

**Dogwood Lake Lot Owners Association**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2023**

1. Call to Order – Dana Walker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Dana welcomed the new board members, She introduced the Board members, all were present. Tom via Teams.

Dana went over the ground rules of the meeting. Reading of Meeting Minutes from August & August Annual Meeting—Eadie Schillinger No changes or additions, Shane motioned to accept, Marsha seconded.

**August monthly meeting minutes** - One correction needs to be made on Greg Ebbinghaus' comment – Greg would like to know that for dues, the Board does not have to spend the money as promised.

Marsha made the motion to approve, Keith seconded.

**Annual Meeting Minutes –**

Omissions – motion to adjourn and time – unable to determine who made the motions. Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Mike made the motion to approve, Keith seconded.

2. Treasurer's Report –Amy Allen

Pam Ryan, Lot 277 -- Do you have the detail behind the Treasurer report. Posted on bulletin board and in Teams.

No changes or additions, Marsha motioned to approve, Keith seconded.

3. Committee Reports:

- **Caretakers** – Don Tayon, gave an overview of the duties he and Michelle perform.
- **Maintenance** – Keith Antoff - thanked Shane for his service. Shane has been helping Keith transition, putting a list of all projects together. Discussed vandalism in BH 1. We are looking into cameras for the bathhouses.

Ray Meyer – 169 & 170 - Any update on the sewer plant repairs, falls under environmental. Should be getting a status soon.

- **Lake** – Mike Miller -- Working on lake stocking, put up swim at your own risk signs. Mike tested the water for E. coli. Added natural pond cleaner to mosquito pond. Regatta next Saturday at 1:00 on the lake. Joyce Richardson is leading the Regatta. Mike wanted to thank everyone who helped with the fish fry.

Vickie Manno, Lot 35 – asked if we have checked Osage for pricing. Mike has received pricing from three different companies. She also suggested we take a second look at Aquatic Controls recommendation on shiners, they can overtake a lake.

- **Environmental** – Tom Bauer

Working permits, working on getting supplies for the electric to the terrace, Patrick is reworking the bid on the skimmers; they are there but lower than they need to be.

- **Activities** –Jill Schillinger -- Jill gave a report of finances for July and August. Halloween will be October 14<sup>th</sup>. Trunk or Treat, haunted hayride and chili cook-off.

4. **Old Business:**

- Tom is making progress on terrace electric, ordering parts.
- Keith is looking into gate repairs and looking for a repair company if necessary; raffle basket funds were allocated to gate.
- All insurance inspection concerns have been addressed.
- The new signs are ordered for the pool, speed dips and QR codes and should be in soon.

## 5. New Business:

- Thank everyone who attended the annual meeting. Happy to say the budget increase passed. Board will be looking at cost saving measures and planning for 2024 budget for presentation in November Monthly Meeting
- Thank you to Amy Schillinger and Lora Johnson for the donation of a toilet; forgot to mention in the annual meeting.
- Bob Schillinger has changed his name to Bob Ficor (haha), so thank you and Eadie again for the toilet.
- The pool is now closed for the season, clubhouse hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday only
- Vandalism in BH1 over the holiday weekend and playground (discussion on cameras/ideas/vote)

The board has been discussing the need for the cameras and wanted to discuss it in an open forum. Would like to put cameras on the bathhouses and campground. There has been some resistance to cameras on the bathhouses in the past.

Pam Ryan, Lot 277 asked how many instances we have had, is it bad enough to justify the cost.

We have other issues, picnic table in the lake and other instances in the bathhouses.

Eadie asked if we would be able to see the numbers on the golf carts.

Lora Johnson, Lots 129 & 130 said that cameras will solve or deter the crime.

Jeanette Miller, Lot 5 & 6 need a motion light.

Marsha doesn't think it is a lot owner, probably a guest.

Jeanette Miller Lots 5 & 6, some lot owners only come out on holiday.

Kathy Antoff, Lots 135 & 136 asked if vandals are prosecuted.

Vickie Manno, Lot 35 – does the fine schedule allow for prosecution.

The board will research options for cameras.

- Two golf carts were seen driving across the small dam – no parking on any dams, no driving on any but large dam.
- Will start enforcing rule on 3" lot number on golf carts as defined in the rules and regulations.
- Designating an area at the bottom of the parking lot for motorcycle parking only.
- Checking into free smart thermostat with Ameren for clubhouse for efficiency and cost savings.
- Considering eliminating the FB live streaming of meetings to encourage in person or Teams participation (discussion).

Jack Smith, Lots 73, etc. – if lot owners do not have the option of attending remotely the same should go for board members.

Ray Meyer – should we have a sign-up sheet so the board could see who regularly attends. Could also do a poll on FB.

Chuck Leaf, Lots 174 & 175 -- Since the majority of the people that view the monthly meeting view it online- I feel it should be continued. If something within the "live" meeting raises the Board's curiosity - then a carefully worded questionnaire with a response (y, n, maybe, others) could be posted on FB and documented in the meeting notes.

- Roll off will be back on October 1 for 30 days or until full, 2nd small dumpster removed at the same time.
- Thank you to Joy McCullen for connecting us with her son-in-law for questions regarding swimming in the lake - No requirement for additional signs or life rings, the liability is no more than if someone would trip and hurt. He was asked what if we were sued for more than our liability, most attorneys would not do that. If they

did, they could sue for possession of the common ground but would still be liable to follow our Covenants and By-laws. This is very unlikely.

- Eadie reviewed the draft rules & regulations on swimming in the lake.

Vickie Manno, Lot 35 asked about the penalty for violating the swimming hours. Fine schedule will have to be updated when the rules are finalized.

Tom Stoverink, Lots 212 & 213 – Need to added fishing takes precedence over swimming.

Chuck Leaf, Lots 174 & 175 --Just to mention that we noticed a few old post or tree stumps around the “ proposed” swimming area that a flag or something should be mounted on them to make people are aware of the danger. There is no proposed swimming area at this time.

- Fallen tree in sewer plant spillway needs to be removed.

#### 6. Suggestions/Complaints – Eadie Schillinger

- Open Complaints – 1 new complaint received today for a request for a speed bump, a few open for trees, need to verify Vickie’s with Tom. A few other ones that have been resolved just need to follow-up with the lot owners who submitted them.
- Open Suggestions – AED still in work

#### Other

Eadie added that we have done our yearly filing with the state and changed our designated agent to the President.

Vickie Manno, Lot 35 – in regarding speed dips, should we have a standard on how far apart the speed dips be.

The Board discussed changing the meeting day/time. Not really a good solution, so will continue with Sundays.

Jill Schillinger Lot 355 – Sunday afternoons many are packing up to go home

Tom and Eadie will be working on a policy on what can and can’t be put on the burn pile.

#### 7. Open Forum – Questions from floor and Teams attendees

Maria Gholson, Lots 232 & 233 – has a sign but no dip, if you need to put it somewhere else.

Pam Ryan, Lots 277 & 278 – add a reminder sign to the gate when there is a meeting.

#### 8. Next Monthly Meeting – October 8, 9:30 am

Motion to Adjourn, Marsha, Amy seconded -- Meeting Adjourned at 10:47