



LRA Spring Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes: 5-18-2025

1. **Board Attendees:** Gregg Wood (Lot 4) - President, Tom Goecker (Lot 27) - Vice-President, Karen Larson (Lot 98), Michelle Schaefer (Lot 17/18) - Treasurer, Richard Pollert (Lot 99), Brad Kreinop (Lot 120), Kevin Nagel (Lot 54), Mark Kimmitt (Lot 92), Ervin Kruse (Lot 119) - Secretary
2. **Membership Present:** 54 Lots were represented
3. **Opening & Prayer:** Tom opened with prayer
4. **New Member Introductions:**
 - a. Bruce Otte (Lot 67)
5. **Minutes from Spring Meeting:**
 - a. Ervin Kruse (Lot 119) provided:
 - b. Changes or amendments:
 - i. None requested
 - c. Motion to approve: Steve Arnhold (Lot 49)
 - i. 2nd: David Welmer (Lot 22)
 - ii. Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: Approved
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Michelle Schaefer (Lots 17/18) reported:
 - b. There was a mistake on the addition of the 2025 cash accounts. The \$400,000 was omitted. Balance should be \$757,398.
 - c. Restricted funds look similar year over year due to some of the funds being used in 2025.
 - d. Motion to approve: Jon Fox (Lot 33)
 - i. 2nd: Logan Howe (Lot 37)
 - ii. Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: Approved
7. **Sewer Report:**
 - a. Mark Kimmitt (Lot 92) reported:
 - b. Replaced an aerator in the lagoons this year
 - c. Some tank and line repairs occurred this year
 - d. LRA did have some issues with our certified operator reporting properly to IDEM
 - i. Bryan Schaefer (Lot 17/18) worked closely with IDEM to get the issue resolved and changed our certified operator.
 - ii. IDEM submitted a letter around concerns with our current septic situation.
 - iii. LRA needed to use some new chemicals
 - iv. Work was needed on the shoreline of the lagoons
 - v. Requested that LRA clean up old reports that were not as clear as possible
 - vi. LRA Board addressed the concerns and responded to IDEM. IDEM accepted our response and we are in good standing with IDEM
 - vii. Dave Vandercar (Lot 100 & Camp Executive Director) explained that camp they had the same problem with our certified operator and IDEM is very happy with our new certified operator.
8. **Property / Road Management Report:**
 - a. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) reported:
 - b. Had a lot of snow. Had to spend more money for snow removal.
 - c. Lost a couple of trees around the lake. Tom G working to clean up.

- d. Please continue to use the dump site. Follow the signs for dirt / brush.
- e. May need some rip-rap around dam and other common areas.
- f. Several members worked to put dirt along the road to reduce the need for cost of gravel. Thank you to those members.
- g. Doug Ahlemeyer (Lot 128) Lake doesn't have easements. Great Plains asked where the easements are.
 - i. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) explained that it is all lake property and common ground.
- h. Tom Rebber (Lot 21) Any changes to common ground should be a membership decision, not the LRA Board.
 - i. Doug Denny (Lot 114) Paid for survey. Now we will know where everything is. Should take a membership vote to change a line.
 - ii. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) Agreed that when the survey is complete, then we should make a change to the by-laws.

9. Safety Report & Water Management:

- a. Gregg Wood (Lot 4) reported:
- b. Updated the safety rules to define the weekend as Saturday and Sunday only.
- c. Continue to display the flag on holiday weekends
- d. Weed treatment schedule is on the website
 - i. There is a 3 day delay on lawn watering with every treatment
- e. All new boats must be approved by Richard Pollert (Lot 99)
- f. Make sure you complete the certificate of insurance and turn in.
- g. We want to protect our lake from invasive species. Please clean your boats properly if you take your boat to another lake.
- h. Doug Denny (Lot 114) Please use common sense on Friday night. Not a weekend, but if a big crowd on the lake use common sense.
 - i. Mark Kimmell (Lot 92) There are a lot of new drivers on the lake. We should all make sure everyone is familiar with the rules.
 - ii. Doug Ahlemeyer (Lot 128) Can we have multi-person tubes?
 - 1. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) Tubing rules and number of tubers are covered in the Safety rules.
- i. Tina Baltus (Lot 64) Boats getting tubers too close to the buoys
 - i. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) Please keep to the oval. Don't go racing into the coves all the way to the no wake buoys.
 - ii. Doug Ahlemeyer (Lot 128) Have to keep the etiquette. Stay in your lanes.
- j. Dave Riley (Lot 127) If we see something, should we call someone?
 - i. Gregg Wood (Lot 4) You can call anyone on the LRA Board, but everyone should take responsibility for our lake.

10. Construction Report:

- a. Kevin Nagel (Lot 54) reported:
- b. Please get your lot lines marked. Very important for survey and construction.
- c. If you're going to do a project, construction committee needs 4 copies
- d. This is a lake lowering year. Please plan ahead for any improvements.

11. Chapel Report:

- a. Gregg Wood (Lot 4) reported:
- b. Thank you for clean-up day.
- c. First Chapel worship is 5/25/25 with men's chorus.
- d. Encourage your Pastor sign up for chapel.

12. Long Range Planning:

- a. No official report
- b. Bill Burr (Lot 136) Since the survey is going longer than expected, will that cost membership more money?
 - i. Roger Hackman (Lot 57) Survey was always a 3-4 year plan.
 - ii. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) ILS is not spending any additional time on the survey. It is just taking longer between steps. It will not cost any additional money.

