



## Board Minutes – September 25, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Luke Emde. Board members in attendance; Dan Lennon, Luke Emde, Donna Sattler, Tom Casey, Mike Strachn, Deb Rusin, Nancy Burton and Angela Trillhasse (called in to meeting).

**President's Comments** – None

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the August 28, 2023, minutes was made by Dan Lennon and seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Deb Rusin presented her report. She stated that it has been a challenge getting data from Mperial especially year-end figures. She was working with Larry Faze in getting him the information he needs to complete audit and amended tax returns. All documents have been saved to Google drive for future reference.

**Resident Comments** – None

**Administrative Report** – Erich Schwenk, The Pineapple Brand – Erich Schwenk was not present at the meeting but provided the Board with a written report that they reviewed.

- Financial reports - Will have a different look through the end of the fiscal year. This is due to the fact that Mperial did not provide any historical data to us during the transition period. There is still one outstanding invoice to KSN.
- Guards – Tom Casey and Luke Emde requested that I reach out to Abbie (head guard) in an attempt to schedule the guards for a fall clean-up. Abbie stated she would reach out to the guards to see if anyone was available. After several follow-up calls, she stated that no one was responding or available. At this time, no time has been scheduled for clean-up.
- Annual Meeting – Preparations are being made for the annual meeting. Working with the Communications Team on printing the packet.
- Boat disposal – Arrangements were made to dispose of a 12' metal long boat which was abandoned.

**Lake Management** – Tom Casey presented his report.

- Weed Harvesting – The results and feedback on the weed harvesting that was done over the past month were very positive. The harvester removed 13,500 pounds of weeds from our lake. The benefits of weed harvesting over spraying are no chemicals are used, the results are immediate, it removes nutrients from the lake, it removes plant material resulting in less sediment buildup and it does not kill the plant leaving the remaining plant to continue to use nutrients in the lake. Other nearby lakes are using weed harvesting instead of chemical spraying to control excess weed growth. It is a direction the Lake Management Committee feels we should go with next year.
- Aerators -The Lake Management Committee continues to look into the effectiveness of water movement devices (aerators, diffusers, water circulators, fountains) for our lake. The major benefits of water movement devices in a lake or pond are that they improve water quality, reduce excess algal blooms, reduces foul odors, enhances fish habitat and reduces sediment accumulation on the bottom of the lake. All issues we are looking to address with our lake. Water movement also increases the effectiveness of biodredge applications. Aerators, diffusers, fountains and water circulators all increase

water movement and address these same issues. They each have their advantages and disadvantages over each other. For example, aerators sit on the bottom of the lake and do not affect boating or

swimming. Fountains sit on top of the water and can affect boating and swimming. Aerators are not recommended for shallow water (less than 3 feet). This could affect placement of aerators or lead to a combination of water movement units. Aerators have been used in the past in Loch Lomond and were successful in improving the lake water quality.

- Dredging - The dredging of Firth channel and North Bay is being discussed as these are our biggest problem areas for sediment buildup. How to dispose of the sediment removed from the lake is a big question. Dredging Firth would be a much smaller effort than dredging North Bay. One possibility for the removed sediment is to use sediment dewatering bags placed on residents' lawns. We are exploring this option with the residents living on or close to the Firth channel. The larger area for dredging in North Bay would eliminate using this option as a possibility alone. Transporting the removed sediment would have to be done or at least a combination of the 2 options.
- Education - Educating the Loch Lomond community on various ways to help improve our lake water quality is being planned. This includes fertilizer usage, lawn maintenance, buffer strips, rain gardens and landscaping techniques. Gerry has put together fact sheets on several topics in these areas and Chris offered to work with Gerry on content as well as various options for distributing and communicating this information. The emphasis would be on what all residents, not just lakefront homeowners, can do to positively impact our lake water quality.
- Lake County Health Department Ecological Services - We met this past week with Gerry Urbanozo who works with lakes in Lake County. He is very familiar with Loch Lomond and wrote the 2015 LCHD report on Loch Lomond. A few highlights of that conversation are:
  - Loch Lomond water quality around the lake is the best he has seen in mid-September in many years. He stated that more native plants around the perimeter have helped improve water clarity there but that we need more aquatic plants in the middle of the lake.
  - He is not in favor of spraying weeds after mid-June. We need more aquatic plant coverage and diversity in our lake. Weed harvesting is a better option to control excessive plant growth.
  - On request, LCHD will do a plant survey for us to determine our current aquatic plant coverage throughout the lake. I have requested this service.
  - Carp contribute to the excessive turbidity in our lake and the lack of aquatic plant growth. LCHD will come out with their boat and do a carp removal effort upon request. I have requested this service.
  - Education of all residents on ways they can help improve the quality of our lake should be an ongoing process. Some things mentioned were addressing eroding shorelines and inlet creeks, adding aquatic plants, shoreline buffer strips and removing trees hanging over into the lake.

