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## Loch Lomond Laker

### Minutes of the March 20, 2023

#### Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Trillhaase.

Board Members in Attendance; Donna Sattler, Luke Emde and Deb Rusin.

**President's Report** - No report.

**Secretary's Report** – No report. The February meeting minutes will need to be approved at the March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Deb Rusin presented her report. The 2022 audit still needs to be completed; LLPOA has requested an extension until August. The Board is currently looking for a new auditor due to the cost increase by the current auditor. She reminded Board members that detailed receipts are needed for each purchase. There was a request to use the Zettle account for Loch Fest admissions and Loch wear sales.

A motion was made by Luke Emde to approve the February 2023 budget report, seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion carried.

#### Resident Comments –

*Bill Kwiatkowski* – asked about the geese deterrent lights that were installed. The board stated that they are low emitting lights that deter geese from nesting at Loch Lomond. Lights were installed by members of the Lake Management Committee. So far there has been good feedback on their effectiveness.

**Administrative report** – Becca Merkau, presented her report. She stated that both the head guard and

assistant are both returning. Guard hours still need to be determined. If the Board intends to reduce hours that lifeguards are on duty such as no guards on Tuesday/Wednesday, then we could stay with hiring 7 guards. If we have gate guards, they will be very limited hours. Water Safety Director duties could be assisted by gate guard. Guards are responsible for maintaining the beach area.

South Beach utilities and porta potties will be back in service on April 1. Groot Disposal service will also start in April. Changing station needs to be replaced. The Board will have it removed and see how many requests we have for it during the season. Diving board depth is currently 9'4". Insurance and Lake County Code requires a depth of 9'6". The cost to dredge to this depth is approximately \$10,000. The Board agreed to defer this until next year.

**Lake Management Report** – Luke Emde, presented Tom Casey's report.

Eagle Scout signage project - continues to move forward. The Mundelein Tool Library Woodworking Shop space will be used for the sign construction. The Education team is reviewing/finalizing content for the signs. The plan is for a sign at South Beach and a sign at North Beach to inform and educate residents about our lake, the fish, the native plants and wildlife.

Beach fencing update - New fencing gates have been installed at both beaches. There is one more to build and install at South Beach. The Committee is still looking for design ideas for the geese fence on the sand

beach at South Beach to make it less cumbersome to move and put back.

Geese Away Lights – (10) Geese deterrent lights were installed on our lake. These are solar powered low level lights that flash at night only. The flashing light disrupts the geese sleeping on or near the lake encouraging them to find another home.

Floating Islands – (4) floating islands have been ordered and should arrive by mid-May. The plan is to have the islands off of North Beach, South Beach, near Firth channel and possibly by the dam. Islands should be placed near our major inlets where the majority of nutrients flow into our lake. The purposes of the floating islands are to consume the excess nutrients in our lake that will in turn reduce the amount of algae growth. Other benefits include providing habitat for wildlife such as turtles and pollinators and enhancing our fish diversity by providing cover for smaller fish.

Biodredging - McCloud Aquatics will report on the effectiveness of the trial application in the spring. Based upon the results we will decide on whether to pursue this further.

Spring Lake Management Kickoff - Plans are in the works for this event. The goal of the event is to inform and educate the residents about our lake and how to enjoy our lake. The event will be on Sunday May 21 -from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the event.

**Dam, path, and spillway report** – Open position. There was discussion regarding resealing of the pathway.

**Boat report** – Luke Emde presented his report.

Boat Stickers for the 2023 season will be mailed out next week. Boat storage at North beach is currently full. South Beach has a couple of paddle boat spots open and plenty of storage room available for kayak, row boat or canoes. The budget calls for 12 additional spots to be added this year. PLEASE attach your current 2023 boat stickers (on the rear right side, so it is visible at all times).

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 requires a yearly storage sticker along with a yearly boat sticker. Any boat that does not have an up to date LLPOA sticker is subject to removal.

**North Beach report** – Luke Emde, presented Micky Emde's report.

Native gardens at both beaches are waking up as the days get warmer. The gardens form a buffer to filter the water entering our lake at various inlets. Homeowners can do their part by keeping leaves and debris out of the drainage ditches that feed our lake. All these efforts and many more keep our lake clean.

North beach has several gardens, the main one being outside of the gates in the easement by the road.

LLOPA recently hired a stewardship service to assist us during the summer with our gardens at both beaches to assure our efforts to create pollinator pockets and native buffer gardens for years to come.

**South Beach report** – Open position.

Adopt a Beach Program was discussed.

South Beach Clean Up is scheduled for May 20, 2023.

**Events** – Donna Sattler presented her report.

Two new sandwich boards were purchased to advertise meetings and events. We are still in need of Loch Captains. Time commitment is only about 30 minutes a month.

Spring Fest – April 8 - 10 am. Action Martial Arts, one of our premier sponsors, will begin with a Taekwondo Bunny. We will also see our own neighborhood bunny. We will have Hot Chocolate, a bunny hop and an egg toss. We will also be presenting information on the new Garden Club Project at South Beach after a quick scavenger hunt. Our Community Service project will be

LochFest - planning is in full swing for this event. We have decided on merchandise, hats and such need to be pre-made by Loch Lomond resident embroidery. We have an option for someone to make apparel on site

during LochFest. Food planning is underway; Andrea O'Donnell has agreed to chair the food planning. Additional Games brought up were Kayak Races, Pennies in the Sand and Marshmallow Drive being for adults. It was discussed that it is important to make sure we start charging for everyone who attends instead of LLPOA.

May 27 - Boat Parade – 6 pm

May 31 - Last Day of School Event - 12 noon

June 9 - Movie Night

### **Old Business**

Discussion took place regarding the budget outlay for switching to a new management company. No reserves will be used for this instead \$7,500 from Lake Mgmt, a reduction of lifeguard hours and events monies will be used.

### **New Business**

Landscaping Contract – A motion to approve Mitch's Landscaping contract for \$15,200 was made by Luke Emde, seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion carried.

### **Resident Comments**

Comments were heard from a few residents regarding LLPOA communication. There are too many FB pages, no centralized communication. The Board stated that the new management company is expected to help greatly improve communications to our residents.

Adjournment - motion to adjourn made by Donna Sattler, second by Deb Rusin. Motion carried at 8:13.