

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 19th, 2019

Present: Bob Richter, Dan Buenz, Sharon Neubauer, Jim Neubauer, Joe Leary, Gary Serago, Dominic Panico, and Marcia Ellis
Absent: John Boersma

- I. Call to Order at 10:05am
- II. Approve July 21st 2018 minutes: Sharon made the motion to accept the minutes. Dom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- III. Financial Report from John. Balance of \$10,755.94. Joe motioned to accept the financial report. Dan seconded and motion passed.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Current Membership is 139 of which 124 received the Riparian magazine
 - B. Annual dues and Riparian magazine:

There was discussion of annual dues price and the Riparian magazine. There has been some feedback from members at the picnic of not wanting to receive the Riparian magazine. Dan made a motion to make dues \$25 and an opt in box to be checked if members want to receive the magazine. There was discussion on the motion. Motion passed.

Bob will prepare a news-letter that will include a list of benefits of membership for the annual dues notice.
 - C. Ongoing riparian issues of keyholing/funneling and water quality issues for the future of our lake: After working with the Hamilton Township board for 3 years, Dan reports as of this morning Carl Druskovich says there is “nothing new to report” from the Hamilton Township on these issues. Essentially, progress on the keyhole issue is “dead in the water” due to Hamilton Township dropping the issue.

Joe recommended the board does our own survey to inform the membership of where the issue is currently and asking them for direction. Sharon made a motion to do a survey of lake people with a one-page explanation and a return postcard of survey questions. Joe seconded the motion. The goal of the survey is to see if the membership wants the board to continue pursuing this issue. Motion passed.

Gary thanked Dan and Dom for working so diligently on this issue for the future health of our lake. All agreed they have put forth tremendous effort on this issue.
- V. New Business

- A. Website – Marci was asked to continue posting interviews of lake residents on the blog page. She suggested doing interviews of board members this summer. All agreed.
- B. Change board member terms so its three every year. To accomplish to goal of having 3 board members’ terms expire every year, we must have one board member change to a two-year term one time. Therefore, next July when 4 members are up for re-election, one will run for a 2-year term and three will run for a 3-year term.
- C. Poker run. Marci suggested we sponsor a Poker Run in the future as a fun event. The board agreed this was a good idea to investigate. Marci will bring more specific information to the spring meeting.
- D. We will be needing to purchase new buoys for the lake. The cost will be about \$1700.00. The buoy company advised that there should have been a permit filed requesting that these buoys be put on our lake. In that permit it might say who is responsible for maintaining them. Bob has asked Carl Druskovich to find out who applied for the buoy permits in the past. He received an email from Carl. . .no definite answer, yet. We also need to replace chains, etc. Cost is estimated to be about \$2000.
Dan made a motion to spend up to \$2500 to replace buoys on the lake.
Motion passed.

A motion from Gary to allocate up to \$500 for a luncheon and “thank you” plaque to High’s Marine for all they do to maintain buoys on the lake.
Seconded by Sharon. Motion passed.

- E. Sharon made a motion to increase the amount we give to Decatur for fireworks to \$750, seconded by Joe. Motion passed.
- F. New member bags and items. There are still some bags and a few T-shirts available.
- G. Who is responsible for cleaning up debris in the channels or lake?
If it is a safety issue, we should call the township or sheriff.
Bob will check with other lakes to see what they do.
- H. Picnic, permit. Bob has reserved Wolfe Park for back-up location for picnic since the VFW does not have a reservation mechanism. The picnic will be July 20, hopefully at the VFW. T-shirts will be for sale at the picnic.
- I. 2019 Budget was discussed. See below for details. Dominic motioned to accept the revised budget below for \$7405. Motion was seconded by Dan and passed.

VI. Next Meeting spring 2019 TBA

VII. Adjourn 12:30

Income

Dues	4000
50/50 raffle	100
LOW shirt sales	<u>450</u>
Total Income	4550

Expenses

Annual Picnic & Parade	600
Boat Parade Prizes	200
Decatur Town Fireworks	750
Liability Insurance	750
Riparian Subscriptions	750
MLSA Dues	250
Office Supplies	
Postage & Stationary	150
Bluegill Tournament	200
High's Plaque & Lunch	500
LOW Shirts	500
PO Box Rental	55
Water Safety Equipment	2500
Website	<u>200</u>
Total Expenses	7405