**Dam, Path and Spillway** – Dan Lennon presented his report. He thanked the volunteers (Luke, Kim, Travis, Jen & Lauren) who helped out during Dam Clean Up Day. The fence area was cleared and mowers can now mow the fence line. Buckthorn was cut down and dragged to the gate area and still needs to be bundled up and then disposed of. New fencing was installed on the north side of the dam. Dan pointed out that additional fencing will need to be ordered to complete the project.

**Boat Report** – Luke Emde presented his report. A big thank you to all the residents who came out and supported the boat parade on Saturday. We had lots of very well decorated boats, a great potluck spread, live music, and a lot of fun was had by all. These types of events are what make our neighborhood such a special place to live and be a part of!

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

**North Beach** – No report.

**South Beach** – An update was provided by Tom Casey. Clean Up Day is scheduled for October 7, and we are still in need of one or two board members to oversee the clean-up. Buoys were removed prior to the boat parade. The fishing pier has a decayed board that needs replacing. As a reminder to residents, please use the hot coal can provided to dispose of hot coals and not the garbage cans. Adopt-A-Beach program is in high gear and all weeks have been covered.

**Events** – Donna Sattler informed the Board that thank you notes have been sent out to all Loch Fest sponsors. Donna stated that Sarah Christ thought it would be beneficial to have a sponsor table at the annual meeting. Information about our sponsors would be available to pick up for any resident interested. The Board agreed that this would be an additional way of getting our sponsors' names out there.

#### **Old Business –**

- A. *Native Plant Buffer Project* – A motion was made by Tom Casey to approve an expenditure of \$1,000 to finish the native plant buffer strip at South Beach, seconded by Deb Rusin. Discussion: Tom Casey stated that volunteers have now weeded the existing buffer strip which was the concern of the Board at the last meeting. Volunteers are also ready to plant the additional buffer strip if approved by the Board. Motion approved.
- B. *Erosion Control North Beach Spillway* – A motion was made by Luke Emde to approve Ringer Services proposal for erosion control measures at North Beach not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Nancy Burton. Discussion: Board members had questions regarding the original project work and if it was done properly by the contractor. They felt it was important to make sure the work being recommended is what is needed to solve the issue. An overall maintenance plan for the spillway would also be beneficial to have. The Board tabled the motion until more information could be obtained.

#### **New Business**

- A. *Budget 2023/24 Proposal* - Discussion occurred on the overall financial picture of the association. It was pointed out that expenditures for services continue to rise especially insurance costs. The Board agreed after discussion that it was important to continue to fund lake management operations. To help meet budget constraints, the Board agreed not to have lifeguards in 2024. A motion was made by

Donna Sattler to approve the proposed 2023/24 budget with the discussed changes, seconded by Nancy Burton. Motion approved.

- B. *Insurance Policy Renewals* – Luke Emde explained to the Board that the insurance costs continue to increase, and it is getting more difficult to find coverage for the dam and spillway. A motion was made by Luke Emde to approve the following expenditures for insurance coverage and seconded by Nancy Burton.

General Liability	\$23,323
Director & Officers	\$15,895
Crime	\$ 1,319

Motion approved.

- C. *Weed Harvesting Recommendation* – A motion to spend up to \$4,800 for a second round of weed harvesting was made by Tom Casey and seconded by Luke Emde. Motion approved.

**Resident Comments –**

- Lauren Bunks – Asked if boats ever get removed from the beaches. Luke Emde stated yes, and he just removed one last week. He tries to track down the owners before removing any boat.
- Mary Ellen Casey – Asked where the funding would come from for the North Beach spillway project. She also stated that it was important to look at the broad picture when addressing the needs of LLPOA.
- Kevin Marsh – Introduced himself and stated that he is a new resident and is interested in becoming involved in the association.

**Executive Session** – A motion was made at 9:05 p.m. to go into executive session by Luke Emde and seconded by Tom Casey. Motion approved.

A motion was made at 9:23 p.m. to come out of executive session by Tom Casey and seconded by Luke Emde. Motion approved.

**Issues to be voted on by Board in executive session** – None.

**Adjournment** – A motion was at 9:24 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan Lennon. Motion carried.