

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **March 7, 2009**

President Laurie Francis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. There were 16 Board members present.

#### **Secretary's Report**

The February 7, 2009, minutes were reviewed. Ron Fisher moved to accept the minutes as read. Bill Scharles seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Linda Sheppard reviewed the Treasurer's report. She reported the beginning checkbook balance as \$5,470.71. Income receipts were \$8,800, and total expenses were \$8,512.05. The ending checkbook balance was \$5,758.66. Jerry Sipla questioned the "Debit Card" expense of \$1,325.24. Linda Sheppard reported that the breakdown was \$1,047.24 for pizza oven repair and the \$278 remaining was in small receipts for general repairs. The "Debit Card" category was amended to "Pizza Oven Repair" and the rest was moved to "Miscellaneous" expense. Steve Nowicki moved that we accept the treasurer's report as amended. Ron Fisher seconded and the report was approved.

#### **Budget Committee Report**

Jerry Sipla reported that the budget would be amended due to changes suggested by the Business Committee for clarifying Lodge expenses versus Association expenses. (See Business Committee recommendations below) Bob Linke prepared a short history of our budget from the year 2000 to present so that we could easily see the changes that occurred over the years. Jerry Sipla recommended that we look at reducing our Golden Passbook balances to \$500 and put the rest on the loan balance to reduce our overall total. Laurie Francis also recommended that we defer any capital expenditures for the 2009 year. An updated Budget Report will be prepared for our April meeting.

#### **Tri-Lakes Management Report**

Steve Nowicki reported on a Yahara Watershed Study for the Madison lakes showed that a great deal of the pollution was due to agriculture. Tri-Lakes has determined that 55 percent of our lake pollution is due to the landowners and 45 percent is due to agriculture. The septic system cleaning requires that the septic not only be pumped out but also be inspected for any problems contributing to lake pollution. Steve reported that Adams County is looking at spraying for gypsy moths. He also reported that the Town of Rome has passed a special camping permit ordinance that allows more than one camper for certain short periods of time. This will affect our camping permit policies. In addition, Steve reported that there is an AIS grant that will allow for inspection of boats to ensure that they are clean of weeds and zebra mussels.

#### **Architectural Committee Report**

Bill Scharles reported that nothing new happened since last month.

#### **LSPOA Assistant Report**

No report.

### **Covenants Committee**

Tom Gabriel reported on the letter sent to the camper owner who did not remove the camper from a lot on North Archer's Way, but there has been no response. The next step is to send a registered letter. Tom also reported that shoreline protection is a required part of any building project on lake property.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Joan Schwegel moved that we keep \$1,000 for two scholarships for 2009, but that we suspend monies for scholarships for 2010 and revisit the giving of scholarships in 2011. The motion was seconded by Ron Fisher and approved by the Board members present.

### **Business Committee Report**

Dick Wadnal reported that since the economy was slow, there were not a lot of promotions going on. Prices have been raised on certain items to reflect increased purchase costs.

Dick reported that much of the meeting was spent on the allocation of expenses to be submitted to the Budget Committee. The intent was to clearly identify the portion of expenses that should be borne by the Lodge and which portion should belong to the Association. The starting proposals took five areas into consideration: Electricity—80% Lodge, 20% Association; Heat—80% Lodge, 20% Association; Insurance—60% Lodge, 40% Association; Repair & Maintenance—80% Lodge, 20% Association; and Snowplowing—50% Lodge, 50% Association. Turnover to the Association from the Lodge will be more realistic. The final dollar amounts will be the same, but the operation expense will more accurately reflect where the income and expenses actually belong.

Dick also reported that there were some promotions for special dates such as Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, and the arrival of Spring.

### **Housing Committee Report**

Steve Nowicki reported that there were some repairs done to the pizza oven and the dishwasher. The committee will be looking at maintenance contracts for the coming year. Steve noted that the dishwasher is about 15 years old and will soon need to be replaced. He also stated that they will be tracking John Kovac's hours so that a determination can be made as to what portion of his salary belongs to the Lodge and what portion belongs to the Association. Kovac currently is paid totally by the Association. Steve also reported that we need to keep an eye on the roof as it is approximately 25 years old. Also, there will not be a shutdown in April to clean the floors. The floors will be done in early morning hours in parts so that we can keep the Lodge open.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Jinny Matush reported that she has received no response from Broadsword to her request for a Board representative from that subdivision.

### **Recreation Committee Report**

John Kovac stated that there would be a Recreation Committee meeting following the Board meeting. There will be fireworks on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and we need to let our respective subdivisions know. An announcement will be placed on our Web page and notices made to hang up in the Lodge. We have a DJ on Thursday and Friday, beer tents on Friday and Saturday, and a food concession on Friday night and all day on Saturday and a band on Saturday night.

### **Conservation Committee Report**

David Trudeau stated that all conservation information has been placed on the Web site.

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

### **Old Business**

- We added \$43 to our policy premium to increase our insurance coverage.
- The Town of Rome supports short-term rentals. We oppose them. All members are encouraged to let the Town of Rome know our feelings. On Tuesday, March 10, there will be a meeting on the Planning and Zoning commission to discuss the short-term rental proposal. This is a perfect place for Board members to attend and address the commission with our opposition to the proposal.
- Laurie Francis stated that we can renegotiate our loan with Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank from 6.75% to 6.25% fixed for one year. Another bank has offered 5.5% variable. It was decided to stay with NPESB and take the fixed loan.

### **New Business**

- We received a written request for a special camping permit from 3/23/09-4/1/09. Tom Gabriel moved to accept the request as it was clearly made as a one-time-only request. Ron Fisher seconded and the motion passed.
- There are three members who need to fill out and sign the auxiliary alcohol permit. Bob Linke will be the notary.

Ron Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting; Bill Scharles seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joan Schwegel  
Secretary