

LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2008 at 10:00 am

LAC Clubhouse #2

The following board members were present during the meeting: President, Mike Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Jean Burke - Secretary/Clerk, Tracie Doyle – Trustee, Victor Wakefield – Trustee, Patrick Caron – Trustee, Evan Grover – Grant Writer, Larry Singelais

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the last meeting held on January 12, 2008 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Suction Harvester Update

- a. LEA and DEP sponsored a meeting yesterday on suction harvesters – how to operate and to build. Several members of the council attended this meeting along with the President.
- b. We have a picture of a suction harvester on our website.

501c3 Status

- a. We received 501c3 status as a charitable organization effective back to September 4, 2007.
- b. We need to file the IRS documents with the State now.

Waterboro and Limerick Town Meetings

- a. We received the \$7,500 from the Town of Limerick.
- b. The Waterboro meeting is scheduled for June. We need a large turnout from LAC, and we will be requesting a matching \$7,500 from Waterboro.

LAC Support

LAC will be granting LACC \$5,000, and we can expect this money after May 1st.

Governor's Task Force / DEP Funding

- a. The President attended the Governor's Task Force meeting this week in Augusta.
- b. The DEP has an additional 40K for lakes infested with milfoil.
- c. We have been receiving the maximum grant of 2K from the DEP. We have been using this money to purchase tarps etc.
- d. We are now eligible for 6K, and Dave Sanfason has prepared the paperwork for us to receive the 6K.

Federal Earmark

Mike Fitzpatrick is working with Little Sebago Lake, St. Joseph's College, COLA, LEA, DEP, and MCIP on the federal earmark for 4 million for milfoil. There are 27 lakes that have been identified as being infested with milfoil. There will be seven lakes receiving the first year

round of money and Little Sebago and Sebago Lake are two of the seven. The other 25 lakes will be fighting for the other five spots, and we are one of those lakes. COLA and MCIP will be establishing the criteria required for the five test lakes. We want to be one of the five test lakes, and we are working toward that goal. The funding of this earmark will be determined at the end of the summer. We need to encourage people to write to their local politicians to help get this earmark funded.

GRANT UPDATE:

- a. We are applying for a grant from the Jessie B. Cox Foundation. The deadline is April 15th and we need to submit a concept letter before the group decides if we can submit a full proposal. We are asking for 25K for two years.
- b. We will be applying for the Stephen King grant again in the fall now that we have 501c3 status.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. The Treasurer presented a written report for approval which will be attached to these minutes. The balance in our account as of March 31, 2008 is \$15,225.99.
- b. We received the \$7,500.00 from the Town of Limerick.
- c. We have 72 Members to date.
- d. Documents were filed with the bank revising the two signature requirement for withdrawals to one signature to avoid bank charges. The vice president is now required to sign off on all bank statements.
- e. We need some computer software and hardware for the organization and there is no procedure in place for the approval of such expenditures. The Treasurer expressed the desire to set up a finance committee.
- f. The Treasurer has contacted several CPAs and expressed the desire to use Fred Going from Saco who would be willing to meet with her after the tax season. Mr. Going did state that we had no tax filing requirements for 2007.
- g. A motion to authorize the Treasurer to obtain debit card for small expenditures was unanimously approved.
- h. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- a. Finance Budget Committee - Jean Burke, Chair – Other members: Diane Galvin and Victor Wakefield
- b. Strategic Planning Committee - Larry Singelais, Chair – Other members: Mike Fitzpatrick and Mark Harris
- c. Suction Harvester Committee – Shannon Doyle and Steve Burke, Co-chairs – Other members: Scott Davis, Mark Berry, Steve Herman, Don McCormick, Gary Zuger, and Andre DesVergnes
- d. Membership Committee - Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair – Other members: Pat Caron and Kate Howard
- e. Postcard Committee – Steve Herman, Diane Galvin and Kate Howard

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

- a. There was a discussion regarding the deadline date for dues. The Bylaws state January 31st is the deadline. All dues paid before November 1, 2008 will be for 2008. We will start soliciting 2009 dues in November. The 2009 dues will be due by January 31, 2009.
- b. Jean Burke will send out an email challenging our current members to get at least one other person to join.
- c. There was a discussion of making LACC Banners and placing them in several locations on the lake and on entrance roads.
- d. There was a discussion about making postcards and other flyers to display at local businesses.

SUCTION HARVESTER:

- a. We are working on obtaining prices for the suction pump and air apparatus for the suction harvester. It could take up to six weeks to obtain the supplies.
- b. We need to replace the decking on the boat.
- c. A motion was presented to allow the suction harvester committee to spend up to \$7,500 to purchase the supplies needed for the pump, air apparatus and decking supplies. The motion was unanimously approved.
- d. We will need to look into insurance for the divers.
- e. We are currently storing the boat in the LAC garage. We will need to ask LAC for access to the boat for construction and construction will start as soon as possible.

BENTHIC BARRIER DATES:

- a. The DEP liked our approach to placing barriers in the lake. For year one, we will place them in the Brown Brook area, and in year two, we will be placing them at the Little Ossippee River feed.
- b. We need to set up benthic barrier training days. This will help us in applying for educational grants.
- c. Inventory for the tarps: We have 10 – 20x20 tarps along with some sand bags and rebar.
- d. A Motion was presented to allow a \$200.00 budget for the supplies needed for benthic barrier installation. The motion was unanimously approved.
- e. Benthic barrier dates: 1) May 31st / rain date - June 1st 2) July 26th / rain date - July 27th 3) Sept. 20th / rain date – Sept. 21st - All barriers will be placed in the Brown Brook area.
- f. Currently, there are two tarps at Tower Beach which will need to come out.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- a. The President of the Little Ossippee Lake Association attended our meeting. His organization has a great interest in our group because they don't want milfoil.

- b. The Little Ossipee Association has a newsletter that goes out in the middle of June. There was a discussion on advertising our group and membership drive in their newsletter. There was also a discussion on maybe linking with their website.

NEXT MEETING DATE: We discussed having the next meeting on the afternoon of May 17th if the clubhouse was available to have a meeting/social kickoff. Mr. Fitzpatrick was to check with LAC on the availability of the clubhouse. We will send notice of the next meeting and post the date and time on the website.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Submitted on April 15, 2008 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC