

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
June 30, 2021

Present: Dan Buenz, Dominic Panico, Bob Richter, Greg Moss, Sharon Neubauer, Jim Neubauer, Marcia Ellis

Absent: Nick Virgilio

- I. Call to Order at 6pm.
- II. Feb 2021 minutes were approved.
- III. Financial Report from Greg. See Treasurer's report. Taxes were filed.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Current Membership: 108 now. 122 last year
Greg will send reminder email to those who have not sent in their dues yet.
There was discussion of how to capture nonmember lake residents. We discussed door hangers. There are some left. Discussed getting them to new residents. Bob will call pawpaw to see if he can get a list of lake residents.
- V. Riparian issues, update: Dan & Dominic will check on some bills presented in Michigan regarding inland lakes.
- VI. New Business
 - A. There will be a 2021 Riparian magazine cost increase in August. Currently the magazine is \$14 per subscriber but will increase to \$17.50. Michigan Lakes & Streams is downsizing. There was discussion about the increased cost of the magazine affecting our dues income. We discussed raising dues or charging extra if members want the magazine. A motion was made to maintain the current dues amount at \$25 but eliminate the Riparian magazine as a dues benefit, providing members the information for signing up to get the magazine themselves. Motion carried.
 - B. Hamilton Township meeting minutes stated that LOWIA supported a golf cart ordinance. Bob called Karl Druskovich and advised him that LOWIA has no position on this issue. Karl advised Bob that the Village of Decatur has passed an ordinance allowing golf carts to be driven on the street. You must live in the Village of Decatur to get the 3 year permit (\$10).
 - C. An association member called Bob to advise that a neighbor had dumped sand along his beach area. They think it is not allowed. Bob emailed Derek Haroldson and got no response. He will advise the member to call EGLE.
 - D. Budget for 2021

- E. July 3rd house decorations project is tabled until next year.
- F. Member meeting and picnic date is July 17th 2021 at Red Woolfe Park. Permit has been issued. It will start at noon. It will be catered food from Hard Times. Will need a head count so Bob will send email to membership about the picnic.
- G. The issue of prizes for the summer activities was discussed. Since it has been a difficult year for small businesses, Sharon suggested we not ask for donations this year. Dan made a motion that we purchase \$15 gift cards at up to 15 local businesses for prizes, an amount not to exceed \$225. Motion carried.
The prizes for the boat parade are donated from Apollo Marine (Lawton).
- H. Sharon is not going to have a float in the July 4 parade this year for LOWIA.
- I. John Neubauer and his son installed all the mooring buoys on the Lake this year using High's Marine equipment. They have done this for the last 2 years. A motion was made to give them each a gift card for \$25 for installing the buoys. Motion carried.
Another motion was made to provide a catered lunch (the amount not to exceed \$225) to High's Marine for the use of their equipment and for storing the buoys during the winter. Motion carried.
- J. We have some T shirts available. No more were printed due to the Covid pandemic.
- K. Elections. Bylaws state there should be 7 or 9 members on the board and a term is 3 years. Last year, 2020, there would have been 3 positions open on the board, Bob Richter, Dan Buenz, & Dominic Panico. This year, 2021, there are 2 positions up for re-election: Marcia Ellis and Jim Neubauer. This year's elections are to fill 3 two year terms and 2 three year terms.
Dan & Dominic will be leaving the board leaving (2 of the 2 year terms). Bob and Marcia are going to run for these terms.
Bob will contact two members who have expressed interest in serving on the Board.
- L. Dan has been reading about testing for microplastics in lakes. Bob will ask Andy from PLM about it.
- M. Dan saw a sign on Maple Lake about tournament fishing needing a permit. Dan will call the number on the sign to get more information to be discussed at our next meeting.

VII. Next meeting is a membership meeting and picnic, July 17th 2021

VIII. Adjourned 7:25pm.