



LRA Spring Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes: 5-3-2026

1. **Board Attendees:** Gregg Wood (Lot 4) - President, Mark Kimmett (Lot 92) - Vice-President, Karen Jarson Lot 98, Michelle Schaefer (Lot 17/18) - Treasurer, Richard Pollert (Lot 99), Brad Kreinop (Lot 120), Kevin Nagel (Lot 54), Ervin Kruse (Lot 119) – Secretary, Doug Denny (Lot 114)
2. **Membership Present:** 82 Lots were represented.
3. **Opening & Prayer:** Doug Denny opened with prayer.
4. **New Member Introductions:**
 - a. None
5. **Minutes from Fall 2025 Meeting:**
 - a. Ervin Kruse (Lot 119) provided:
 - b. Motion to not read minutes aloud: John Fox (Lot 33/34)
 - i. 2nd: Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128)
 - ii. Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: Approved
 - c. Changes or amendments:
 - i. None requested
 - d. Motion to approve: Jerome Rebber (Lot 91)
 - i. 2nd: Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128)
 - ii. Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: Approved
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Michelle Schaefer (Lots 17/18) reported:
 - b. All lot dues have been paid on time. Michelle S hit on highlights of the report. She has been using CD's to gain income from interest for the lake.
 - c. Motion to approve: Jerome Rebber (Lot 91)
 - i. 2nd: Steve Arhnolt (Lot 49)
 - ii. Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: Approved
7. **Construction Report:**
 - a. Kevin Nagel (Lot 54) reported:
 - b. If you plan to do any construction, please submit plans to one of the construction board members.
 - c. Board members are Chris Schaefer (Lot 144/145), Tom Dyer (Lot 101), Brad Kreinop (Lot 120), Kevin Nagel (Lot 54)
8. **Land/Road Management Report:**
 - a. Richard Pollert (Lot 99) reported:
 - b. Property management has been really busy preparing for the dredging.
 - c. Spent some money on rip rap around the lake while the lake was down, specifically on the dam and near lot 58.
 - d. Had to dean up some trees over the winter
 - e. Dug a spoils pond to hold all of the spoils from the dredging of the cove
 - i. Put a fence around the spoils pond for safety.
 - f. Took out 455 loads of silt from the cove
 - g. Hoene's did a great job. Came in under budget on almost everything project they completed.
 - i. Hoene's wanted to spend a little more time, but the cold temperature stopped them.

- ii. On average, pulled about 2' of silt. Less in areas, but deep in the creek channel.
- h. Have more trees to take down this summer. Asked the tree removal company to leave the big trunks for membership to cut up for firewood.
- i. Several members stated they are happy with the dredging.
- j. Questions:
 - i. Roger Wehrkamp (Lot 58)—Roger has been putting Muck Away in his cove and it was 6-8" less silt than where he hadn't placed it. Has the lake ever thought of using Muck Away in the lake?
 - 1. Michelle S—We can ask Aquatic Control about cost and feasibility.
 - ii. Doug Ahlmeyer (Lot 128)—What is the next cove on the list?
 - 1. Richard P—Really haven't got that far. It would correlate with the 5-year lake lowering schedule and funds available.
 - 2. Doug D—There are challenges in each cove as well.
 - 3. Gregg W—It may not be a cove. The area in front of the chapel is really shallow as well.
 - iii. Bev Hoeltke (Lot 73)—Thank you for the dredging. There is a tree down on Lot 78 by the cement bridge.
 - iv. Kyle Wienke (Lot 143)—Did the lake do the work to improve Weber point?
 - 1. Gregg W—No. Darlene Weber (Lot 124) took care of it on her own. The Board did reach out to Darlene and explain it needed work.

9. Safety Report & Water Management:

- a. Doug Denny (Lot 114) reported:
 - i. Lake treatment has started this year. First treatment has a restriction of watering your lawn for 2 weeks.
 - ii. If you have an issue with weeds, please let Doug D know.
 - iii. A lake with weeds is a healthy lake. We want weeds for filtration and fishing, but not out of control.
 - iv. In the process of setting out the buoys for the summer
 - v. Be careful at the West end of the lake with the tight turn. Please understand the rule to separate pontoons and fishing boats out of the ski lanes during ski hours.
 - vi. If you have turned in your insurance form, please see Doug D for new LRA stickers.

