



Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jerry Klahn.

Attendance

Fifteen Board members in attendance: Tom Gabriel, Linda Ebbe, Steve Nowicki, Dave Trudeau, Jinny Matush, Jerry Sipla, Ron Fischer, John Kovac, Dave Duxstad, Gerald Klahn, Norm Abler, Bill Scharles, Steve Schwegel, and Joan Schwegel. Two LSPOA members: Bob Eckert and Kaye Eckert,

Secretary's Report

After reading the minutes of the last board meeting held on October 2, 2010, Ron Fisher moved that we accept the minutes as distributed; John Kovac seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Treasurer Linda Sheppard, President Jerry Klahn presented the treasurer's report. The checkbook balance as of September 30, 2010, was \$3,384.79. Income for November was \$407 and expenses were \$2,448.16. The checkbook balance as of October 31, 2010, was \$1,343.63. Steve Nowicki moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented; Jerry Sipla seconded and the motion passed.

Budget Committee Report

Chairperson Bob Linke deferred to committee member Jerry Sipla who noted that we were still in the negative comparing income to expenses. He noted that we have not paid our loan principal down as we had hoped. Bob Linke added that although we had planned to use this year as a trial year for a workable budget, this year has been an unusual year economically and we should defer using 2008 as a trial year for a workable budget. Bob noted that we can still keep the budget with the proposed figures, noting that we need more time to get a trial year with viable numbers. Therefore, the budget committee will keep working with the figures as we have them for another six months before bringing adjustment suggestions to the business committee.

Business Committee Report

Chairperson Laurie Francis resigned from the business committee and turned the chairmanship over to Dick Wadnal. Chairperson Dick Wadnal turned the Committee report over to Steve Schwegel. Steve stated that we receive lots of numbers that became meaningless as they were not simplified and broken down into measureable units. Steve reported that research he did into restaurant management yielded an excellent tool to measure how well a restaurant was doing. That tool is called *Restaurant Benchmarks*. It is published by Baker Tilly. All members present received a copy of the benchmarks. Steve suggested that we separate the restaurant operation from gaming.

Jerry Klahn reported that as a result of his meeting with Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank about refinancing our loan, he believes that we should view LSPOA and the Lodge as one entity and not separate out which part is responsible for which expenses. The bank views us as one entity. The



Association owns the bar and lodge and is ultimately responsible for its operations. Jerry and the committee looked over all the expenses for the association and the lodge operations and feels strongly that the entire board needs to have a complete accounting picture of what is happening. Steve Nowicki, Steve Schwegel, and Jerry Klahn will meet next Friday to go over all the income and expense statements and comeback to the next meeting with recommendations.

Tri-Lakes Management Report

Chairperson Steve Nowicki reported the following:

1. Tri-Lakes will get a grant to put toward the new weed harvester of \$57,309.
2. Tri-Lakes rebuilds harvesters as much as they can; they can't build new ones, but save a great deal of money by rebuilding old ones.
3. Adams County has reset elevation levels—they own the dams and have set levels to fall in a one-foot range.
4. Jerry Wiesinger from Lake Sherwood is a new member of the Tri-Lakes Board.
5. We do have Zebra mussels. Members are asked to check their pumps and lower levels on all boats.
6. Funds are tight, but they are holding to a workable budget even though they have to borrow some for the new harvester.

Architectural Report

Chairperson Bill Scharles reported that there was one permit approved for an addition to 111 W. Queen's Way.

LSPOA Assistant Report

Barb Schwarz is on vacation, so there is no report.

Covenants Committee Report

Chairperson Tom Gabriel reported that there was a complaint concerning a property in the Scarlett Division about a large number of vehicles parked on the property. We need to file a complaint with the Town of Rome. If the Town of Rome does not deal with the problem, the next step is to file with the District Attorney.

Scholarship and Donations Committee

Chairperson Joan Schwegel had no report.

Housing Committee Report

Steve Nowicki reported the following:

- We need blades and brackets for ceiling fans. Steve Nowicki and John Kovac can put them in. The cost is \$35 apiece for four ceiling fans.

Nominating Committee Report

There are currently a number of empty slots for the following sub-divisions: Ancaster, Broadsword, Canterbury, Glencove, Greenleaf, and Quarterstaff (Linda Gies resigned).

Member at large Kaye Eckert stated that small mailings should be considered as communication with the LSPOA membership is sparse at best. She asked if there could be a by-laws change to allow



members at large who were from a division that already had a representative to be assigned to divisions without representation. Jerry Klahn said that that would be a good idea; he would research the by-laws and come up with a proposal by January 2011.

Recreation Committee Report

Chairperson John Kovac had no report.

Conservation Committee Report

Chairperson Dave Trudeau reported the following:

- October Firewise cleanup took place on October 23 with only six people showing up to help. 100 cubic feet were cleared of debris.
- Dave will attend a Firewise Committee meeting next week and will make new proposals for funding for 2011.
- The Town of Rome Firewise Ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2011. Fines will assessed to those who do not comply. The Town will respond to complaints only to the Fire Department.

Correspondence

No correspondence

Old Business

None

New Business

- Election of officers: President: Steve Schwegel; Vice President: Dave Trudeau; Secretary: Joan Schwegel; Treasurer: Bob Eckert

Steve Nowicki moved to accept the slate of officers as stated; Jerry Sipla seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting will be December 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted—Joan Schwegel, Secretary