



## LRA Fall Membership Meeting

### Meeting Minutes: 10-5-2025

1. **Board Attendees:** Gregg Wood (Lot 4) - President, Tom Goecker (Lot 27) - Vice-President, Karen Jarson Lot 98, Michelle Schaefer (Lot 17/18) - Treasurer, Richard Pollert (Lot 99), Brad Kreinop (Lot 120), Kevin Nagel (Lot 54), Mark Kimmett (Lot 92), Ervin Kruse (Lot 119) - Secretary
2. **Membership Present:** 79 Lots were represented.
3. **Opening & Prayer:** Tom opened with prayer.
4. **New Member Introductions:**
  - a. None
5. **Minutes from Spring Meeting:**
  - a. Ervin Kruse (Lot 119) provided:
  - b. Changes or amendments:
    - i. Bill Burr (Lot 136) Request to remove his comment around lot lines.
  - c. Motion to approve with removal of Bill Burr (Lot 136) comment: John Fox (Lot 33/34)
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jean Donica (Lot 9)
    - ii. Discussion: None
    - iii. Vote: Approved
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Michelle Schaefer (Lots 17/18) reported:
  - b. Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128) Is the \$50,320 for the patio or the shelter house?
    - i. Michelle S - For the shelter house.
  - c. Overall lot dues to stay the same.
    - i. Anticipating interest going down
    - ii. Anticipating property taxes going down
    - iii. Minor increases in some areas like fireworks
    - iv. Survey money is rolled over from prior year.
    - v. Included the \$50K for Long Term Planning Fund for future expenses / emergencies.
    - vi. Do have some spillway issues that need to be addressed and will be discussed.
    - vii. Doug Denny (Lot 114) Does the special assessment fall off for the Survey.
      1. Michelle S—It was not a special assessment. It was just part of the budget.
    - viii. Mary Schaefer (Lot 72) Why is Miscellaneous going up?
      1. Michelle S - This covers the text blast program.
    - ix. Bill Burr (Lot 136) Why was snow removal so much more?
      1. Michelle S - Heavy snow and ice. Cost of salt was more as well.
        - a. We can look at a standard of when the roads are cleaned.
      2. Roger Wehrcamp (Lot 58) No way to tell when we will need snow removal.
      3. Doug Denny (Lot 114) The Hoene's do a great job. Our roads are better than Lake Road.
      4. Tom Rebber (Lot 21) The Hoene's have done a tremendous job taking care of the lake. They don't need a job description.
      5. LouAnne Denny (Lot 114) Bill's point is good one if we ever lose the Hoene's.
      6. Lisa Dyer (Lot 101) Really appreciate the road conditions living out here.
  - d. Motion to approve: Roger Hackman (Lot 57)
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Fox (Lot 33/34)

ii. Discussion: None

iii. Vote: Approved

**7. Board Candidates Introduction and Optional Address to the Members:**

- a. Richard Pollert (Lot 99)
- b. Ervin Kruse (Lot 119)
- c. Doug Denny (Lot 114)
- d. Colby Darlage (Lot 103)
- e. Luke Otte (Lot 85)

**8. Sewer Report:**

- a. Mark Kimmitt (Lot 92) reported:
- b. No updates on the sewer

**9. Construction Report:**

- a. Kevin Nagel (Lot 54) reported:
- b. No real update for the construction committee. Reminder of who is on the construction committee.
  - i. Chris Schaefer (Lot 144/145), Tom Dyer (Lot 101), Brad Krienop (Lot 120), Kevin Nagel (Lot 54)
- c. Bill Burr (Lot 136) Why are we allowing people not to use a silt fence during construction?
- d. Roger Wehrcamp (Lot 58) There needs to be a fine for people not using silt fence.
- e. Bev Chin (Lot 72) Silt fence doesn't do anything. Too much dirt coming into her cove area.
- f. Gregg Wood (Lot 4) – The Board addresses issues face-to-face and with letters. We follow the by-laws on addressing issues.

**10. Chapel Report:**

- a. Karen Jarson (Lot 98) reported:
- b. Text Blast Program
  - i. Has been working well. The Board wants to keep using it.
- c. 15 Sundays
  - i. Down 10% in attendance
  - ii. Down 11% in giving.
- d. Will keep the same program to invite a rotation of local Pastors.
  - i. Karen J explained how the program works.
  - ii. Doug Denny (Lot 114) Would like to suggest pushing for all membership to join the text program. Really beneficial.
  - iii. Kathy Adams (Lot 113) Like that it is not overused.
- e. Shelter House Addition discussion.
  - i. \$50,320 in budget. We will move forward with the project.
    - 1. The donations were enough so we will look to make it bigger as well.

**11. Safety Report & Water Management:**

- a. Richard Pollert (Lot 99) reported:
- b. New Signs
  - i. We will be adding new signs at the entrances for holiday weekends.
- c. Many Holiday Violations – Standing in boat, sitting on seat back.
  - i. Really need lot owners to enforce the rules with the people operating the boat.
  - ii. Luke Otte (Lot 85) How is the weekend defined?
    - 1. Gregg W - Saturday and Sunday. Friday is weekday.
- d. Insurance Forms
  - i. Really need everyone to sign and return.
  - ii. After 2 attempts, we still have 14 Lot owners that have not completed.
  - iii. Doug Denny (Lot 114) Insurance forms need to be part of the dues. If not turned in, you are in violation.
  - iv. Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128) If not compliant, you should not be allowed to be on the lake.
  - v. Gregg W - Letters are being sent to violators.
- e. New stickers coming this year.
  - i. Every boat and ATV, UTV needs to have a sticker.
- f. Mary Schaefer (Lot 72) When do you have to slow down?
  - i. Gregg W – It is 8pm or sunset.

