

THE LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

General Membership FALL MEETING Minutes2023

August 26, 2023 at Treat/Milestone/Newman Barn, 7722 Arnold Road

9:00 am stop by sign in table, Coffee, donuts, socialize.

Call to Order – 9:30am

Welcome – Patti Thomas, President

Opening prayer – Walt Hessler

Introduction of Board Members

Officers: Patti Thomas, President; Tena Miller, treasurer; Carol Kurtz, Secretary

Board Members: Karen Treat, Brian Clark, Geoff Velpel, Bob Gallivan, Gary Hicks,

Kathy Ehinger, Michael Cornyn

Introduction of new association members – Mike and Rhonda Bauermeister, Drew and Tiffiney Miles

Thank you to Karen, Mark, Clark and Denise for use of their barn for our meetings

Thank you to David Fry for taking over printing, new Board Members Kathy and Michael, Beth Hartman Newspaper Editor, and Mike Wright for VP

Reminder about the LLPOA website: www.loonlakeindiana.org

Approval of Spring Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2023 – Carol Kurtz

Motion to approve as written by Walt Hessler, second David Fry and unanimously approved by showing of hands.

Treasurer Report – Tena Miller

- Thanks to everyone for participating in all the activities and donating.
- Checking \$11809.73, Fireworks Savings \$9379.01, petty cash \$80.84 shared account \$10.00 , Fidelity \$53735.32= TOTAL WORKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$75,014.90
- WCCF ENDOWMENT \$60880.68
- VANGUARD (EARMARKED MAINTENANCE LAKE ENHANCEMENT PONDS \$61,600.35
- West Bend insurance last quarter payment reflecting in total of \$3915.50 going forward it will be paid annually.
- Fireworks fund: Cans \$1254.45, Poker Run \$3382, Pancake \$2858, Donations \$2845
- Let Tena know if anyone would like to see any of the details

Old Business and Committee Reports

TWF Tour – Gary Hicks spoke

TWF selected Loon Lake for a tour with residents from other lakes back in June. The Watershed Foundation caretaker of all lakes each year selects a lake with their main donors. Loaded on ten pontoons and toured the lake. They were extremely impressed with Loon Lake. Very impressed with the natural shorelines used to seeing concrete seawalls. Afterward showed them the volunteer work in constructing the Pavilion. Nice meal provided by The Square in Columbia City. Even had donations made to the Poker Run so all in all a great tour. A very successful tour and a lot of friendships made. Wants to recognize Walt Hessler for his time and commitment as a TWF Board Member it is invaluable to Loon Lake to have his connection to The Watershed Foundation

Position still needing to be filled: Website – Tom Zahm volunteered to assume this position of Website Editor – Thank you Tom! Lindsay will be very helpful in training.

Written Committee Reports (Only critical issues will be discussed during the meeting)

5.5K Run Walk – Scott Davis (spoke)- Gary Hicks Scott would like to ask for a volunteer to work with him on sponsors for the 2024 race. This would entail working side by side with Scott to take a look at the race sponsors, donation amounts, etc. This would only take a few hours and would be done in the winter months. He is looking for someone to partner with, not someone to just do the task themselves. This year we had 200 registered participants, runners ranged in age from 5 years old to 68 years old. Volunteers: Gary and Kathy Ringenberg, Darrell Post, Gary Hicks, Scott and Cathy Davis, Patti Thomas, Carol Kurtz & family & friends (water station), Walt Hessler – photos, Chris and Tim Rice – a special thanks for helping throughout the Race preparation. **THANK YOU TO SCOTT FOR BRINGING THIS EVENT BACK TO A SUCCESSFUL STATUS**

Can Pickup – Brian Clark, Bob Gallivan – Still have a big pile possibility another \$600 to take to the recyclers

Fireworks – Brian Clark – The fireworks committee is looking for some volunteers to help with hauling/moving barges, being there to help the fireworks company with set up and clean up. You can contact Brian at or any board member if you would be interested in helping next year. **Upcoming fireworks dates: 7/6/24, 7/5/25, 7/3/26.** Negotiating with Camtor will possible have new contract pricing in September pricing in September.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT- Loon Lake Fish Club- Clark Milestone All kinds of raffles and Live Music. All proceeds go to restocking Loon Lake with fish. Pricing of fish has gone way up - to stock walleye and muskie like we normally do it would go up to \$9500 decided to stock each fish every other year. Only stocked 400 muskie no walleye last Fall. Was not aware but the DNR stocked walleye.

Garage Sale – Linda Archer (Patti Thomas)

Lake Enhancement – Walt Hessler (spoke) – 10 LLPOA Buoys placed (4 new replacements will be purchased in spring. “Rake Toss” weed survey performed, Water Testing Friskney Ditch results good to excellent (testing dissolved oxygen, water clarity, nitrates, nitrites, phosphorus, PH, and E-coli), sprayed purple loosestrife invasive weed, installed new signs at public access reminding boaters to clean trailers and empty live wells bilges to prevent spread of invasive species. Took over water clarity monitoring from Rick Miller. Thanks, Rick, for the many years of volunteering. Thanks to all volunteers that responded if didn’t get to you this year he promises will call next year. After the fish kill of 2022 tested two times to get a baseline and bacteria is very low. The health of Loon Lake is very good.

Lake Safety Committee – Geoff Velpel (spoke)– Steve Burman will be stepping down as committee chair after the September 16, class. The Lake Safety committee is looking for an individual to take over

as chair. Safety Committee members are also needed. If you are not interested in leading, you can always become a member. There is no age limit to become a member love to have younger people involved. The goal of the safety committee to promote safety and lake life by educating our community including DNR rules and regulations and safe practices. If you are part teacher and part guard dog consider getting involved.

