

LRA Membership Fall Meeting

Meeting Minutes October 11, 2015

Opening:

The **Spring** membership meeting of the LRA was called to order by President Gregg Wood at **1:00pm on October 11, 2015** in the **Chapel**. Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting. Greg Reutter opened with the Lord's Prayer.

Present: (Board)

Gregg Wood, Greg Reutter, Dennis VonDielingen, Bill Burr, Chris Schaefer, Lynn Hoeltke, Amy Nagel, Jason Roeder

Present: (Membership including Board) **69** Members

New members were recognized:

Craig and Dawn Bolte, lot 78

A) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the spring 2015 membership meeting were read by Lynn Hoeltke. The minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion from Jeffery Kolb, lot 65 and a second from Doug Denny, lot 114.

B) Fire Protection at LRA

The request for dry hydrant funding on the next year's budget was discussed. This need arose from meetings with the fire chief about fire protection at LRA.

C) Review of Events Since Spring Meeting

1) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer's report for the past year was explained. The budget for October 2015 – September 2015 contains several additions. Additional items are a dry hydrant, and increases in several maintenance items. This budget will require an annual assessment of \$1155.00. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as distributed upon a motion from Mark Miske, lot 75 and a second from James Strietlemeier, lot 85.

2) **Board Member Candidates:** Gregg Wood, Greg Reuter, and Chris Shaefer's terms have expired. Candidates for the board to replace these are:

Jason Brooks, lot #7
Doug Denny, lot # 114
Mark Miske, lot # 75
Greg Reutter, lot # 44
Gregg Wood, lot # 4 & 5

Eric Fish has resigned from the board due to personal commitments. You will vote for three people for the board whose terms have expired. The person with the fourth highest votes will replace Eric Fish for the remaining two years of his commitment.

3) **Sewer System:** The pumping of the tanks has gone very well. Most members have asked to have their tanks pumped. Pumping had to be delayed because of the wet spring and excess ground

water. If a tank was pumped and there was ground water around the tank it could possibly raise the tank. Pumping was delayed until this was not a concern.

If you want your tank inspected, there is a \$50 fee to have it checked. If it needs pumping, this will be an additional charge. The information was mailed in the spring meeting notice to all members and is available on the website.

Two major valves had to be replaced this past year.

4) **Construction Report:** We have one home under construction. Several were completed last year. The dumpster in June 2015 came a week early so a second dumpster was brought in. Next year it will be one weekend but a bigger dumpster.

The fish fry was well received. We profited around \$600. Next year we will advertise it to the area for others to attend.

5) **Chapel:** There were eleven rentals of the chapel in 2015. Average church attendance was 115 per Sunday. The keyless entry through the kitchen door is working well. When someone rents the building they will be given a pass code for access. When the event is over, the pass code will be changed so they no longer have access.

6) **Safety:** We have a safety committee but still need volunteers. There were multiple violations of safety such as people standing in the boats, sitting on the seat backs or going fast during slow boat times. It was suggested that a new member packet be given to new members so they know the rules and regulations.

There have been several boats pulling people on tubes behind the boat at no wake speed after dark. This is a safety concern if someone falls off the tube after dark you cannot see them to pick them up. The safety rules do not specifically address this issue. Therefore we have added to the board member election ballot a yes or no vote to change the safety rules to say that no one can pull anyone after dusk. They will be able to pull a tube using no wake time if it is not dusk.

All boats and recreational vehicles will be inspected in 2016. A new decal will be issued when the inspection is passed. The inspector will be looking for proof of insurance, life jackets on boats, fire extinguisher on boats and the lot number on the boat or vehicle. Refer to the "Safety Equipment Required" in the safety rules for a complete list.

7) **5 – 10 Year Planning Committee:** Jason Roeder heads the planning committee. Right now they are looking at the woods surrounding the Lake to determine the best use and preservation of the woods as a buffer to development around our property. Other areas being looked at are the dam and roads.

8) **Camp:** The camp Triathlon on Labor Day went well. The event is being planned for next year. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make it a success. There were 20 in the triathlon, 39 in the 5K run, 55 in the fun run and 200 for lunch.

The camp is still working on getting a tower for a better way to have an internet signal for both the camp and the lake residents. There will be a cost to sign up and then a monthly fee. This is being done through xtremewireless.com.

The Lutheran Ministries Dinner auction is November 21, 2015.

9) **Roads:** Dennis VonDielingen received a big thank you for all the work he had done on the roads. He has patched, spread stone and repaired drains and trails. We are developing a road planning committee to determine how best to maintain the roads for the least cost.

10) **Recognized Service Organization:** The board is starting the application process for LRA to become a Recognized Service Organization through the Lutheran Church. This will help to establish us as a nonprofit organization and maintain our tax exempt status. We were advised that if we protested the property tax increases we could possibly lose our tax exempt status resulting in even higher taxes. For more information, go to www.lcms.org. under Recognized Service Organization.

11) **Spillway/Dam:** The spillway and dam are scheduled for inspection in the spring of 2016. We anticipate that there will need to be some preventative work done on the spillway. We are waiting until the inspection to determine the extent of the work necessary.

12) **Old Business:**

- a. The web site is going well. We would like someone to write a quarterly newsletter. Please speak to a board member if you are interested.
- b. Facebook page is up and running.
- c. The idea for trash containers is still being looked into. We did not want to add their cost into this year's budget.
- d. There is a desire and a need for a patio for the Chapel. This is beyond the scope of our budget so we are looking for donations and someone to head up a campaign.
- e. We have been working closely with the company that provides weed control to maintain weed control in the lake and lagoons.
- f. We have had beavers around the lake. None have been trapped. They now seem to have moved on.
- g. The ski course mentioned at the last meeting is still under development.
- h. Several people did go in to talk about their property taxes. Check to make certain you are not being charged for a shed or dock that you do not have.

13) **Results of the Election:** Those elected:

- Doug Denny, 3 year term
- Mark Miske, 2 year term replacing Eric Fish
- Greg Reutter, 3 year term
- Greg Wood, 3 year term

The addition to the safety rule to not allow anyone to be pulled behind a boat after dusk passed. A statement will be added to the safety rules.

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Secretary, Lynn Hoeltke