- g. Debbie Shutz (Lot 78A) Boat operators on cell phone while operating boat.
- h. Curt Marsh (Lot 134) When idling, I need to sit on back of seat to look for kids for swimming going to my home in cove.
  - i. Gregg W – We are really talking more about when under power.
- i. Steve Arnholt (Lot 49) Could we investigate allowing to add a float to the front of a pontoon?
  - i. Board will take into consideration.
- j. Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128) People swimming around pontoon in the dark with no lights.
- k. Doug Denny (Lot 114) People need to use common sense.
  - 1. Between orange buoy and shore is not an idle zone. It is to separate the small boats from the ski zones.
- l. Greg Reuter (Lot 44) Rule 17, can we look at allowing the couch tubes with more than 2 people on the weekends.
  - i. Mark K (Lot 92) Agreed that it is much harder to keep track of 2 tubes with 1 rider each vs couch tube.
- m. A motion was made to recommend tabling the discussion around additional safety rule changes for the board to review and present to the membership in Spring meeting: Roger Hackman (Lot 57)
  - i. Second: Jim Spray (Lot 39)
  - ii. Discussion: None
  - iii. Vote: Approved
- n. Connie Roeder (Lot 36) Also supports having multiple riders on couch tubes to help with little kids.
- o. Roger Hackman (Lot 57) Is there a limitation to number of people on a pontoon boat?
  - i. Should follow boat manufacturer's recommendations.

## 12. Long Range Planning:

- a. Brad Kreinop (Lot 120) reported:
  - i. Didn't mark many of lot lines this summer. Please find your lot lines. That will be a big help.
  - ii. Should start marking the North side of lake this winter.

## 13. Property/ Road Management Report:

- a. Tom Goecker (Lot 27) reported:
- b. Thanks to Steve Arnholt for grading the trails.
- c. Brush pile. Make sure it is lake membership that is using the brush pile.
- d. Have some trees to take care of if there are any volunteers.
- e. Thanked everyone for 6 years of support while he was on the board.

## 14. Spillway/ Dam Report:

- a. Tom Goecker (Lot 27)
- b. Repairs needed. The first 20 feet of the spillway is in really bad shape. Water is getting around the spillway.
- c. Waiting on engineer's report. Nothing critical but will need to be repaired in the next couple of years.

## 15. Explanation of Votes and Ballot: Collection of Ballots

- a. There was a lot of discussion around the cleaning out of the silt.
- b. Board did a silt test on their own. The lake really doesn't have a silt problem.
- c. The worst area is not in a cove, but in front of the chapel.
- d. There are some shallow covers where motors are leaving marks.
- e. Asking permission for the board to use up to the \$121,000 in the cove maintenance fund to work on the coves once we see what the coves look like after draining.
  - i. This is a ballot vote.
- f. Roger Wehrcamp (Lot 58) There is a lot of wood at the bottom of cove. Can I pile up and burn in the bottom of the cove?
  - i. Gregg W - Please show the board and we can approve.
- g. Connie Roeder (Lot 36) If you want to clean out under your boat house or lift, do we need to inform the board?
  - i. Gregg W - Yes, please do.
- h. Bev Chin (Lot 24) Are you going to look everywhere in the lake?
  - i. Gregg W - Yes, we will look at the entire lake.
- i. Mary Schaefer (Lot 72) Is there a goal of when we hope to have those projects complete.
- j. Luke Otte (Lot 85) Does the lake have to be lowered again for the spillway.
  - i. Gregg W - Yes
- k. Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128) Is this a structural issue and we keep band aiding this or is this just normal wear?
  - i. Tom G - This is normal, but this winter really damaged it due to the water and ice.

- l. Roger Wehrcamp (Lot 58) Cold or not, there has been a lot of water over the spillway that has caused the damage.
- m. LouAnne Denny (Lot 114) Is the swimming rule change only during skiing hours?
- n. Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128) Swimming after dark is dangerous.
- o. Emmy Brooks (Lot 7) Add to text blast for holidays.
- p. Mark Miske (Lot 75) Just be careful not to be too restrictive. That's why we have a lake house.
- q. Bill Burr (Lot 136) Can we find other words to define "outside the buoy."
- r. Will Powers (Lot 30) How do we define Hi speed vs low speed? Please make more clear

**16. Old Business**

- a. Website
  - i. Gregg W - We will be updating the website regularly with dates and documents.
- b. Facebook
  - i. Angie Weineke (Lot 143) Keeps up to date.
- c. Ervin K—We are just trying to use as many communication methods as possible; the website, Facebook & the text blast are all good sources.

**17. Results of Election**

- a. Richard Pollert (Lot 99)
- b. Doug Denny (Lot 114)
- c. Ervin Kruse (Lot 119)

**18. Camp update**

- a. No camp update

**19. New Business: Questions & Answers Time:**

- a. Will Powers (Lot 30) Is Comcast running fiber to the lake?
  - i. Gregg W—Comcast is going to present their plan to the lake.
- b. Joan Lovelace (Lot 13) Hickory Ct common ground drive was not paved and it should have been.
  - i. Tom G - Agreed there are some areas that need to be addressed.
- c. John Fox (Lot 33/34) Need a new sound system in the chapel.
- d. Kathy Adams (Lot 113) Have been without power a lot lately.
  - i. Tom G - REMC is aware, and they are investigating.
- e. Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128) Would like to see a safety committee defined.
- f. Tom Rebber (Lot 21) In the 70's, the 3 new board members were the safety patrol and took turns patrolling the weekends.

**20. Meeting Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn: Tom Goecker (Lot 27)
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Easton (Lot 135)
  - ii. Discussion:
  - iii. Vote: Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Ervin Kruse

LRA Secretary