

Lake Victoria Property Owners' Association
Laingsburg, MI 48848
Annual Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2009

Board members present: Kim Dutcher, Clint Hawks, Al Burnie, Dan Brown, Duane Albright, Michelle Campbell, Renee Gutzman, Dave Pursel and Scott Danek

- I. Call to Order 1:06 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. DNR – Officer Nichols reminded members that laws that apply to a public lake also apply to private lakes for marine and fishing laws. Officer Nichols shared with us several law changes. As of March 16, the personal water craft (PWC) law will allow boaters to stay on the lake until sunset (previous law was one hour prior to sunset). Ages 12-14 will have PWC operating restrictions. As of 2011, no one under 14 will be allowed to operate a PWC. Additional changes will require anyone born after 12/31/78 will need to have a boaters' safety certificate. By law you are required to have a fishing license on Lake Victoria, even if it's off of your dock or beach.
- IV. President's Opening Remarks – Kim shared with us that today is his last day after 12 years of service to the LVPOA board. He also shared with the members that volunteering for the board is rewarding and asked that folks volunteer in the future.
- V. Introduction of Board Candidates
 - a. Mark Langworthy – been here for 10 years. Feels he needs to get involved more and that is why he wants to be part of the board.
 - b. Scott Westenberg – been part of LVPOA since 1993.
 - c. Scott Danek – up for re-election, wants to continue with his service to the board.
- VI. Members questions of candidates – Don Bracke wanted to thank Kim & Dave for their years of service on the board.
- VII. LVPOA Progress Report
 - a. 2008 accomplishments **PowerPoint begins**
 - b. Replaced north boat ramp in November 08
 - c. Cleared a permanent walking path exclusively on LVPOA property between dam and existing wooded path (*we will continue making more paths)
 - d. Clear additional paths in woods behind pole barn
 - e. Mark all paths with GPS & signs (paths marked, GPS will be done Spring 09)
 - f. Improve Westgate park & beach
 - g. Solar lights & reflective tape on spillway structure
 - h. Improve signage at parks
 - i. Increase E-voice frequency
 - j. Compost Dates
 - k. Spring Clean up was 4/19/08
 - l. Annual Treasure Sale was 5/9 & 5/10/08
 - m. Continue lake beautification projects with special assessment funds (will continue)
 - n. Continue weed management program that began in 07
 - o. Investigate curbside recycling options (investigated, not feasible currently)
 - p. Develop 3 & 5 year plan w/member input (didn't get that far yet)
 - q. Joined Laingsburg Business Association – resulted in 20% discount to LVPOA's policy – Also, members can save 10% on their insurance through McPhail Insurance (so far 30 members have taken advantage of this)
 - r. Open pits were closed by township/county

- s. Organized boater safety course
 - t. Begin work on updating the property (deed) restrictions to better reflect the current and future issues (all governing documents were mailed to each member with 2009 dues invoices – also available on the web)
 - u. Work within current budget to make LVPOA a better & safer place to live and enjoy!
- VIII. Committee Reports (see PowerPoint presentation for details)
- a. Secretary's – Michelle Campbell – see website for all 2008 board minutes.
 - b. Treasurer's – Clint Hawks
 - LVPOA General Budget – board finished 2008 with a \$2,771.74 surplus
 - Assessment budget – Board paid an additional \$17,000 on the principal of the assessment loan. Finished 2008 assessment budget with a \$2,412.96 surplus.
 - 2009 General budget – projected to have a surplus of \$556.00.
 - New facilities passes – created new pass design for 2009. Special thanks to Jim Pierman of Spartan Printing for donating the printing of the passes and our Victoria Voice Newsletters – saves us thousands of dollars per year. Please make sure sticker side is up when placing in your dash.
 - New Keys – locks will be changed on April 4, 2009. If you are paid in full for 2009 you can receive your new key today, on 4/4 at the south boat launch b/w noon to 4, and on 4/18.
 - c. Outreach – Clint Hawks
 - LVPOA board meeting will be moved to March 16th because of St. Patrick's day
 - Spring Cleaning; Compost Days; Treasure Sale; Block party; Boater's Safety; Boat Inspection; and several other events are scheduled for 2009. Please see the website – www.ourvictoriavoice.com
 - d. Dam – Duane Albright (& Kim Dutcher)
 - Duane shared with the members that Kim helped save LVPOA several thousands of dollars by helping re-design/re-directing the dam project.
 - Maintenance projects will begin in 2009 and equipment will be purchased for dam maintenance.
 - e. Water Quality – Renee Gutzman
 - Summary of the chemical treatments and why weed harvester wasn't used in 08 due to oil leakage. Special thanks to Mark McEwen for working on the weed harvester.
 - f. Roads & Ditches – Al Burnie
 - LVPOA 12/31/08 Road balance: \$29,292.69 is our banked allotment. We'll receive \$6,890 to bring our balance to \$35,996.88. 2009 asphalt prices have increased to \$113,200 per mile – so our balance doesn't allow us to fix much of anything right now. We are looking at moving forward to the put road improvements on this year's fall ballot. **VOTE IN AUGUST PLEASE!!!**
 - g. Building – Dave Pursel & Al Burnie
 - No new permits were issued in 2008, just some re-modeling