The LLPOA is offering the American Heart Association First Aid/CPR/AED class. Date: September 16, Time: 9 am until noon, Location: 7834 N. Brown Road (Brock's barn), Cost \$45 (payable day of Class). To register: email snburn@gmail.com or call 317-440-3314. The deadline for registration is September 1st. If the safety committee does not receive enough registrations, the class will not be able to be held. There is no test required to be certified! Only 3 signed up need six or it will not happen.

A" little bit of black cloud" did you know there have been 8 deaths on Loon Lake over the years? Did some of you experience that? Puts quite a black cloud when it happens. Asked Carol Kurtz if she ever experienced? Yes in 2002 and never heard an entire lake go so silent so quickly...still gives goose bumps. Let's be proactive...let's take this serious let's get a grip when things happened this summer that made us nervous. We can do it in a way that is considerate without a big "hoopla".

Lighted Boat Parade – Carol Kurtz There were 13 fun and creative boats in the Lighted Boat Parade on Friday Night June 30th despite the threat of rain throughout the day. The 2023 Grand Marshal Darrell Post took an early lap around the lake. Beach balls marking the celebration were thrown to shore much to the delight of outstretched hands! Even a quick dip in the lake to retrieve in some cases!

Loon Lake Apparel – Karen Treat

Loon Lake Signs – Linda Garrison (Karen Treat) There will be an email going out listing the location of different Loon Lake signs. If you would like to help with the weeding at a certain location, you can contact a board member and we can sign you up. Linda Garrison oversees the signage, but it would be nice to be able to help her with landscaping of all the signs.

- Main sign (700N and S600W) – need volunteer.
- Buckles Road – Nancy Graft
- Brown and 700N- Sara Vepel (volunteered at the meeting)
- 700N and 250- need volunteer

Loon Lisle Nature Reserve Prairie – Jan Barkley (Hand out and speaking) In 2021 Loon Lake purchased the last undeveloped land which is the Loon Lisle Reserve you see today. The Wildflower Prairie is showing beautiful progress in its first full year - way ahead of schedule usually takes 3 years. Many native grasses and flowers are taking over the area. Volunteers are needed to maintain the prairie assuring that the beauty will continue to grow. Look for signup sheets at the registration desk or contact any Board Member if you would like to volunteer. Thank you to committee volunteers Brian Clark, Cathy Davis, and Carol Kurtz. Bob Gallivan mows the grass at the reserve. The Stephan family signed up at the meeting to help with the weeding. Most areas only require an hour of work every two weeks. Brian Clark mowed and cleared a path by the woods that will require a chain saw to keep the branches under control from the woods. Mike Wright volunteered a weed eater and mower for the volunteers to use.

Memorial pavers or benches can still be purchased for the Serenity Patio. Engraving information sheets are at the registration desk. The pavers are \$50 and help fund the maintenance.

Loon Lisle Nature Reserve Utilization/Pavilion – Carol Kurtz The Loon Pavilion was the site of Association meetings, Fishing Derby, 5k and TWF Tour. The construction was completed under the \$30,000 budget at a total of \$24984.78 at the end of fiscal year 2022 . Loon Lake Association is proud of the self-funded, volunteer labor and project management of this beautiful structure to be enjoyed for many years to come.

Kid’s Fishing Derby – JoAnn Butler (Carol Kurtz) Fishing Derby had 64 kids participating on the free fishing weekend June 3rd. Lyn Crighton, Executive Director of the Watershed Foundation gave a presentation about clean lakes. Kids and adults enjoyed a hot dog and lemonade. Each fisher kid was presented with a cap from David Fry marking the 30th fishing derby held at Loon Lake. Mark your calendar for next year June 1, 2024.

Newsletter – Beth Hartman has graciously offered to take over the newsletter. Lindsay Gallmeyer will be training our new volunteer. We are very happy Beth has offered to step up and offer her time and talents. Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast – Karen Treat

Poker Run – Abby Green (Kathy Ehinger)

Sailboat Race – Tom Zahm (Gary Hicks) – The traveling trophy was presented to 2023 three-peat winners Piota and Maria Swiatkowski This year race was delayed after the fast boating and toying with the idea to change permanently to that timeframe.

Welcome Committee – Patti Thomas

New Business

Nominations and election of LLPOA officers for 2023-2024 – Gary Hicks

Slate recommended by the Board as Nominating Committee (Bylaws Article III, Section III E)

President – Patti Thomas

Vice-President – Mike Wright

Treasurer – Tena Miller

Secretary – Carol Kurt

Nominations from the floor – none

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR BY RICH NELSON, SECOND BY CLAIRE HICKS, UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Election- Gary Hicks asked for and received by a show of hands a vote of confirmation for the slate of Officers and then declared that that the Officers slate elected by acclamation or non-contested.

President Patti welcomed new Vice President Mike Wright. She also said Thank you to Rich Nelson who has resigned for his years of volunteering as past President Treasurer and Director. And thank you to outgoing Steve Weaver, Lindsay Gallmeyer and Clark Milestone for their years of service as Board Members.

Items from the floor – general membership

Dave Fry asked if the printing was legible and clear since he had just taken over? None all seemed happy with paperwork.

Adjourn -motion to adjourn by Dave Fry and second by Claire Hicks- unanimously passed

The Spring Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024. Sign in 9:00 am, Call to Order 9:30 am.

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