

2024 LFARCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY 3/16/24 - South Haven City Hall

Call to order 9:03am by Craig Panning

Board members in attendance: Craig Panning, Nancy Friesen, Mike Oesterreich, Kris Nelson, Brian Knox, Jim Kirchhofer, Al Smith, John Stokes, Janice Smith, Mary Lou Pivec, Tim Pivec, Mark Wollschlager, Adrian Rossman, Scott Batchelor, Pat Hilden, Mike F. Jeff Fish. Jackie H. Residents: Jackie Furst & Gary Hempeck

We began the meeting with a presentation from Dan McEwen, from Limnopro Aquatic Services, a lake management co. Dan has advanced degrees in eco/lake management. He said the 3 things they focus on are water quality, plants, & fish population of lakes. He also said that Lake Francis has phenomenal water quality, one of the best he's seen for our size. We are considered a shallow lake. He talked about that the best quality we've had was in 2021 & the worst was 2023. The algae had doubled & this could be due to water levels.

He discussed that although we have seen some zebra mussels, in some lakes they can take over & in some lakes, they stay in small numbers. Although they will give the water more clarity initially, they devour the plankton, which in turn affects the fish population, and eventually the plants/weeds will be more abundant.

Limopro does offer services of a comprehensive survey of the weed population over a 10-14 day period, then offering a management plan. However, the cost is \$10,000. They offer a couple of different approaches to invasive weed control, both lake wide, or at the shoreline level. The state does have some grant programs to possibly cover some of the cost.

Dan mentioned that the low water levels being experienced by all lakes, causes more algae & move plant growth, especially with our mild winter & lack of snow.

It was a great informative presentation! Thanks to Adrian, for inviting Dan.

Secretary's Report - approved Mark/Scott

Treasurer Report/Update - Mike O. - approved Jeff/Mike F

- Our 2023 income was \$15,082.12 (including dues, AIS grant, burger fundraiser, donation, golf fundraiser, interest & water testing reimbursement) with our income after expenses (including moving money to AIS CD) was \$6606.46.
- Our total account balances (including all the AIS Cd's & checking are \$118,806.60
- Mike recommended moving \$5000 to an AIS CD.
- Budget should be consistent with last year's budget
- Nancy Friesen completed the LFARCC financial audit. Her report is attached.

Membership update: Mary Lou - 93 members/14 business members

Annual Meeting/bruch 6/22/24 - Tim has contacted Any Thyme catering to provide food again

Individual lake gatherings were successful last year & many areas are already planning get togethers for 2024

2024 Golf outing 8/4/24 - Jan A will organize & Georgina has expressed interest in getting involved.

Burger night 7/12 - Janice - will be looking for volunteers

Dinner on the lake - **NEW EVENT!!** Georgina - 5/18 - bring an appetizer to share & meet in the middle. More info to come!

Old Business: Mark W/Craig

- North landing inspections are covered by Meeker County/Meeker County Assoc of Lakes
- South landing is not funded by this group & the lake association would need to cover the cost. Based on the last two years, the cost would be \$3600-\$5250. The number of boats checked for each year was 31.
- The board voted & did not feel that the expense was worth it for so few boats.  
Tim/Adrian
- The DNR is supposed to be fixing the outlet in 2024. Craig will be in contact with them.
- Logo/Merch - Georgina has set up a fundraising opportunity with purchasing lake logoed clothing. More info coming!
- The history book order is being submitted for print this week. 32 books will be ordered.

New Business:

- Discussed Dan McEwen's presentation. Since the board had already contracted with Blue Waters to have them do a survey of weeds in the fall, at a cost of \$1000, it was decided to ask them about doing a survey in the spring as well, to get a perspective on the curly leaf pond weeds. Brian will contact them to discuss & it was voted that he could contract with them at the cost of an additional \$1000. This will give us a starting point.  
Nancy/Scott
- New Member packets were presented to handed out to the area reps that needed them. Nicely updated!!
- AIS tool stations: Mark W. The board voted to purchase 2 tool stations, one for each landing, at the total cost of up to \$400, to be installed by Brian & Tim. They will contact DNR about preferred placement.

Craig P announced that he will be stepping down as president. Mike Furst will also be stepping down. Kris Nelson has stepped down from her secretary position. The following board members have expressed interest in the following:

Adrian - President

Pat H - Vice President

Unannounced - secretary

LFARCC members in attendance at the annual meeting will approve the Area Rep slate of candidates. The officer positions will be voted on by the Area Reps at the board meeting following the annual meeting. Anyone that would have interest in these positions can reach out to Craig.

Adjourned: 10:48am

Annual meeting & brunch 9:00am at Kingston Community Center

## Financial Review of 2022 & 2023

Board Members of LFARCC

March 7, 2024

Regarding: Review of financial records for 2022 and 2023

At the request of the Board of Directors of the Lake Francis Area Recreation and Conservation Club, I

traced all financial transactions for year 2022 and 2023. Below are my findings.

Records for 2022 were well organized. All expenses were well documented with invoices or notes.

It was noted that charges for the website are automatically withdrawn from the checking account so there was no paper trail for these other than the bank statement.

Regular deposits were easy to follow.

On-line transactions were not as easy as the bank records the net amount. Mike did note on the bank statement the gross amount and the fee so I could follow it.

Invoices and payment for 2023 were also well documented.

Because there is minimal activity during the winter months, it was a bit more difficult to follow activity in the check register vs. the bank statement.

Two items were not listed on the register but I was able to reconcile the year- end bank statement.

As in previous years, Mike does a great job as treasurer. Thank you, Mike, for your continued willingness to serve as Treasurer for LFARCC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Friesen