



Board Minutes – August 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Tom Casey. Board members in attendance; Dan Lennon, Mickey Emde, Donna Sattler and Nancy Burton.

President's Comments – None

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the July 17, 2023, minutes was made by Mickey Emde and seconded by Donna Sattler. It was noted that under resident comment, that the last name should have been Strachn not Stranges. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Burton presented Deb Rusin's report. The tax returns, state and federal have been filed. We will still need to file an amended return and audit. The financial information provided by Mperial only went through 10-17-22. We need financial numbers thru 10-31-22, to complete the audit. Board members should have received an email and spreadsheet outlining the documents that are needed. Please forward any information you have to Deb, and she will compile and send it to the auditor.

Resident Comments –

- Pizza Bill discussed the possibility of dredging the North Bay and Firth Channel. He heard that the spoils from the dredging could be taken to the Lake County dump. He was going to check into that and share the information he gathers with the Board. Board members thanked him for his efforts.

Administrative Report – Erich Schwenk, The Pineapple Brand

- Mperial – The transfer is complete and some communication still occurs.
- Banking – Account transfers have been completed and we have received a large interest payment this month. By the end of the month the interest account will surpass other interest earned this fiscal year.
- Financials – Since Mperial did not provide historical account data, the financial report reflects merging their latest report with the current data. A few bills were outstanding for months prior (landscaping, utilities, etc.). While paid, they won't reflect until next month's report.
- Guards – Becca Merkau has been very helpful with the guards during the month of July and even after her transition. Her ongoing relationships helped with scheduling and payroll. One issue did arise with scheduling at the end of the season. Guards indicated they were available to work an additional week and two weekends. Unfortunately this did not pan out as expected. Guards only worked a few extra weekdays and no weekends.

Lake Management – Tom Casey presented his report. He stated that beaches are currently at red flag status due to the siting of blue-green algae. The geese deterrents have been successful in reducing the number of geese on our lake this summer. If you are a lakefront homeowner who does not have any geese deterrents on your shoreline (either native plant buffer strip, fencing or both), please consider putting something in place before the fall migration starts. The Lake County Board did not approve the ARPA grant request we were part of with St Mary's Lake and Butler Lake. We are currently working with Lake County Stormwater Management on an EPA grant for the same proposal. Thanks to the Baker family for adding additional fencing to the floating islands to keep the muskrats from using them as their personal dinner buffets. We had 20 people attend the Lake Management Committee meeting at South Beach to discuss research opportunities and initiatives for next year. These initiatives include additional floating islands, increasing the number of geese lights, continued biodredging, shoreline stabilization, aerators, water testing and dredging.

Dam, Path and Spillway – Dan Lennon presented his report. He stated that posts and fence have been delivered and awaiting organization for installation. Investigation on riprap and fence clean-up are completed.

It was decided that Saturday, September 16, would be declared “dam day” to work the whole damn morning to erect fence and any other clean-up projects. Mitch’s Landscape has quoted \$800 to clean the buckthorn out of the fence and fence line. Dan stated that Luke Emde volunteered to use his new Bushwhacker and clean up the area. He also clarified why the riprap to the north boundary on western side of dam falls 60 feet short of the dam’s northern boundary. In speaking with Luke Emde it was explained that according to Seawalls Incorporated the dam becomes soft and muck at the northern border. Riprap installed there would not stay in place, fall into the lake and exacerbate the problem it was trying to fix.

Boat Report – Thank you to all residents who continue to follow our boating rules, regulations, and sticker policy. Reminder that all sticker applications can be found on the Loch Lomond website under the document section. If you have paid and not received a boat sticker, storage sticker, or electric powered sticker please reach out to Luke Emde. Boat storage at North beach is currently full. South Beach has plenty of storage room available for residents looking to store a kayak, row boat, or canoe. If you have a boat stored at either beach, PLEASE, attach your current 2023 boat stickers. Non-compliant boats will be removed from the beaches in August.

