



- I. The meeting was called to order on Saturday September 16th, 2023 at 9:07am by Scott Smith, President. Location-Coody Brown's. There were 33 people present, including three officers. Rhonda Fink was absent due to a family commitment.

Shoreline Representatives: (Attendance)

East Side: Tyler Knox West Side: Deb Garman
North Side: Lindley's Absent South Side: Gloria Combs

II. Old Business:

- a. Reading of the Minutes. A motion was made by Gloria Combs to accept the minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded, and carried, by Connie Buchholz.
- b. Treasurer's Report was distributed and read by Mimi Paulus. Reported balances:

Checking Account \$12,878.65
Savings Account \$29,654.57
Checking Account Used for NCD \$7,212.33

A motion was made by Deb Garman and seconded by Anne Allemon to accept the report. Approved unanimously.

- c. Past Fundraisers: Linda Snider reported Profit of \$182.34 from our Spring Pancake Breakfast, and Profit of \$106.00 from August Strawberry Shortcake Event. Bad weather kept us from making a decent profit at the August Fundraiser.
- d. Social Event – Light Up the Lake Winners Announced, Prizes Awarded: Julie Mack, 1st Place, Denni & Deb Trigg, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place for Mike and Michelle Gigli.
- e. New Residents Introduced: East Side Vernon and Katherine Lambright. A Welcome Basket was given.

III. New Business:

- a. Aquatic Weeds/Lake Quality
- i. Scott Smith is requesting \$10,000 (the maximum allowed) for aquatic weed control. Gloria Combs makes a motion to approve the expenditure, Leroy Bontrager seconds the motion. Vote 31 Yes, 1 No. Motion Carries
 - ii. Scott Banfield will be holding a separate meeting for lake residents regarding the LARE Grant and quality of Atwood Lake. It will be held in October. A text message will go out on date and time. It will also be posted on our website.
 - iii. Most everyone at the meeting agrees that the quality of the water this year was excellent, clarity was up and weeds were down.

- b. Stocking Lake with Additional Walleye.
 - i. According to a chart (CPH of Electrofishing), distributed at meeting, from the DNR the number of small Bluegill are greatly reduced, giving food sources to larger fish. If we stock every year we could eventually stock only half the amount of Walleye in a year or two.
 - ii. Based on findings the State recommends that we stock the lake with Walleye again and will give us a full report in the fall. 1700 Walleye would be stocked at \$2.70. A pre-vote is needed to approve before report comes in. Members will be notified of report by means of our website.
 - iii. John Bales reports catching only 1 or 2 Walleye. Mike VanWassenhove and Joel Guthrie report catching 2 dozen or more.
 - iv. Mike VanWassenhove motions to spend the full \$4600 to stock this October, Joel Guthrie seconds the motion. 30 Yes's, 2 No's . Motion Carries
 - v. At our next spring meeting, we will take a vote to stock for 2024.

- c. Lake Boating Rules. There have been several complaints made via our website about speeding on the lake. As discussion is made amongst people in attendance, these are a few suggestions:
 - i. John Bales mentions the possibility of floating speed signs. The board will investigate the cost and report at the spring meeting.
 - ii. Mimi Paulus suggests creating a flyer to go out at the beginning of year with membership packet. The flyer would include activities approved for our lake and reminders of speed limits.

- d. Lagrange County Zoning Meeting – September 4th.
 - i. Mimi Paulus attended the meeting and reported the following:
 - 1. The Zoning Commission is in the process of updating the current UDO (Unified development ordinance).
 - 2. Lake owners main concern was that the UDO was proposing that only 30% of property could be covered by impervious surfaces versus the current ordinance of 40%. This includes sidewalks, driveways and decks.
 - 3. It would severely impact any chance of getting a variance for adding on to your existing building. Or if you tore down and your home encompassed 30% you could only rebuild on current footprint.
 - 4. The decision was made to not implement the 30% for now until additional factors are investigated and considered. They are planning another meeting in Fall with approval as of May 2024. The full 87 page report in on the Lagrange County website.

- e. Treasurer Position Up this Year
 - i. Rhonda Fink stated at the Officer Meeting that she would like to serve one more year.
 - ii. Any other nominations can be brought forward next year. Voting will take place at the 2024 Fall Meeting.

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday Sept. 16, 2023

President: Scott Smith
Vice President: Mimi Paulus
Treasurer: Rhonda Fink
Secretary: Linda Snider

IV. Open Discussion. Sandra Funk (Longest Atwood Resident) stood and commented on how beautiful our lake homes look. She appreciated that everyone has kept up their property, and was proud to be an Atwood Lake Resident.

V. Motion to adjourn: was made at 9:38am by Brian Snider with a second by Robin Moffitt

Minutes submitted for approval by Linda Snider, Secretary

Next Association Meeting date: May 18, 2024 Coody Brown's

