

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

### **May 23, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Francis at 10:05 a.m.

Eighteen members were present: Laurie Francis, Kathy Nelson, Linda Ebbe, Dick Wadnal, Tom Wychlendt, Dave Trudeau, Jinny Matush, Ron Fisher, Scott Stewart, John Kovac, Dave Duxstad, Norm Abler, Linda Sheppard, Bill Scharles, and Joan Schwegel. In addition there were nine LSPOA members present. Seven members called in and were excused: Tom Gabriel, Patti Ebbe, Steve Nowicki, Jerry Sipla, Jerry Klahn, and Bob Linke.

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

The minutes of the August 30, 2008, General Membership Meeting were reviewed. Ron Fisher moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Kathy Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

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

The Treasurer's Report for April 2009 was presented by Treasurer Linda Sheppard. The checkbook balance as of March 31, 2009, was \$8,058.54. Income was \$3,670 and Expenses were \$6,336.39 leaving us with a checkbook balance on April 30, 2009, of \$5,392.15.

#### **Budget Report**

Laurie Francis reported that the Business Committee proposed a (on paper only) separation of the Lodge expenses from the Association expenses. That proposal will take place as of May 1, 2009, and be regularly reviewed to update the figures to accurately reflect actual expenses for the Lodge and actual expenses for the Association.

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

As Chairperson Steve Nowicki was not present, Laurie Francis, reiterated the information Steve brought to the April Board Meeting.

- Zebra detection monitors will be at three or four locations on Lake Sherwood this summer.
- Senate Bill #12 regarding new boating regulations state that there will be no wake permitted 100' from shoreline. Previously, there was a no wake prohibition from the ends of docks.
- There are still 168 barley straw bales available from the Tri-Lakes Association. Those interested in procuring one or more should call Barb (our Association Administrative Assistant) for information.
- Sanitation control in on track through the Town of Rome.
- Weed harvesters are in and working.

#### **Architectural Report**

There was one application for a shed.

#### **LSPOA Administrative Assistant**

Thirty-seven Camping Permits have been issued.

### **Covenants Committee Report**

Firewise letters were sent out to those who cut trees and brush and left them on the property. The Firewise Committee is from the Town of Rome. The procedure to deal with fire safety problems is to first send a warning letter of infringement and give the property owner 30 days to respond. If there is no response, further legal actions will be pursued.

### **Scholarship and Donations Committee**

Joan Schwegel reported that the two 2009 scholarships are being awarded to Terry Harvey and Kelly Fahey. Letters will be sent to notify them of their compliance responsibilities. There will be no scholarships awarded in 2010 due to the economic turndown. Resumption of the scholarships will be looked at each year to determine if they are feasible at that time.

### **Business Committee Report**

Dick Wadnal reported that the winter slow business has now given way to more robust Lodge traffic. He also reiterated posted hours of operation for the gas pump. General hours are only on weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The week before July 4 and the week after July 4 will have open hours during the week as well. The reduced gas pump hours are due to the necessity of having a paid pump operator on duty during the posted hours. Non-dues paying persons can now purchase gas at the Lake Sherwood pump; however, they will be charged an additional \$10 pump service charge. Dick also reported that the outdoor deck was now open with a dedicated bartender. He also invited all meeting attendees to attend the Ski Club Show scheduled for 6:30 p.m. today.

