

LSA Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2007

Present: Richard Fink, Karl Zarling, Terry Burge, Dick Ploeger, Bill Dionne, Merlin Pieper; Matt Chmielewski, Gary Knipper

Excused: Lori Lange, Jim Gronowski; Ruth Johnson, Joan Pape

- Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
- **Meeting minutes** from December reviewed. Per Gary, the LSA portion of the fish stocking should be corrected to \$2,500. Motion to approve minutes with correction noted made by Terry, 2nd by Richard. Approved.
- **Treasurer's report:** Karl provided a new Treasurer report. Motion to approve by Merlin, 2nd by Terry. Approved.
- **Fish update:** Richard will have the final 2006 number of fish removed from the DNR at the next meeting. Gary checked with other lakes on what their costs are for fish removal: Fox Lake \$30,000; Beaver Dam pays \$10,000 plus a \$10,000 grant; Puckaway \$5,000. All have had successful results. Fox Lake was once abundant with carp and now week removal is a concern.
- **Buoys:** The expense of the buoys was discussed. As the LSA does not have the dollars to continue with the almost \$2,000 a year to put in and take out. The LSID is not able to take over the buoys. Options discussed on limiting of expenses include; money from the community to fund; don't put in the rock wall and rock buoys; don't put in the ones on the river. Item tabled until next meeting.
- **Membership:** Karl shared so far 90 memberships have come in. Almost \$500 extra in donations has been sent in. Karl handed out additional brochures. Please distribute among community.
- **Rock removal:** Some members have also sent in locations where rocks need to be removed with their memberships. Owners of Crane Island have volunteered the island to have rocks dragged to their shoreline if needed.
- **Grants:** Richard reviewed two grants:
Preparation of fish management strategy – develop total management strategy that would encompass building pond for fish stocking. Grant was provided as a hand out.
Comprehensive Fish Survey – spring netting and shocking of fish to determine the types of fish in Lake Sinissippi. Grant was provided as hand out.
Action item: Gary to research and report to Board. Volunteers would help keep costs down. Needing to get grants in by 1st of February. Concern was raised on amount that Hayes and Associate would take from the grant as it is not spelled out in the grant. It was mentioned that we can always deny the grant if we determine Haye's portion of the grant would be too much. Question asked if we deny is that a liability. He was noted that the LSA had received grants in the past and on one occasion the LSA turned down the grant. Also mentioned was what would Hayes cost versus someone else monitoring the grant. Action item: Gary to get breakdown of deliverables associated with the grant.
Motion made by Bill to apply for both grants, 2nd by Richard. Dick abstains – concern voiced on the unknown on how much Hayes will take from the grant dollars. Motion carried.
- **LSA Logo:** Karl handed out examples of LSA logos that could be used in future publications. Motion made by Gary that logos presented will be official LSA logos. 2nd by Bill.
- **First Annual LSA Area Business Recognition Event:** Fireman's hall is \$100. We can bring in own food. Snacks and finger food would be served. Not a sit down dinner. Drinks will be charged on an individual basis. If \$100 worth of drinks sold, a 20% discount is applied. Karl shared that goal would be to get at least 50 businesses to attend. Certificate of appreciation could be handed out. Karl also had an idea of 3 levels of membership: Loon, Heron, and Eagle. Cost may be total \$600 - \$800 dollars. Board decided to move forward with the event. Event will be March 23rd.
- **Business mailing lists:** Karl shared a business mailing list that has been compiled. The thought will be for those businesses that have a sponsorship will get the business mailing list. Only public information will be provided.
- **Newsletter:** It was decided that the newsletter would only be sent to members. Karl also mentioned a trifold could be sent with a sticker saying something to the effect "You have not paid your LSA membership" for example as a reminder.
- **Raffle:** Raffle tickets were handed out. Karl also handed out stands that have LSA information and has a place to hold tickets. These will be placed at businesses. Because of the amount of tickets ordered, it is not necessary to track ticket numbers. Some members volunteered to place in different locations.

- **Lakefest entertainment:** Karl handed out information on a potential entertainer. Karl is familiar and highly recommends him. Richard shared he has details on another band and will provide the information to Karl. Motion made for Lakefest 2007 to be July 7th. 2nd by Karl.
- **Geese management:** The village of Hustisford is doing a goose management program. A donation of \$50 was being requested. Nine geese will be tested this year to ensure they are edible. Next year approximately 500 geese will be rounded up and gased. Geese will be given to a food pantry. Karl has done some research and shared that supporting this effort may shed negative light on the LSA from animal activists. He shared a valid concern of the potential for bad press. He mentioned more humane ways to manage the geese. There are alternatives listed on the web. He also shared that research showed that after a period of time, more geese replaced those that were removed. This item is tabled until next meeting until more details of the proposal are known.
- **Meeting adjourned** at approximately 9:15pm.

Respectively Submitted by Terry Burge