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# **Loch Lomond Laker**

# Minutes of the January 17, 2023

## **Board Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by Donna Sattler at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance; Donna Sattler, Deb Rusin, Mickey Emde and Angela Trilhasse (via telephone).

## **Approval of New Board Members / Board Slate**

Motion was made by Donna Sattler to approve Tom Casey and Nancy Burton as Board members for the 2023 year, seconded by Mickey Emde. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Donna Sattler to approve the following board slate for 2023, seconded by Deb Rusin. Motion carried.

President: Angela Trillhaase

Treasurer: Deb Rusin

Secretary: Nancy Burton

Boat Director: Luke Emde

Lake Management: Tom Casey

North Beach Director: Mickey Emde

Community Relations: Donna Sattler

South Beach Director: Open

Dam, path, and spillway Director: Open

**Secretary's Report** 

Nancy Burton presented.

Motion was made by Mickey Emde to approve the November 12, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report

Deb Rusin stated that she is working on transitioning accounts over to reflect her as the new treasurer for the association. She has already been in communication with Imperial, bank and insurance representatives. She is also reviewing all financial accounts and will have a budget report for the February meeting.

#### **Resident Comments:**

Dan Lennon and Lauren Bunks (12 Edgemont)

Introduced themselves and stated they recently moved into the community. They inquired if the LLPOA had reserves for projects. Board members stated that there are reserves and that the budget document is located on the website for their review.

#### **Administrative report**

Becca Merkau presented.

Mailings will be going out this week which will include information on dues, boat registration, beach keys, and events. She is also working on updating website.

Currently there are (6) lifeguards interested in returning for the summer. The goal is to have (8) guards on staff. The lifeguard position has been posted on the website.

She and Tom Casey are starting to look for a new landscaping company for the upcoming season.

## **Lake Management Report**

Tom Casey presented.

Eagle Scout signage project is underway, sign design and preliminary parts list has been developed. The Mundelein Tool Library has offered their new woodworking shop space to use for sign construction.

New geese fencing is being built for both the north and south beach.

LLOPA representatives are scheduled to attend the next Fremont Library Board meeting to request they turn off their pond aerator for the winter months. The open water attracts a large flock of geese. Their pond is part of our lake's watershed.

Native plant team will be working on expanding native plant buffer strip at South Beach. They will also be recommending plants to be placed on floating islands.

We will continue using McCloud Aquatics for the 2023 year. They will be spraying for invasive plants and adding algae treatments.

The Committee is looking to have a Spring Lake Management Education Kickoff on May 21. The event would inform and educate residents about the lake. Ideas include fishing lessons, native plant education, lake management and HAB education.

### Dam, path, and spillway report:

Tom Casey stated that there was beaver activity near the dam on the east side of pond. LLOPA does not own this property; it is believed it is IDOT property. Tom will reach out to IDOT to discuss issue.

Boat report - No report

# **North Beach report**

Mickey Emde presented.

Native gardens assist in filtering and purifying the water entering our lake through various inlets. North Beach has several gardens, the main one outside of the gates in the easement by the road. LLOPA received a grant from Lake County Stormwater Management to install this garden in 2010. Volunteers continue to maintain this garden.

We recently hired a stewardship service to assist us at both beaches to make sure our efforts create pollinator pockets and native buffer gardens for years to come.

She stated that the Committee is always interested in new ideas and more volunteers. Together we can make a difference.

### South Beach report - No report

Board members commented that there is still a need for a South Beach Director. It was stated that Luke Emde was checking with an individual who expressed some interest. Discussion also occurred regarding the possibility of having Block Captains organize their block to oversee the beach for a one week period.

Administrator Merkau stated that she is developing a list of small projects that will need to be completed before the beginning of the season.

#### **Communications**

The Board discussed briefly the importance of finding someone for this position. It could be a volunteer and then have one board oversee that Committee.

#### Events -

Donna Sattler stated that Sarah Christ will be organizing events LLOPA events for the upcoming year. Winter Fest is scheduled for February 11, pending weather conditions. There is a planning meeting for the event on February 1, at Tighthead. The annual Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8. Volunteers are needed for this event.

#### Old Business - None

#### **New Business**

A motion to purchase 4 floating islands not to exceed \$10,000 was made by Tom Casey and seconded by Nancy Burton. Motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Donna Sattler, seconded by Mickey Emde. Motion carried.