
**Board Meeting 4PM, January 8, 2024 via Team Meeting, 4PM**

Board Members Present:  **Brian Korbel,** **Leon Senn**, , **Craig Caulfield**, **John Flynn,** **Carol Lee,** **Dick Hecock**,

Board Members Absent Patty Mollberg, Ross Goritzke, Melissa Kalberer, Jamie Skarie, Aaron Tait, Cheryl Chivers, John Cox, Kate Busker, Brad Wimmer,

A quorum established, the meeting was called to order by President Leon Senn. The following items were considered:

* The Minutes of the November 20 Board Meeting were approved (Caulfield, Flynn, MSP, without dissent).
* The current Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed: (Hecock/Caulfield MSP, without dissent).
Flynn commented that the balance in the account was $24,892, a small decrease from the start of year.

The treasurer noted that LDA may be in arrears regarding IRS tax filings. Dick will check with Sheri Leitheiser about how we can find out what has been done, and what needs to be done going forward.
* Regarding the 2024 Budget, President Senn initiated a discussion about raising dues. There seemed to be a consensus that given LDA’s bank balance, and/or the lack of specific purposes for increased revenues, that a dues increase at this time might be a pretty hard-sell to the general membership.
* However, that conclusion led to a discussion about expanding LDA’s activities to include more elaborate and possibly hands-on projects. An inventory of the increased “weed” growth was suggested, possibly in connection with PRWD. Other possibilities might include increased inspection at public accesses and/or in-lake surveys aimed at prevention \_of introductions or early detection of AIS. Such efforts, and others, could easily make inroads into the existing bank balance.

Hecock will contact PRWD about the possibility of some sort of cooperative effort.

Flynn will prepare a 2024 budget which will allow $5k for special projects.

* There was a discussion about the increasing problems associated with large numbers of boaters moored along Coxes point, and extending across the sandbar. Litter, toileting, loud music, bad behavior, car/truck parking, and trespassing all appear to be growing problems for shoreline owners and other users of the lake. Caulfield will lead an effort to work with the Sheriff and DL Police towards solutions of these problems.
* Discussion about the new debris-left-on ice regulation led to a suggestion that LDA sponsor a clean-up event after ice-fishing structures are off the lake (by March 9th). It was suggested that hockey team might help as a fund-raiser. Carol will contact that organization. Perhaps other board members can be recruited to help. Another idea would be to have LDA offer prizes for debris amounts removed. How about making it a festival with chili, pictrures, press releases, etc.

Committee Reports

**Beach Captain Committee** - Flynn - no report

**Annual Meeting** (June 15) Lee -  need to consider a speaker and Friend of Lake awards.

**Governmental and Community Affairs** – Hecock distributed a summary of recent governmental discussions and actions. He made special note of PRWD, which is facing problems both internally and from county-overseers, and urged the Board to take a stand recognizing PRWD’s past efforts and supporting that organization’s future efforts to “enhance and protect” the quality of Detroit (and other lakes). Hecock will draft such a letter of support.

**Social Media/PR**- Korbel has finished his update of the e-mail list. He currently is trying to straighten out the paypal account.

**Lake Protection and Use** – John Cox – no report

Motion was made to adjourn the board meeting, Craig, Lee, passed.

Submitted 1-9-24 by Dick Hecock