

Board Minutes - April 15, 2024

The following statement was read by Luke Emde prior to calling the meeting to order. We understand that many of you are curious and may have questions about the lawsuit brought against the Association and the potential settlement of that lawsuit. The board will not be discussing the lawsuit or the potential settlement tonight, it would not be appropriate for us to do so, given that the lawsuit is ongoing.

Please know that the Association's attorneys have been and continue to be in discussions with plaintiff's counsel, and representatives of some of the residents that objected to the settlement, about potential modifications to the settlement agreement. Those discussions are ongoing, and we are hopeful that we can reach a resolution.

Please know that your voices have been heard. All we want is to have a resolution of longstanding litigation that brings closure to the case and allows all of us to move forward in a collaborative and neighborly way. The Association's foremost wish is to enter into a global settlement that will provide finality and peace to the Loch Lomond community going forward. We believe that this result is possible.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Luke Emde. Board members in attendance; Dan Lennon, Donna Sattler, Mike Strachn and Nancy Burton.

President's Comments - None

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the September 25, 2023, minutes was made by Dan Lennon and seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Burton stated that in the LLPOA reserve fund there is \$200,500. In the LLPOA operating fund there currently is \$62,335. To date, approximately \$65,500 voluntary donations have been received by residents.

Resident Comments –

- 1. Deb Rusin 793 Beach Stated that she had previously served on the Board and wanted to thank current board members for their dedication and contributions. If you want a change, we need to participate. We are a community and need to act together.
- 2. Tom Casey, 572 Killarney Pass Great to see everybody. Although no longer on the Board but is the chairs the Lake Management Committee, he knows the Board has the best interest of the LLPOA in mind.
- 3. Angela Trillhaase, 589 Banbury Thanked everyone for being here and as past President she assured residents that the Board has made decisions based on what they thought was in the best interest LLPOA. She briefly reviewed the responsibilities of a board members. She asked that everyone be kind and respectful in our interactions this evening. A special thanks to Mickey and Luke Emde who have both been on the board since the beginning of the lawsuit.

4. Bert Arnold, 945 Midlothian – Discussed different ideas about fund raising for the lake and community. Such as charging a fee for visitors to come to the lake and seeing if additional sponsorships could be secured.

At 7:19 p.m. Residents comments were closed.

Administrative Report – Erich Schwenk, The Pineapple Brand

Erich introduced himself and his firm. The Pineapple Brand, Inc is a license management firm and handles the day-to-day functions for LLPOA. He reminded everyone that we are looking for volunteers for Adopt A Beach Program. Also South Beach Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Lake Management – Tom Casey presented his report. This year the Lake Management Committee has recommended to the Board to use both invasive weed spraying and mechanical weed harvesting. The Biodredge plan includes adding the Half Moon Bay and the northern portion of the earthen dam. Residents will have the opportunity to purchase Biodredge material for application near their shorelines. Geese lights were repositioned and defective lights were replaced at no charge. Floating islands will be repositioned this season. Lakefront homeowners are encouraged to plant buffer strips and or fencing at their shoreline to deter geese. The Lake Management Committee will be hosting the Summer Kick-Off on Saturday, May 18, 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. Free lunch will be provided, thank you to Pizza Bill for donating pizza. Kayak lessons and kids fishing lessons will be offered. In addition to music, yard games, kids games and crafts.

Dam, Path and Spillway – Dan Lennon presented his report. He stated that the inspection of the dam has been completed by Bleck Engineers. We are waiting for the final report to see what work needs to be completed. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources requires LLPOA to have an inspection done every 3 years. In order to fence off the dam area from geese, it will be necessary to order additional

North Beach – Mickey Emde submitted her report. Nancy Burton stated that LLPOA has many beautiful native gardens in our common areas. We need help to keep these areas looking their best. The Adopt a Garden program is looking for gardeners to help out by adopting one of our gardens at North or South Beach. Mentoring will be provided if needed. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Mickey Emde at mickeyemde@lochlomondlake.com

South Beach – Board members reminded everyone that volunteers were needed for both the Adopt A Beach and South Beach Clean-up

Old Business - None

New Business

- a) Board resignation Casey (12/31/23) Trillhaase (3/28/24). A motion was made to accept the resignations of Tom Casey and Angela Trillhaase by Donna Sattler, seconded by Nancy Burton. Motion approved. Board members thanked Tom and Angela for their dedication and service to LLPOA.
- b) Open Board Positions / Applications Luke Emde stated that there are open Board positions if anyone is interested in getting involved. Applications can be found on the LLPOA website.
- c) McCloud Aquatics Proposal A motion was made to approve the proposal from McCloud Aquatics for \$14,162.19 to provide treatment to the lake for invasive curly leaf pondweed by Luke Emde, seconded by Dan Lennon. Motion approved.

d) Biodredge Purchase – A motion was made to approve the purchase of Biodredge material not to exceed \$9,000 by Luke Emde, seconded by Dan Lennon. Discussion: Board members reviewed the areas where the material will be applied. This year the Lake Management Committee recommended expanding the areas where Biodredge would be applied to include the Half Moon Bay (by Dunbar and Derry) and the northern portion of the earthen dam. Board members agreed that the project is related to maintenance of the lake and the expense should be taken out of the reserve budget.

- e) Lake Monster Harvester Proposal A motion was made to approve
- f) Mitch's Landscaping A motion to approve Mitch's Greenthumb Landscaping contract for \$15,960 was made by Donna Sattler and seconded by Luke Emde. Discussion: This year it was requested that no fertilizer be used, instead Mitch's has agreed to do core aeration instead. Dan Lennon discussed the mowing of the dam area to make sure Mitch's is only cutting LLPOA area not the IDOT area. Motion approved.
- g) Bleck Engineers Dam Inspection Proposal A motion was made to approve the Bleck Engineering Proposal for \$2,750 for inspection of the Loch Lomond dam as required by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources by Luke Emde, seconded by Dan Lennon. Motion approved.
- h) Goose Fencing Purchase tabled

Resident Comments (30 minutes)

- 1. Bill Anastos, 1149 Lomond asked if only the residents who chose to pay yearly fees would be able to use the beaches. The Board clarified that all residents including those who chose not to pay have access to LLPOA beaches. Residents will need a beach entry card to gain access to the beaches which can be obtain by contacting Erich, Pineapple Brand.
- 2. Dale Arnold, 943 Banbury Rd Thanked the Board for their time and efforts.
- 3. Jennifer Reid, 901 Killarney Pass Would like to see more details on monthly expenditures to gain a better insight into LLPOA finances.
- 4. Deb Edwards, 793 Beach Pl. Asked if boat stickers will still be required. Luke Emde stated that boat stickers are only being required for boat storage this year.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Luke Emde at 8:06 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Donna Sattler. Motion approved.