

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 9, 2013**

**Members Present: Linda Alexander, Frank Beaver, Gail Beaver, Betty Cassidy, Diane Ellman, Holly Gedert, Chick Hershberger, Mary Ann Huntington, Jan Huntley, Marilyn Kelemen, Ron Kelemen, Betsy Naumer, Walt Naumer, Sue Nelson, Joyce Oldham, John Perkins, Evelyn Schulte, Mary Ellen Sheridan, Dave Thompson**

**The Vice President, Holly Gedert, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Nat Wilkinson and Barbara Wilkinson participated by telephone.**

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Mary Ellen Sheridan made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 5, 2013. Motion seconded by Joyce Oldham and carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Walt Naumer referred to a handout showing a cash position of \$40,873 as of 9/09/13. The Checking Account at \$25,872, Money Market Account at \$1,685, and Certificate of Deposit at \$13,316. He mentioned extraordinary expenses were for the Milfoil Project and directory printing. Walt stated the UMBS scholarship payment of \$5,600 is yet to be paid. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.**

**New Finance Committee**

**Nat Wilkinson reported the New Finance Committee members are: Linda Alexander, chair, Holly Gedert, Barb Wilkinson, Sue Nelson, John Kurkjian, Diane Ellman and Walter Naumer. They will meet to go over finances.**

**New Director**

**Nat Wilkinson reported that Chick Hershberger is a new Director.**

**New Zone Representative**

**Nat Wilkinson reported that Mary Ellen Sheridan is a new Zone Representative for Zone 71.**

**Contributions – Scholarship**

**Holly Gedert stated that Karie Slavik would like to know the scholarship amount each year by November 1 so she can use it as a recruiting tool. It was agreed that people residing closer to Douglas Lake would receive priority. There was discussion about attaching specifications to the scholarship. All of the board agreed it should be a local student and Karie can define local as she sees fit. The scholarship will be considered yearly. *Mary Ellen Sheridan moved approval of a \$3,800 scholarship for 2014. Walt Naumer seconded the motion and the motion carried.***

**COMMITTEES & SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

**Directories**

**The 2013 Directories have been distributed and were dedicated to John Kurkjian for all he does for the DLIA. The fall newsletter will contain a page with changes and corrections. The next directory will be published in the spring of 2016.**

### **Website**

**Chick Hershberger stated people should be reminded of the DLIA website and encouraged to submit information. He said Sue Nelson does the website calendar.**

### **Loon Nests/Pike Marsh**

**A question came up as to whether there is a limit of loon rafts allowed on the lake. Dave Thompson said he will inquire at the Bio Station and report back.**

### **Merchandise**

**Marilyn Kelemen reported that the cost of merchandise purchased for 2013 was \$18,453.97 and total sales were \$21,070.64. Storage expense was not included in the cost. She distributed a spreadsheet showing inventory over a 2-year period and stated merchandise sales broke even after expenses. Marilyn thanked the volunteers who helped with the merchandise sales.**

**Walt Naumer stated that merchandise is good public relations for the Association. The group thanked Marilyn for her work on merchandise. *Betty Cassidy moved approval of \$1,500 for an inventory bar code scanner. Motion seconded by Chick Hershberger and carried. Mary Ellen Sheridan moved approval of a \$15,000 new inventory budget for 2014. Motion seconded by Sue Nelson and carried.***

### **Database**

**Chick Hershberger stated the website server will be utilized to backup the database. Holly Gedert reported that Gwen Kuehn has offered to keep the database. *Ron Kelemen moved that there be one contact person, Holly Gedert, as the temporary interim database point person until Gwen Kuehn accepts the position. Motion seconded by Gail Beaver and carried.***

### **eNews**

**Holly Gedert sends e-news prior to merchandise sales.**

### **Newsletter**

**Barbara Wilkinson stated the next newsletter will be October-November depending on articles received. Linda Alexander asked Barb for the approximate expense for the newsletter over the last 2 years. This information is needed for the Finance Committee meeting in October. Barb stated that a member will no longer receive the newsletter if they have gone 3 years with no dues payment. It was agreed that a notice of dues owed should be included in the newsletter with a date due of no later than August 1.**

### **Water Quality**

**There was no report on water quality which is reported to the Tip of the Mitt. Chick Hershberger stated that Dick Segrist is looking for a replacement.**

### **EWM Task Force**

**It was reported that volunteers were stationed at the boat ramp on Labor Day. The Task Force was thanked for helping to educate people about the lake and keeping it clean.**

### **Volunteer**

**Gail Beaver asked that volunteers continue water testing. She stated that Zone Representatives received volunteer lists and continue to look for people interested in volunteering.**

### **Boat Ramp**

**Holly Gedert reported that the County Road Commission (CRC) laid a ton stone and was able to close gaps in the cement planks on 8/26/13. Unfortunately, the a ton stone raised the ground level enough to cause rain water to wash through Bob Watz's yard instead of down the boat ramp. Holly mentioned that Maple Bay Marine and the Douglas Lake Bar each offered to donate a dock to be put next to the ramp, however, liability is a question. Holly is working with the CRC and Munro Township but no decision has been made as to whether the township will help financially with the public launch. Chick Hershberger suggested the Board allow up to \$2,500 for Spring 2014 maintenance. The Finance Committee will be reviewing finances to determine if a boat ramp fund should be formed. *Mary Ellen Sheridan moved authorization of a one-time non-precedent setting expenditure of up to \$2,500 for Spring 2014 boat ramp maintenance. Betty Cassidy seconded the motion and the motion carried.***

### **New Business**

**Ron Kelemen mentioned that a boat parade has been held the past 2 years with funds given to Wounded Warriors and Blum's Landing. He suggested this may be a way of generating revenue for boat ramp issues next year.**

**Chick Hershberger stated that the Board may want to consider a Legal Committee to help with matters like the public boat launch on Douglas Lake.**

### **Motion Summary**

**Approval of \$1,500 for an inventory bar code scanner. Carried.**

**Approval of a \$15,000 new inventory budget for 2014. Carried**

**Approval of \$3,800 for Bio Station Scholarship for 2014. Carried.**

**There will be one contact person, Holly Gedert, as the temporary interim database point person until Gwen Kuehn accepts the position. Carried.**

**Authorization of a one-time non-precedent setting expenditure of up to \$2,500 for Spring 2014 boat ramp maintenance. Carried.**

### **Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm**

**Respectively submitted,**

**Evelyn Schulte, Secretary**