

2022 LFARCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY 12/3/22 South Haven City Hall

Call to order 9:01 am

Board members in attendance: Craig Panning, Nancy Friesen, Kris Nelson, Jim Kirchhofer, Al Smith, Janice Smith, Tom Stanton, Mark Plusa, Brian Knox, Mark Wollschlager, Jeff Fish, Mike Oesterreich, Tim & Mary Lou Pivec, Adrian Rossman

Lake residents in attendance: Larry Lucht & Linda Fish

Secretary's Report - Kris Nelson

- Changed members to resident in minutes - regarding new residents packets
- Minutes from 9/10/22 Board meeting minutes approved Jim K/Mike O

Treasurer Report - Mike O

- Discussed 2022 budget vs actual spent numbers. Mike reported that we are still waiting for some reimbursements. We currently have 2 CD's designated for conservation. Mike proposed that we transfer \$6500 into another CD for future AIS needs. Proposal approved: Nancy/Tom

Old Business

- Public Beach Buoys - Craig P & Mike F
We discussed whether we want to continue to install buoys. The buoys are purchased & stored by Kingston Township, however, they do not have the manpower to install them. Adrian & Tom Daly installed & Tom removed them last year. Adrian reported that it was simple & quick. It was decided to continue to install & remove the buoys, provided Kingston Township continues to purchase & store them.
A discussion concerning LFARCC potential liability exposure for installing & removing the buoys concluded with Mike O agreeing to contact the LFARCC liability insurance company for an opinion on potential LFARCC liability for installing & removing the buoys. Mike will report back with the insurance company's response.
- Eagle Creek Outlet Structure - Craig P & Mike F
A temporary repair was made by the DNR. The DNR is submitting a proposal for a permanent repair for the 2023 budget.
- 2022 Meeker County/Meeker Assoc. Of Lakes grant recap - Tom S.
Tom was told that they are waiting for the final report of monitor hours & findings from both landings. Tom has also applied for another 2023 water testing grant.
- Tent purchase discussion - tabled.

New Business

- Each year the board holds 3 board meetings at the South Haven City Hall free of charge. We did budget for 2022 to donate \$25/per meeting back to the city. Motion made/approved to make that donation. Jeff F/Adrian
- 2023 Budget - we will finalize 2023 budget at the March 3, 2023 board meeting.
- 2023 Meeker County/Meeker Assoc of Lakes grant
Tom Stanton has applied for \$5000 grant for monitoring at the two landings. With this grant, the lake association must supply ½ the cost (\$2500) Allocation of money/time at each landing was discussed. If we receive the grant, there will be further discussion on staffing. All agreed that it is important to staff early morning to later in the day, especially the weekend of opening fishing. (even if that means lake resident volunteers are the ones doing it)
- The future of the mailed newsletter was discussed. With no one to construct it & provide content, & the rising costs of printing & mailing, it was decided to discontinue the yearly newsletter, pending response from membership. We will instead send email blasts & posts on Facebook as events & information become available & are pertinent.
- We decided to combine the 2023 annual meeting & the annual picnic. In an attempt to encourage more participation & streamline things, it was decided to change our format for the meeting, shortening it with just introductions, quick general information, and membership approvals as needed. A potluck brunch will be served during the meeting. The lake area group that was to host the picnic will now host the brunch. The event will be held at Kingston Community Center, to eliminate weather concerns & parking issues. The playground & ball field also made it an appealing location. There was discussion about possibly moving future meetings to an earlier date in the season, before families get busy with having company at the lake. As a replacement for the 2023 Lake Picnic, we are encouraging each lake area to begin hosting gatherings to get to know your neighbors.
- A discussion of considerations for combining the 2023 L FARCC Annual Meeting & Lake Picnic included:
 - 2023 events will be combined on a one year trial basis
 - Members response to the combined events will be considered in future years planning
 - Some members are interested in not using two weekends of the summer for L FARCC sponsored activities
 - Decreased lake area resident interest in current lake picnic format
 - Increased difficulty in securing neighborhood host sites for the lake picnic

2023 Events

- January - Membership letter & Membership applications are sent. Invoices for business members are sent.
- Saturday March 18 - 9am Board meeting at South Haven City Hall
- Saturday June 3 - Lake Garage Sales

- Kingston Mini Mart Burger Night Fundraiser - Date TBD - depending on road construction status.
- Saturday June 24 - 8am Board meeting - Kingston Community Center
- Saturday June 24 - Annual Membership Meeting & Brunch -9am - Kingston Community Center
- Sunday August 6 - Annual Golf Outing - details TBD
- Saturday September 9 - Board meeting/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Board meeting 4pm - Dinner 6pm - Location/details TBD
- Saturday December 2 - Board meeting - 9am South Haven City Hall

Misc.

- If residents have a favorite business they like to use, please encourage them to become a business member with the lake association.
- John Vajda has volunteered to take over some of the water testing duties from Brian Knox.
- Brian reported that no one had made contact about any zebra mussel sightings as docks & lifts were removed this fall - good news!

Motion to adjourn: 11:10 Mark P/Jeff F

Next Board meeting: Saturday March 18, 2023 - 9am South Haven City Hall