10. Sewer Report:

- a. Bryan Schaefer (Lot 17/18) reported for Mark Kimmet (Lot 92) in his absence.
- b. When the lake is lowered, it is always a concern of having enough water to flush the lagoons. Everything worked out this year. We received the rain in time.
 - i. Please respect water usage when the lake is low.
- c. In the process of upgrading some of the equipment in the lagoons.

11. Long Range Planning:

- a. Richard Pollert (Lot 99) reported for Brad Kreinop (Lot 120) in his absence.
 - i. Richard P and Bryan S have been locating and marking lot markers on the north side of the lake.
 - ii. If you see white paint on them, they have been found and marked.
 - iii. If they are not marked, please get that done quickly. No bushes, trees or electric poles
 - iv. We have to get this complete from the volunteer / membership side and then bring out ILS to complete the paid side.
- b. Bill Burr (Lot 136)—Has ILS done any professional surveying in the last year?
 - i. Bryan S—Yes. They have been cleaning up issues the LRA Board had to make decisions on. ILS was able to shoot the entire south side in 1.5 days. The work needed is from lake volunteers. ILS has been drafting the legal descriptions for the South Side lots that have been surveyed.
- c. Doug A (Lot 128)—is there an easement for each lot?
 - i. Richard P—Not really. There will be utilities around the lake.
 - ii. Doug D—Please work with your neighbors to mark the corners, if there is a disagreement the LRA Board will decide.
 - iii. Bryan S—There have been a lot of records for lot marker locations over the years because of construction projects. Those have been a big help.

12. Chapel Report:

- a. Karen Jarson (Lot 98) reported:
- b. Over 20 people showed up for the chapel clean-up day. A lot was accomplished and done by 11am. Great job!
- c. 15 Sundays for chapel this summer. Only 4 Sundays left to fill with pastors

- d. Donut sign-up in the back.

13. Camp update

- a. No camp update

14. Old Business

- a. Text Blast Program
 - i. Gregg W - Program going well.
 - ii. Forms in the back for sign-up
- b. Website
 - i. Gregg W—Updated with dates
- c. Fireworks
 - i. Gregg W—Fireworks are June 27th due to the availability of the company we use.
- d. Chapel Project
 - i. Gregg W - The project has been given the go ahead to start
 - ii. Robert Runge hopes to start in the next 60 days.
 - iii. You can still contribute to the shelter house. We are \$5K short.

15. New Business:

- a. Vote #1 by ballot: To authorize the LRA Board to use funds (Estimate \$260K) to repair the spillway.
 - i. Discussion:
 - ii. Gregg W - Explanation of repairs, timing and cost
 - iii. Replacement would be 50-75 years of life
 - iv. Spillway does not meet code if lake was building new, but as a replacement, we don't have to bring up to current code.
 - v. Michelle S—Explained that lake has an extra \$300K in the operating budget, if we go over, then we will raise funds.
 - vi. Bill Burr (Lot 136)—Do we have an engineer contracted to oversee the process?
 - 1. Gregg W—No engineer needed.
 - vii. Tom G (Lot 27) Have we specked out the concrete to be used?
 - 1. Gregg W—Yes, all are quoting the correct concrete.
 - viii. Tom Rebber (Lot 21)—If we changed our siphon system, would that change the need to meet the code?
 - 1. Gregg W—We don't plan to change the siphon system. The companies are quoting replacing or removing and re-installing.
 - 2. Bryan S—We can lower the lake 6.5' with our current siphon. Probably don't need to change anything.
 - ix. Roger W (Lot 58)—Have any of the firms suggested to do anything other than what we currently plan? Should we install a breaker wall?
 - 1. Gregg W—No. All have stated that the current is sufficient for our lake.
 - 2. Tom G (Lot 27)—The depth doesn't drop off too sharply before the spillway.
 - x. Allan Miller (Lot)—Any estimate on time to replace the spillway?
 - 1. Gregg W—6-8 weeks
 - 2. Doug D—May not go with the cheapest, there is several components to our decision and timing will be one of them.
 - xi. Bill Burr (Lot)—The questions from the meeting would indicate that we need an engineer to direct our process.
 - 1. Gregg W—Seems like an engineer be a waste of money based on our conversations.
 - 2. Tom G (Lot 27)—Explained how much time he spent with the Engineer and the contractor. We have the information we need.
 - xii. Dave V—(Lot 101) I appreciate the idea to not upgrade to the new standards from a cost perspective, but do we know the cost to upgrade?
 - 1. Gregg W—It would be in the millions.
 - xiii. Tom Rebber (Lot 21)—I believe the dam has lasted a long time. The current spillway has worked. I think replacing it as is, is the right way to go.
 - 1. Gregg W—We do have to get a permit from IDEM. The permit will cover all of the requirements for the spillway.
 - xiv. Greg Reutter (Lot 44)—Have we thought about an assessment so that we don't drain all of our lake operating cash?
 - 1. Gregg W—We will only use the cash. We will not dip into the restricted funds. We can look at actual cost and decide on an assessment for next year.

