

Lake Metonga Association
Board Meeting Minutes for 8/27/24 Meeting

Present: Mark Truymen, Lynn Smith, Gary Goeman, Kim Vele and Winnie May

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

Meeting Minutes

Kim said she was unable to complete the minutes from the last meeting but will have them for the next one.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn filed and presented the Treasurer's report. Lynn said that KME ended up completing the Association's tax return, but that it cost Five Hundred Dollars No Cents (\$500.00). She said the return was timely filed, with an extension.

Lynn said because of the interest rates still be relatively high, she suggested the Association move money from the checking account to a money market account to earn the higher interest.

Gary moved to approve the report and the request to move money from the regular checking to the money market account in the amount the Treasurer deems appropriate, because it is easy to move money back if necessary. Mark seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.

Art Fair on the Square

Kim, Connie and Winnie all volunteered to run the booth at Art Fair on The Square. Mark said he and his sons can help set up the booth and take it down.

Board Positions

Mark reported that Candy Dailey agreed to serve as Secretary of the Association because she is retiring after the first of the year. She served as the Association's Secretary approximately fifteen years ago and is familiar with what is required. She told Mark she will be using her personal computer, because she is familiar with it, but Mark said the Board is still planning on purchasing the computer to archive the Association's records; she will have to forward her reports so they can be loaded onto the Association's computer.

Eagle Cam Replacements

Gary reported that to replace the existing three cameras and add a fourth, it will cost approximately Nine Thousand Dollars No Cents (\$9,000.00) for the equipment and installation, provided the internet can handle it. There will be additional cost of about Forty Dollars No Cents (\$40.00) per month for internet service. Also, the proposed camera at Lynn Smith's property will be solar-powered. The cameras should be installed late October and the switch from the current cameras will take place in early November. All work is being provided by True Solutions, and Gary said his daughter is donating the sum of Six Hundred Dollars No Cents (\$600.00) and Don Le Master is donating Five Hundred Dollars No Cents (\$500.00) toward the project. We will also be soliciting donors for this project at the upcoming Weeds and Walleye Banquet. The four cameras will be located at the north shore city beach, one at Charlies' Lake Metonga Beach Resort, one at Mark Truyma's house, and one at Lynn Smith's house. Winnie said she will try to find out if our website can handle all four cameras using the same link.

Clothing Update

Mark said the Association moved a lot of merchandise at the Annual Meeting and the Fourth of July Picnic and were currently updating the inventory for sales during Art Fair on the Square. We still have quite a bit of inventory to get rid of.

Member Complaint

Mark said he received a complaint from a member seeing trees being taken down and sand being moved in, which is illegal. The Association does not want to be in an enforcement position, but it was suggested the Association do more to educate the membership on what is and what is not permissible for lakeshore maintenance/development.

FCAL Membership

Mark said he is currently serving on the Board but is not renewing his membership, even though he thinks this is very important for our Association to at least have one of our Board members be a member of FCAL as the information provided to FCAL members is very valuable. He suggested that whomever might be willing to join, be close to Forest County to enable regular attendance at the meetings.

Committee Reports

Aquatic and Invasive Species

The Committee is still waiting on the whole-lake survey results. Gary Mueller had another second opinion and it was suggested that cutting two paths through the bull rushes might create better circulation to keep aquatic plants at bay. Lynn Said Lake Lucerne recently discovered milfoil in the lake, which has probably been there for a while.

Fisheries and Habitat

There was nothing to report at this time.

Outreach

Winnie said on-line membership is turning out to be a bit more complicated than they thought and we will probably have to go back to mailing membership forms for January's membership drive until it can be figured out.

Other Business

The next newsletter deadline is November 20, 2024, for winter publication so if anyone has anything they would like to submit, it will have to be completed before then.

That concluded the business. The Board set the next Board Meeting for November 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Winnie May's residence and adjourned the meeting.