motion for approval of November minutes*

Motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Luke Emde and seconded by Linda Klink. Motion carried.

#### Administrator's Report

Denise Gavin presented.

We have three hired lifeguards who are good to go, no certification required. Two more are hired but not certified. The others have expressed interest but have not been interviewed yet. Head guard would be Jared Honda. See "New Business" for further discussion of lifeguards.

#### Lake Management

Steve Shiley reported.

Products have been applied to get rid of weeds. Even though there is growth, the plants have been affected by the treatment. The plants will sometimes continue to grow even after a treatment was performed. Our manufacturer rep is confident that the next treatment will help. As well. With the mild winter we had we did forecast for some of this. This is why we added in the “bump” treatment into the program. We really should not “harvest” as the curly leaf pond can fragment, which means even the slightest bit of plant matter can turn into a new plant.

We are very fortunate to have Loch Lomond lake, and as homeowners we must be stewards of our land to help maintain the ecosystem. It’s important to remind everyone that your landscaping habits can either help or harm our waterbody. The amount and type of fertilizers applied to your lawn and landscape can have an enormous negative or positive impact on the water quality. You should opt for an organic/slow release option and try to apply smaller doses in the spring season and more in fall. In addition, spring cleanup creates piles of lawn clippings/leaves/twigs that must be composted or bagged. If we fail to dispose of these, they will potentially end up in our water body causing increased phosphorus levels. The lake committee is calling all residents to join us. We need members/volunteers! If you’re interested in joining or volunteering, please reach out to Steve Shiley at [steveshiley@lochlomondlake.com](mailto:steveshiley@lochlomondlake.com) or 815-345-0794.

### **Boat Director’s Report**

Luke Emde reported.

Boat stickers were mailed and distributed with beach tags, and everyone who purchased a boat sticker when paying their dues should have them. The boat sticker system is in place as normal, and everyone should have their same boating number as in years past. The pier at south beach has been put back in the water, and people have been using it to launch their pontoons and other watercraft. Luke has been working with Faraz from Mperial, and the watercraft inventory/owner sheet should be completed by the end of the week. If anyone would like a copy of it please let him know. It contains every boat owner, contact info, sticker number, type of boat, and north or south beach storage.

### **Events Coordinator’s Report**

Mary Ellen Casey presented.

The 2020 Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. **We are cancelling the Father’s Day Fishing Tournament and LochFest 2020.** The annual Lighted Boat Parade may be able to take place, but the potluck and bonfire gathering will not be a part of the parade night this year.

### **Community Relations Report**

Mac Goodwin reported.

Everything has been on hold. No community relations event outreach has started due to the pandemic and associated closures of businesses.

### **Communications Report**

Megan Boedecker reported.

#### *Print newsletter*

At the last communications committee meeting in February, Megan, Mac, and Mary Ellen discussed several topics, including teasing out the duties of the Secretary vs. the Communications Director. In addition, we created a communications calendar which was disrupted due to COVID-19. We made a plan to secure bids from print/mail vendors for a print newsletter, which was also disrupted due to COVID-19. We reached out to Kate, who agreed to help us with a print newsletter once the content is decided on. We still need to choose a printer and decide how we will deliver the newsletter. It would be ideal to get the first newsletter in the hands of residents by the beginning of June, including information about how the beaches will be managed in light of the pandemic. In the meantime, we will send an email newsletter.

#### *Website*

In April, our website contract renewed for the second year for \$1420, which was the agreed upon yearly price in the contract we signed last year. The company we contracted for the website has changed its name from EARS Digital Media to Pineapple Media Group.

#### *Emails*

Megan will create LLPOA email addresses for newly voted in board members (and also Linda).

## **Old Business**

### *Swim lessons*

Last year, we discontinued swim lessons, and several residents have since contacted the board to express interest in resuming the program.

At the previous rates, swim lessons were a cost to the association due to the costs of paying lifeguards to a) be certified as an instructor and b) to be present during the swim lessons (at least four lifeguards needed on duty while the beach is open).

To cover the cost of lifeguards, we would need to charge nearly \$80 per participant per session (several weeks of lessons). Other options were floated around, including offering a “water safety” course on Saturday mornings instead of certified swim lessons. In addition, we need another insurance policy to cover swim lessons. It would be a significant added cost.

One of the things residents most wanted to bring back was the “swim across the lake” rite of passage after swim lessons were successfully completed. However, that might still present a liability to the association, according to our insurance representative.

Mickey, Luke, and Megan met with Virginia Rounds, who “represented” many of the residents asking that we resume offering swim lessons. Once she saw the cost breakdown, she was personally more amenable to an option such as the “water safety” course. However, when she asked other residents about that alternative, she indicated to us that other residents seemed to still want regular, certified swim lessons.

It’s possible that we can resume offering them at great cost to the association, as a benefit to our members. Or, we offer them at a high cost to participants, which might be a higher cost than other programs in the area.

**Swim lessons will not be held in 2020 due to COVID-19, and the decision about swim lessons in 2021 has been tabled until a future board meeting.** Residents should send their comments and questions about swim lessons to [swim@lochlomondlake.com](mailto:swim@lochlomondlake.com)

## **New business**

### *Beach management*

The beach usually opens Memorial Day weekend. That means we generally start staffing the beach with lifeguards at that time, put out the swimming buoys and diving board, etc. **The beach will not be staffed with lifeguards this Memorial Day weekend due to COVID-19. The beach is “swim-at-your-own-risk” until further notice.**

Signs were put up at the beaches announcing that the common areas are still open, but due to COVID-19 playground are closed and social distancing should be observed. Those signs will be replaced due to destruction by the elements. Caution tape will be added around playgrounds to help enforce their non-use. In addition, the board decided that to protect our residents’ health, the bathrooms will be locked at both beaches, as the CDC advises that public restrooms should not be in use.

A lengthy conversation was had about possible models of beach management for this summer. From normal lifeguard staffing, to no staffing, to reduced staffing with alternative responsibilities, many options were debated. No consensus could be reached, and the board is reaching out to other private lakes as well as our insurance company for advice on how to handle beach opening. At this time, no mention was made of barring beach or water access.

### *Lake clean-up solution*

Kate requested we find a way to regularly clean up the lake debris, especially in the area near her property, so the work does not fall on the resident of that property. Denise will get a quote from our landscape company about an annual spring clean-up.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. was made by Luke Emde and seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

## **Board Members in Attendance**

Mickey Emde, Luke Emde, Linda Klink, Megan Boedecker, Mac Goodwin, Mary Ellen Casey, Terry Anderson, Steve Shiley, Donna Sattler, Kate Wright, and Angela Trillhaase.

Denise Gavin was also in attendance.