

# Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2009

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Vice-President Dick Wadnel.

## **Attendance**

There were 15 members in attendance, 2 excused, and 6 absent.

## **Secretary's Report**

Steve Nowicki moved to accept the June 27, 2009, minutes as written, Ron Fisher seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Linda Sheppard distributed reports for both June and July. At the beginning of June, our checkbook balance was \$1,444.64. Total receipts were \$16,993.25, which included \$6,000 borrowed from the credit line. Expenses totaled \$12,975.27, leaving a checkbook balance of \$5,462.82.

In July, we started out with the June balance of \$5,462.82 in our checkbook. Receipts were \$15,896.12 and expenses totaled \$15,936.07, leaving a checkbook balance of \$5,422.87.

Steve Nowicki moved and Ron Fisher seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted and the motion was approved.

## **Budget Committee Report**

Jerry Sipla asked about the draw on the loan stated in the treasurer's report for June. Treasurer Linda Sheppard stated that a large insurance payment needed to be made in June, and there wasn't enough money in the checkbook. Jerry gave updated figures as to the association costs versus lodge costs of operations and noted that our net income was a minus \$19,795.46. Jerry also went over the status of the loan. Adjustments will be made at the end of a full year of tracking income and expenses so that we do not wind up in a minus situation another year. Bob Linke moved to accept the budget report, Ron Fisher seconded and the motion was approved.

## **Tri Lakes Management Report**

Chairperson Steve Nowicki gave the following updates:

- Weed Harvesting: For the last two weeks of July, 2009, 24 loads were removed from Upper Camelot, 25 loads from Lower Camelot, 24 loads from Arrowhead, and 33 loads from Sherwood. For the 2 weeks prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 18 loads were removed from Upper Camelot, 16 loads from Lower Camelot, 23 loads from Arrowhead, and 81 loads from Sherwood.
- Steve reported that extra weed harvesters were obtained by taking one from Camelot and fixing an old one to put extra harvesters on Lake Sherwood.
- Steve also reported that he has been in contact with the DNR about the weed problem and asking them to have a chemical analysis done on the upper Sherwood portion of the lake to determine if any chemicals could reduce the thick weed growth.
- Regarding the sanitation plan—Steve noted that it has gone as planned; as of the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, there will still 121 septic systems that had not filed permits.
- The Tri Lakes Association annual meeting will be held Saturday, September 5, 2009, at 9.a.m. Steve encouraged us all to attend. (Our meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. that day.) The budget will be discussed; the purchase another harvester is being considered to keep 5 running at full capacity; two harvesters are very old and the new one would replace one of those old

ones. DNR (Department of Natural Resources) grants will be pursued to augment the purchase of the new harvester.

- Steve updated the Board on the status of the injured intern hired to help control weeds not removed from boats going from one lake to another. Despite a partial separated shoulder, the intern should recover nicely.
- County employees have been asked to take unpaid furlough days to help with the declining funds available in Adams County.
- Water level checks and toe drain checks are being done as scheduled.
- At meetings regarding the dams, Steve will continue to notify how much the three lakes contribute to Adams County and how the County should listen to our needs.
- Chris Murphy (from Adams County) has charge of pursuing compliance by agricultural lands with a DNR ruling that there should be a “green zone” of at least 15 feet from a body of water. Steve will continue to ask Mr. Murphy for updates on that compliance.
- The State of Wisconsin will most likely pass the Shoreline Protection Amendment in December; however, since the State’s amendment is much less restrictive than Adams County’s Shoreline Restoration Project, the State guidelines are to take precedence over the County guidelines.
- Bob Linke, Jerry Sipla, and Joan Schwegel complimented the Tri Lakes Board for listening to our weed problems and for responding to them promptly and effectively. Special thanks was noted for Steve Nowicki for representing us so well and to Terry James who took time to explain the Adams County Board position on the Shoreline Restoration situation.

#### **Architectural Report**

Ron Fisher reported that Chairperson Bill Scharles gave him the following information regarding Building Permits: One 12 X 12 shed on West Queensway in the Canterbury Subdivision; one garage in Yeoman Subdivision; and one 10 X 14 shed in Squire Subdivision.

#### **LSPOA Assistant Report**

No report.

#### **Covenants Committee Report**

No report

#### **Scholarship Committee Report**

No report

#### **Business Committee Report**

Chairperson Dick Wadnal reported that the Business Committee discussed the newly opened Camelot Lodge and the effects of new competition. The Committee also discussed the two-day Fourth of July Celebration and decided that it was a lot of work for little benefit. Lodge Manager Mike Sheppard is continuing to offer special promotions such as “sliders” on Monday; “tacos” on Tuesday, “wings” on Wednesday, and “steak dinners” on Thursday. All promotions have yielded good results. Happy hour has been extended from 4 to 6 p.m. to 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Tom Gabriel suggested looking at the price of the garlic bread; he thought it was high.

#### **Housing Committee Report**

Steve Nowicki reported that repairs for the air conditioning motor were done; he is looking at other options for raising the new TV. Brackets are ridiculously priced—if a lower –price cannot be found, a fixed shelf can be constructed for less than a third of the cost for the brackets. Steve will check

on the price of snow plowing for this winter with the hope that there is no price increase for snow removal.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Chairperson Jinny Matush reported that there are still two subdivisions without representation; Linda Geis has been nominated for Quarterstaff. We will vote on the Board during our annual fall meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Chairperson John Kovac reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. The total income was \$9,978 and the total expenses were \$11,964.82, which left us with a loss of \$1,886.82. Only 678 books of raffle tickets were sold out of a total of 1,666 books printed. The fireworks display cost \$5325. The committee complimented John on a job well done. The Board realizes how much work John puts into the celebration and thanked him for continuing to run the entire weekend even when it was difficult competing with other 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations that fell on Saturday this year.

### **Conservation Committee Report**

Chairperson Dave Trudeau reported that he had one query on the lack of fish stocking for this year and that the person understood why when Dave explained the effects of the economy. Dave met with DNR representatives to discuss the results of fish stocking versus no fish stocking. The Wildfire Committee meeting was held in April. There were 33 respondents to a survey asking for people to request help with removal of hazardous material from their lands. The finalized plans for removal of fire-hazard material will be taken to the Board on August 13. A presentation on hazard fuels is scheduled to be put on the website.

Correspondence

None

### **Old Business**

- A meeting of the Town of Rome regarding short term rentals was held and a vote was taken by the Planning Commission.. The Commission voted 4 to 3 to keep the ordinance against short-term rentals as it is. The biggest problem raised was how to police it. We on the Lake Sherwood Board need to be vigilant and put in complaints where we see them.
- At a previous meeting, Kathy Nelson stated that we need to review and revise the by-laws and covenants. Because of his past knowledge and experience, Jerry Klahn was appointed to chair a committee to review and revise the Lake Sherwood By laws and Covenants. Kathy will be on the committee. Other interested Board members should contact Jerry Klahn.

### **New Business**

- Jerry Sipla complained about a 10:30 p.m. boating speeder who clearly and loudly broke the no-wake law. The police told Jerry to get the offenders boat numbers but it was too dark and the boat speeder had really bright lights.
- Tom Gabriel asked for the hours the gas pump at the Lodge was open and was told that the current hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Bob Linke moved that we adjourn, Tom Gabriel seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted**  
**Joan Schwegel, Secretary**