### **Housing Committee Report**

There was no new construction. However, a guest attending the meeting brought up the fees that are charged for camping permits. While Lake Sherwood does not charge any camping fees, an applicant must be a dues-paying member in order to receive a camping permit. In addition, the Town of Rome charges a fee of \$25 for a camping permit. The speaker continued that she did not think it was fair that dues were mandatory for her as a camper and not mandatory for home owners. She also stated that it was not fair that she had to remove her camper from her property and a homeowner could keep a camper on a lot all year. It was pointed out by LSPOA Board members that mandatory dues for all were not possible and by laws could not be changed to allow them. Also, the removal of the campers was a Town of Rome ordinance. LSPOA does not have any say in what statutes the Town of Rome enacts.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Chairperson Jinny Matush submitted the following names to be elected at our Fall General Meeting : Ancaster—Laurie Francis; Canterbury—Kathy Nelson; Coventry—Tom Gabriel; Deer Lodge—Linda Ebbe; Greenleaf—Patti Ebbe; Huntington—Stewart Peterson; Kingsherald—Steve Nowicki; Knightshead—Dick Wadnal; Lancer—Tom Wycklendt; Lincolnwood—Dave Trudeau; Longbow—Jinny Matush; Nottingham—Jerry Sipla; Oxvord—Ron Fisher; Pikestaff—Scott Stewart—Alternate—Ray Speare; Quarterstaff—Paul Springhuth; Robindale—John Kovac; royal Crest—Dave Duxstad; Scarlet—Jerry Klahn; Sir Richard—Norm Ablar; Squire—Linda Sheppard; Whitehorse—Bill Charles; Woodland—Joan Schwegel; and Yeoman—Bob Linke. Broadsword, Glencove, and Westwood Shores do not have representatives. Ron Fisher moved to accept the nominations; Kathy Nelson seconded and the motion passed.

### **Recreation Committee Report**

John Kovac reported on the plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. On Friday July 3, we have a DJ , food and drink concessions, ski show, and the fireworks display. On Saturday, July 4, we have the craft show, food and drink concessions, ski show and the Austin Healey Band. All Board members are to take a minimum of 25 raffle tickets, which they can sell or just pay for. Barb will send e-mails to all Board members to pick up their raffle tickets as soon as possible.

### **Conservation Committee Report**

Dave Trudeau reported on the Town of Rome Wildfire Committee of which he is a member. Dave passed out a draft of a proposed ordinance which spells out the restrictions on dead timber and brush and penalties for not conforming to the ordinance. Grants are available to clear high-risk areas. A Tenth Avenue area was mentioned as having a great deal of timber and brush down. Adams County owns that property and will need to be called to deal with the problem. Anyone wishing to discuss wildfire risks can attend a meeting with the DNR on Labor Day weekend and should call Dave for details. Discussion then centered around the Sherwood Forest. Half of Sherwood Forest is owned by the Town of Rome and half is owned by Adams County. A logger offered to clear out the timber and brush, but to make it worth his time, he wanted to take down "selected" trees. LSPOA is not in favor of this move. Dave stated that burning permits can last the entire season and are available from Pritzl's. Then, to find out if it is a legal day to burn, there is a number to call available on the website and on the permits.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **Old Business**

- The Budget Committee work is ongoing and will be updated as figures are available.
- Insurance coverage was increased to further cover employees and the use of their own vehicles to conduct Lodge or Association business.
- LSPOA has no jurisdiction over Beach Clubs on Lake Sherwood.

### **New Business**

- No Wake change of 100' from shoreline instead of piers was mentioned.
- Camping regulations from the Town of Rome: Ordinances were passed at April 23, 2009, meeting. One camper per unit in a subdivision or two in a subdivision. The first camping permit is \$25. A guest camping permit (for a second camper on one lot) costs an additional \$20 and is restricted to the number of days the camper can be on the lot as well as the number of days between camping permits.
- LSPOA hall rental is now available to non-dues paying members however, they must pay \$200 rental and a \$200 refundable fee. Dues-paying members pay \$50 rental and a \$150 refundable fee.
- Short-term Rental Property: The Town of Rome is voting on allowing short-term rentals for all LD zoned properties, which includes Lake Sherwood, on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. LSPOA Board members again voiced their disapproval of this policy; however, past disapproval by LSPOA has been ignored by the Town of Rome. If the short-term rental is allowed by the Town of Rome, the only thing we can do is to put a restriction into our covenants. We need to check on the legality of doing this and if we can impose penalties when the Town of Rome is less restrictive.

- The 2009 LSPOA Flag is dedicated to the memory of Jim Wiggins, a past member and Vice President of the Board.

**Adjournment**

Ron Fisher moved that we adjourn; Kathy Nelson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Following the meeting, Chris Murphy from Adams County gave a presentation on the Shoreline Restoration Ordinance. Questions from attendees helped Chris explain the ramifications, benefits, and details of the ordinance and how it will affect property owners.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Schwegel, Secretary