

Lake Metonga Association
Board Meeting Minutes for 7/23/24 Meeting

Present: Mark Truyman, Lynn Smith, Gary Goeman, Kim Vele, Winnie May and Julie Janquart

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with no formal agenda to approve.

Meeting Minutes

Lynn Smith moved to approve the May 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as presented, and Mark Truyman seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn filed and presented the Treasurer's report. Lynn noted that check number 2271 was written in January 2023 and was counted back then; KME had simply taken it out of order, which explains why it skips that number in this report.

Julie handed over the Visa credit card and square to Lynn and said she appreciated working with the Board but was ready for a break. The Board expressed their appreciation for her work and said she will be missed.

Lynn reported that the Fourth of July picnic netted approximately Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars No Cents (\$4,747.00), which was good.

Julie moved to approve and accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and Winnie seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Donation Policy

Kim presented the proposed Donation Policy (attached herewith). Gary moved to approve the policy as drafted and Julie seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously. Winnie said she would take care of getting the policy posted on the Association's website.

Forest County Donation

Mark reported that the Forest County Forestry Committee is discontinuing its five per cent (5%) share of the park's fees collected. The issue of whether to continue sharing these proceeds was originally referred to the Financial Committee, which met on July 17, 2024. Terry Lucas from that Committee notified Mark Truyman that they would be discontinuing the donation to the Lake Metonga Association, which represents between \$3,500 and \$4,500.00 per year. Mark reported that the minute minutes where the

decision was made were not yet available for review. The Board expressed disappointment with the decision but that the decision to discontinue the revenue sharing seemed firm.

Remote Weed Cutter Request

In following up with Chris Mueller's request at the last meeting to consider the purchase of a weed cutter for the lake, Kim reported that Grant Reed indicated that Peterson Bay is not for of milfoil but native plants, which may be a problem for getting the DNR to agree to harvest permit. Gary Mueller is on the AIS Committee and it was suggested the Committee do the research, get a demonstration and come back to the Board for assistance to make recommendations to the Board. The full lake survey was completed last week, but the Committee is waiting for the full, written report.

Committee Reports

The President, Mark Truymen, reported on receiving an email from Grant Reed regarding DNR grant funding for future treatments to control milfoil in the lake. Grant Reed requested the Board's approval for the distribution of \$1,485.50 as the requisite matching fund to receive the grant. Lynn moved to grant the requested matching funds and to authorize the submission of the grant application. Gary seconded the motion, which the Board approved unanimously.

Annual Meeting

Forty-eight (48) people attended the Annual Meeting, almost half of what we have had in the past, but for those that attended, the week before the Fourth of July seems to work better for meeting. The Board decided to keep what the membership voted on, which is to have the Annual Meeting the week before the 4th of July, which is June 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Parade/Picnic Review

There were only six entries in the boat parade, so all of them were winners. As reported by the Treasurer earlier, the picnic netted \$4,767.00 profit. Mark said Charlie was not happy about the Association's failure to take all of the garbage out at the end of the event, which we will have to address next year. Overall, the event turned out good with more than 325 people attending; the weather also turned out to be very pleasant, despite the forecasts otherwise.

The Forest County Chamber of Commerce gave the Association a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars No Cents (\$500.00), which helped to defray the picnic and parade expenses.

Committee Reports

Aquatic and Invasive Species

Kim said the Committee has not met and is still waiting to receive the Report from the all-lake survey.

Fisheries and Habitat

Julie reported that the bullhead collection site is up and running, but not much has been turned in as people are reporting that there are not many eggs to collect. It was noted that the program will still have to keep going to stay on top of controlling the lake's bullhead population. Julie said she will continue on this committee but that the Board will need to appoint a liaison. Lynn Smith volunteered to be the liaison.

Outreach

Winnie said she talked to Michelle about establishing on-line membership and are able to do it for both businesses and individuals. It will be important to get this in place before January, when memberships become due again.

Eagle Cam Replacement

Gary said there was nothing more to report at this time as he is still working on determining costs for the replacement of the cameras.

Kentuck Days/Art in the Square

We will be unable to have a booth at Kentuck Days as there are no volunteers to run the booth, but Kim and Connie both volunteered to run a booth for Art Fair on the Square in September.

Board Positions

Mark reported that a few members seemed interested in serving on the Board, but no one for certain yet. Gary said he is willing to continue to serve until a replacement is found, but that he hopes this happens sooner rather than later because of his travel plans. Kayla Reed volunteered to serve either as Secretary or as a Board Member, but she is living out-of-state, which may be difficult. Kim volunteered to temporarily serve as Secretary, until Julie's replacement is found. Gary moved to appoint Kim Vele as Secretary and Julie seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Other Business

Mark moved to approve the purchase of a new laptop computer for the Association and Lynn seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously. Winnie and Julie will be working together to complete the purchase and to get all of the Association's materials loaded on the new computer for seamless recordkeeping.

The next newsletter deadline August 20, 2024, for September publication so if anyone has anything they would like to submit, it will have to be completed before then. Kim said she is working with Judy Van Zuiden on the memorial for past Board Member, Tim Leonardelli.

Lee Lamers with FCAL is looking for someone to take kids out on a pontoon to see weeds in late September as part of the Environmental Day Program. Steve Parks and Harry Resch are familiar with the program and the Board suggested reaching out to either of them to see if they could drive; Steve Smith volunteered to go along to narrate. Kim said she would pass along this request to Steve.

That concluded the business. The Board set the next Board Meeting for August 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Gary Goeman's residence and adjourned the meeting.