- xv. Doug A (Lot 128) – Hats off to the team for planning ahead and being ready for this. We were not ready for the roads and we had an assessment. Are we thinking ahead for when the roads will need repaired or replaced again?
 - 1. Gregg W – Yes. We are saving money every year to prepare for future repairs / replacement. We watch during construction and if a homeowner damages the road, they will be held liable.
- xvi. Vote: Passed 82 Yes / 0 No
- b. Vote #2 by ballot: Add sentence to safety rule #3 under “Boating & Skiing” to read: Upon request, the Board may approve the addition of a front mounted ½ tube for safety.
 - i. Discussion:
 - ii. Doug D – Explained the need for the safety tube for loading and unloading. Balance in the water.
 - iii. Logan Howe (Lot 37) – With the technology of new tritoon boats, I would encourage the board to review the use of tritoons on our lake. We are pushing people to buy two boats.
 - 1. Doug D – It would be too congested for our lake, especially on the West end.
 - iv. Tom Rebber (Lot 2 21) – I don’t understand the request for the half toon. The manufacturer has already addressed that.
 - v. Vote: Passed 71 Yes / 10 No
- c. Vote #3 by ballot: Add letter C to safety rule 17 under “Boating & Skiing” to read: A maximum of 3 riders may be pulled on a “couch/sofa style tube” in the sitting position subject to the manufacturer’s recommendation.
 - i. Steve Amholt (Lot 49) – I think people are buying these couch tubes to be able to have their grandkids with an adult.
 - ii. Greg Reutter (Lot 44) – These are great for young kids and adults.
 - iii. Chris Schaefer (Lot 144/145) – If we would enforce the zig-zag rule, we wouldn’t have this issue of people falling off.
 - iv. Tina Baltus (Lot 63/64) – Seem like boat drivers aim to hit the buoy on the west end.
 - v. Will Powers (Lot 30) – Rule states that device should be pulled in a straight line. Should that be the same on holiday and non-holiday weekends?
 - 1. Gregg W – The LRA Board will review.
 - vi. Vote: Passed 44 Yes / 37 No
- d. Dumping Guidelines
 - i. The dumping area got a little out of hand.
 - ii. The guidelines were established to control what and how much is dumped.
 - iii. Bill Burr (Lot 136) – Can we add to the guidelines that dump material should only come from the lake property?
 - 1. Gregg W – Yes, we can add.

16. Q & A Session

- a. Brenda Tracy (Lot 47) – I have left some lot numbers left over if anyone would like to take some.
- b. John Fox (Lot 33/34) – Is anyone looking at a future location for trailer parking
 - i. Gregg W – It is discussed often, but no decision has been made.
- c. Joan Lovelace (Lot 12/13) – You missed our easement when paving the roads. Will we have to wait until the next full paving job or will it be sooner?
 - i. Richard P – It is being discussed, but no decision yet.
- d. Roger Wehrkamp (Lot 58) – Need to keep the crack tar going to stop the cracks in roads from getting worse.
- e. Lisa Dyer (Lot 101) – Want to thank the LRA Board for all that they do and the time they spend.

17. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn: Steve Chinn (Lot 24)
 - i. 2nd: Jerome Rebber (Lot 91)
 - ii. Discussion: None
 - iii. Vote: Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Ervin Kruse

LRA Secretary