Over the last month as warm weather has been increasing, we have been seeing a significant amount of boats being launched from both North and South beach that do not have any Loch Lomond boating stickers. Most of these boats have been kayaks which is the number one spreader of invasive aquatic plants in Illinois. It only takes one boat, that has been in another lake that has invasive species, to be launched into our lake to spread such devastating invasives such as Eurasian milfoil. Our sticker policy and boat sanitization station are the only defense we have against these invasive species. HABS and Coontail are bad, we do not wish to have Eurasian milfoil in our lake. Please do your part by abiding by the rules, and sanitizing your boat before and after entering the lake if you use your boat in other lakes.

Boat Parade – Will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023. This year we will be doing two laps around the lake, one while it is still light out and one when it's dark. This change was brought about by residents' request to allow more people to view the parade from their properties and beaches. There will be a potluck dinner at South beach starting at 4:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass if you plan on participating in the pot luck dinner. Boat line up will take place between 6 and 6:20 pm for the first lap. The second lap will start around 7:30 pm as the sun will set around that time. We will be departing from the beach going west from the beach towards the Firth Channel. Hope to see lots of great boats and decorations this year! Please pass this information along to residents and others who wish to participate.

Important reminders for the 2023 season:

- 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 an up-to-date LLPOA sticker is subject to removal.

North Beach - Mickey Emde presented her report. She discussed the proposal from Ringers in regard to the work that needs to be done on the north beach spillway. Their proposal consists of removing built up rip rap in the center of the creek next to concrete structure. Rip rap would be moved to lower the built-up area in the center so water can flow in middle of concrete structure. Work also includes cleaning out rip rap that is intertwined in grass and weeds, installing existing rip rap that is to be removed to new location and adding additional RR4 rip rap. The current water flow pattern is eroding the area more and has moved rip rap from its

original placement. Mickey stated that it is important that this work gets completed before the Spring rains come. The Board discussed the proposal and did not disagree that the work needs to get done but they would like to see a second quote for the work prior to making a final decision.

South Beach – An update was provided by Tom Casey. The retractable fence has been installed at the beach and will be taken down prior to winter. An additional frisbee golf goal has been donated by a resident. South Beach clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 7. We will need one or two board members to oversee the clean-up.

Events – Donna Sattler stated that Loch Fest was a huge success this year. Positive comments were heard from residents throughout the day of the event. Sponsorships were increased, the food was well received, bingo drew a larger crowd and the kids enjoyed all the games. It was a great day for our community. Special thanks to Sarah Christ who spearheaded the organization of the event and to everyone who volunteered. Board members agreed it was a great day and thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts.

Old Business - None

New Business

- A. *Rip Rap & North Fencing in Dam Area* – Dan Lennon stated that volunteers will now be completing this work during dam clean-up day on September 16, 2023.
- B. *Native Plant Buffer Strip Project South Beach* – A motion to spend up to \$1,000 to finish the native plant buffer strip at South Beach was made by Tom Casey and seconded by Dan Lennon. Discussion: Tom Casey explained that this is for the 2nd half of the project. The 1st half of the project was completed in Spring. The \$1,000 would cover the cost of the plants and sod cutter rental. Mickey Emde stated that she was not comfortable approving this expenditure since we currently do not have enough volunteers to maintain the gardens we have. We need to figure out a way for more people to get involved. It was also discussed possibly putting down cardboard during the winter months to prep the area for a spring planting. Roll Call: 1 Aye (Casey) 4 Nays (Emde, Lennon, Sattler & Burton).
- C. *Weed Harvesting Recommendation* – A motion to spend up to \$2,000 for weed harvesting to remove excessive weed growth in the problem areas around the perimeter of the lake was made by Tom Casey and seconded by Mickey Emde. Discussion: Donna Sattler asked if this would stop the plant growth. Tom Casey explained that it will not stop the plants' growth. Plant growth is necessary for balancing out nutrients in water. Motion approved.

Resident Comments –

- Lauren Bunks - Requested that the weed cutter please do the area by the dam spillway.
- Paul Saydak – Asked if the Village Public Works could assist in cleaning out the inlet at the Firth Channel.

Executive Session – A motion was made at 8:08 p.m. to go into executive session by Tom Casey and seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion approved.

Adjournment – A motion was made at 8:33 p.m. to come out of executive session and adjourn the meeting by Tom Casey and seconded by Mickey Emde.