13. Camp update

- a. Dave Vandercar (Lot 100) - Camp Executive Director
- b. 60th anniversary of Camp. Camp will celebrate this summer.
- c. President Stuckwisch will be at the opening this summer and will conduct the opening devotion.
- d. College kids are all hired and ready to go for camp this year.
- e. Looking good for numbers this summer. Still have a few openings towards the end of the summer.
- f. Adding an additional village across the road to make 6 villages.

- g. Lakeview can host 120 kids per week capacity. Villages will be able to host 120 kids per week with the new 6th village
- h. Have a lot of retreat groups coming for the weekends
- i. Launching a new campaign for \$7M along with the 60th Anniversary
 - i. A lot of new campaign focus is on the new family camp in Lanesville, IN
 - ii. Camp also looking at the future of the camp septic systems
 - 1. Camp is conducting a study to understand what might be needed for future for the improvement or replacement of the septic systems on both sides.
 - 2. Mark Kimmett (Lot 92) Informed membership that the LRA Board was notified of the septic study

14. New Business:

- a. LRA Text Blast Program
 - i. Want to have a way to notify membership of important dates and a way to communicate emergencies.
 - ii. Please sign up. 2 members per lot only
- b. Website
 - i. Updated with events and new documents
 - ii. Feel free to send new pics if you would like to see some updated
 - iii. Forms and rules are on there
- c. Fireworks – July 5th
 - i. Scheduled at dark
- d. Dam repairs, animals
 - i. Some animals have been digging on the dam. We are actively watching and trapping.
 - ii. Dam has been inspected.
 - 1. There are some concerns with the spillway. There will be a deeper report in the fall meeting.
- e. Chapel Shelter project
 - i. Presented the idea last year. A shelter for shade and enjoyment.
 - ii. This is a privately funded project, not membership dues.
 - iii. If you donate \$5000 or more, there will be naming rights on a plaque.
 - iv. Kevin Nagel (Lot 54) will be available after the meeting to show anyone interested about the proposed location
 - v. Jon Fox (Lot 33/34) Maybe we should look at a pledge program.
 - 1. Jon Fox (Lot 33/34) Motion to allow the lake to accept pledges to move forward with the shelter project
 - a. 2nd: Roger Hackman (Lot 57)
 - b. Discussion: Gregg Wood (Lot 4) We are only \$20K short. Would be a little concern about pulling money out of Lake accounts that are gaining interest.
 - c. Vote: Approved
- f. Dredging 2025-2026
 - i. LRA drains the lake every 5 years on schedule
 - 1. This allows for dock / wall maintenance
 - 2. Tom Rebber (Lot 21) Draining also helps with weeds because it kills weeds in that area
 - ii. Brenda Tracy (Lot 47) Is there a date when the lake will be drained?
 - 1. Gregg Wood (Lot 4) Draining will be early this year. It will be right after the fall meeting.
 - iii. Doug Denny (Lot 114) Best time to get the work done is between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - iv. Tom Rebber (Lot 21) Just be ready. The water can increase rapidly with a heavy rain.
 - v. Dennis Vondelingen (Lot 38A) Who will be monitoring the dredging?
 - 1. Gregg Wood (Lot 4) Better information will be available at the fall meeting.
 - a. LRA Board did a silt test around the lake. There is not much silt in our lake.
 - b. LRA Board investigating dredging a couple of coves on the West end of the lake
 - vi. Allan Miller (Lot 79) Maybe we should consider starting the draining of the lake sooner
 - a. Michelle Schaefer (Lot 17/18) Bryan Schaefer (Lot 17/18) turns the pipe on right after Labor Day. It takes time to get the lake level low enough to be a concern for boats.
 - vii. Roger Wehrkamp (Lot 58) A ton of debris comes in my cove.
 - a. Has the LRA Board looked at an option of a long reach excavator for his cove? Could make a good impact.

- b. Have we looked at the enzyme tablets?
- viii. Doug Denny (Lot 114) To be clear, we will hear more at the fall meeting? We have \$120K in the budget, but if we need more money, it should be out there sooner so people can attend and vote.
- ix. Dennis Vondelingen (Lot 38A) Be careful that if we use a mechanical method, we need to make sure we have enough space for the spoils.
 - a. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) The Board has been preparing for this for a couple of years.
- g. Job Descriptions
 - i. Mark Kimmitt (Lot 92) has volunteered to write job descriptions for the LRA Board positions.
 - ii. We want volunteers to understand what they are volunteering for and the skills that may be needed.
- h. Vote on safety rule change to allow ski-booms Monday-Friday and on non-holidays.
 - i. Michelle Schaefer (Lot 17/18) explained that booms were approved for a trial basis. It has been used as a trial and there have been no issues. Booms can only be used on an inboard (direct drive only) motor boat.
 - 1. Doug Denny (Lot 114) Expressed his support and the advantage of a ski boom for training.
 - ii. Motion to approve ski-booms for use on weekdays and non-holidays only: Tom Rebber (Lot 21)
 - 1. 2nd: Logan Howe (Lot 37)
 - 2. Discussion: None
 - 3. Vote: Approved
 - i. Doug Ahlemeyer (Lot 128) What is the update on the land acquisition?
 - i. Gregg Wood (Lot 4) No real update. We are in a cooling off period.
 - ii. Roger Hackman (Lot 57) Just to clarify. Phil Klinge owns the property. Has said the lake will have the first rights to purchase. Roger believes that Phil will not move on the property without talking to the lake.
 - j. Joan Lovelace (Lot 13) Would like to donate a couple of youth kayaks to the Camp.

15. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn: Dave Riley (Lot 125)
 - i. 2nd: Doug Denny (Lot 114)
 - ii. Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Ervin Kruse

LRA Secretary