General Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday May 20, 2023



President: Scott Smith VP: Mimi Paulus (Newly Elected) Treasurer: Rhonda Fink Secretary: Linda Snider

The meeting was called to order on Saturday May 20th at 9:05 am, by Scott Smith, President. I. Location-Coody Brown's. There were 45 people present, including all officers.

Shoreline Representatives: (All Present)

East Side:	Tyler Knox	West Side:	Deb Garman

South Side: Gloria Combs North Side: Troy & Katie Lindley

II. **Old Business:**

- a. Reading of the Minutes. A motion was made by Michele Mulhern to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded, and carried, by Gloria Combs. b.
 - Treasurer's Report. Rhonda Fink reported these balances as of 5/1/23:
 - 1. Checking Account
 - 2. Savings Account \$29,648.58
 - 3. Checking Account for NCD \$6,927.46
- A motion was made by Cary Sloan and seconded by Leroy Bontrager to accept the c. report. Approved unanimously.
- d. Update on Walleye Stocking:
 - i. Scott reported that Walleye went in October 2022. DNR will complete an assessment and report any success in August 2023. Fish are not big enough to catch/keep right now.

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ii. John Bales reported that Northern Pike is a threat to not only Walleye but our Bass population. Any Pike 24" or more, you are encouraged to take out of the lake.

III. **New Business:**

- a. Noble County Disposal Trash Pick Up
 - i. There is a \$1 monthly increase beginning May 1, 2023. Those paying yearly owe \$9 and can include the increase in next year's trash pickup (indicate the extra money on your check memo) or pay just the \$9 now. Others, please include in your monthly bill.
 - ii. Change in Member Payment Options:
 - 1. Rhonda Fink is spending an absorbent amount of time on member trash pickup. Many members are in arrears in payment. If you received a letter from her, please make good on your account or trash will be suspended.
 - 2. New Options for Trash Pickup: Pay Yearly or Monthly April -September
- b. Fundraisers
 - i. Lake Merchandise: For Early Summer delivery, please order by June 3rd. Merchandise Pics and Order Forms are on our website.
 - ii. Pancake Breakfast:
 - 1. June 3rd 9am-11am. Fink Residence
 - 2. \$10 for Adults, \$5 for kids 6-13
 - 3. See your Shoreline Rep for Tickets.

- iii. Ice Cream Strawberry Shortcake Event & Light Up the Lake:
 - 1. August 5th 6:30-8pm Fink Residence, West Side
 - 2. Pre-Sale Tickets \$5
 - 3. Light Up the Lake will begin at dusk. Light up your home anyway you wish. Judges will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.
- iv. Members expressed approval for our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off to return in October. More details will be posted on our website closer to the date.
- c. Lake Activities/Social Events
 - i. Goose Round Up June 17^{th} , waiting for a permit. Kayaks only. Scott Smith needs help at the campground. Please contact him if you are willing to help at the campground.
 - ii. 4th of July Boat Parade
 - 1. Saturday July 1st Begins at 2:00pm Line Up at West Side
 - 2. This year's theme: Happy Birthday America
 - 3. Everyone is welcome to join the parade, contact Linda Snider if you want your boat judged for prizes.
 - 4. Judges: Kathy Loftus and Robin Moffitt
 - iii. New Resident Baskets Welcome to Atwood Lake *The Brock's on East Side*, and *Yoder's on the North Side*. If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Linda Snider, Baskets will be given again at our fall meeting.

d. Communication

- i. Vice President Position:
 - 1. Mimi Paulus was nominated by Tyler Knox; Gloria Combs seconded the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward.
 - 2. All approved Mimi Paulus for Vice President.
- ii. North Shoreline Representative Position:
 - 1. Troy & Katie Lindley have been nominated by Mimi Paulus, seconded by Brian Snider.
 - 2. All approved the Lindley's for North Representative
- iii. New Directory Available:
 - 1. Mimi Paulus has finalized our directory and will be sending a PDF copy to your email address.
 - 2. A few paper copies were passed out. Contact Mimi if you require a paper copy of the directory.

II. Open Discussion/Questions:

a. Robin Moffitt speaks about our C.R.U.D. sewer commitment. Other Lakes have had a reduction in their sewer bill after the 20-year bond fulfillment.

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- i. Lagrange County stated that our bond is a 40-year commitment and will end in 2044.
- ii. County refinanced the bond to go 4.5% to 2% which increased the time of our commitment.
- iii. Lake residents are questioning why the decrease in interest rate also increased our sewer payment.
- iv. Robin has agreed to investigate this matter and ask the county for original printed documentation for the bond. She will report at the fall meeting.
- b. Fireworks on Atwood Lake:
 - i. Residents would like to see more fireworks on the lake for the 4th of July.
 - ii.
 - iii. Mike Gigli motions to give three members (Scott Smith, President, Trevor Thain, and Mark Elion) \$500 each to purchase fireworks.
 - iv. Penny Briggs seconded the motion. All in Favor
 - v. Purchases will be verified by receipts given to Rhonda Fink.
 - vi. Fireworks will be on Saturday July 1st, with Sunday being the Rain Date
- III. Adjournment Motion to adjourn was made at 9:39 by Julie Mack with a second by Brian Snider.

Minutes submitted for approval by Linda Snider, Secretary

Next meeting, September 16th at 9:00-10:00 am. Location Coody Brown's.