- h. Parks – Dan Brown
 - Several enhancements have been made in our parks in 2008. North boat ramp replaced, parking improved, beaches and parks improved, created “Beatty Path”, signage improved, slowed erosion on south island, rocks on Westgate Park added, and much more...
 - Parks budget improved significantly over the past 2 years. Reduced spending from \$23,500+ in both 05 and 06 to \$6300 in 07 and \$11,000 in 08.
 - PowerPoint includes 09 goals for parks
 - WE NEED YOU! Volunteers are the life blood of our neighborhood, from the board to a single afternoon of help. Donation of time, materials and equipment is appreciated.
 - Michelle Wilse shared with us the “Dump your junk day” around April at the Clinton County Road Commission
- i. Fish – Scott Danek
 - Reviewed 08 Fish planting
 - The “Math of Fish” report – LVPOA Fish budget/Total Budget = % spent on fish; \$4K/\$53K = 8%; 8% of \$100 annual dues = \$8 of fish annually. A limit of perch costs us \$70, Walleye \$10, Bluegill \$33.75, Bass \$18.75, Pike \$14. This is why we need to make sure that the right people are keeping the fish, not uninvited guests.
- j. Rules & Regulations – Scott Danek
 - Areas of improvement – continued reduction of trespassing fisherman; DNR Officer Nichols visited our lake this winter, he educated about 50 folks on not having permits, etc, didn’t give one ticket.
 - We will continue to educate our members on various rules/regs/laws
 - John White shared with the members that he noticed several occasions when truck loads of guests/trespassers were out on our lake taking our fish to more than the limit levels.
 - Scott shared with members the policy/procedure of towing unmarked vehicles
 - Potential rule changes were shared

IX. 2009 Initiatives

- a. Spring Clean-up – 4/18
- b. Rummage Sale – May 7, 8, & 9
- c. Annual boaters’ safety course – May 18 & 20
- d. Free boat inspection to be set up
- e. Trails continue to improve/develop new
- f. Install a dock on north launch
- g. Repair south ramp (*ran out of good weather to fully complete in 08)
- h. Increase frequency of e-voice
- i. E-surveys to begin in 2009
- j. Many more on the **PowerPoint**

X. Membership Comments & Questions

- a. Mike Roberts – questions about Alder Creek with Algae and phosphorus levels – have we tested that? Answer – not to our knowledge but we can have that checked. Westgate rock sizes – what is the size? Answer – 4 different sizes. Older passes – he gives old passes to his kids while he’s on the lake himself, so he doesn’t think that we should give just 2 passes. Al Burnie reminded people

that we give warning letters for 2 years. Al asked for a vote to continue with warnings. Members voted – no warning, just tow.

- b. Roger VonKlingler – get tired of hearing that the previous board went over budget. Asking about SummerFest.
- c. John White suggested putting a hose for boats to wash off weeds, etc. at the ramps.
- d. Warren Malkin mentioned that Clinton County wants to map the flood plane area, the meeting regarding this will be on 4/1/09 4:30 – 7:00 at the courthouse.

XI. Board Election

- a. Scott Danek, Mark Langworthy & Scott Westenberg

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Dan Second: Scott
Adjournment 3:35