
**Board Meeting 4PM, February 12, 2024 via Team Meeting, 4PM**

Board Members Present:  **Brian Korbel,** **Ross Goritzke,** **Dick Hecock**, **John Flynn, John Cox, Brad Wimmer**, **Cheryl Chivers,** **Carol Lee,** **Leon Senn.**

Board Members Absent Patty Mollberg, Melissa Kalberer, Jamie Skarie, Aaron Tait, Kate Busker, Craig Caulfield.

A quorum established, the meeting was called to order by Treasurer Flynn. An agenda was approved as distributed without objection, and the following transactions or discussions took place.

* The Minutes of the January 8, 2024 Board Meeting were approved (MSP, without dissent).
* The Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed. (MSP, without dissent). It contained a 2018-2023 history of income and expenditures with a 2023 year-end balance of $24,893. It also offered a proposed budget for 2024 which projected an income of $11,670, expenses of $12,000 and a year-end balance of $24,563.
* There was a continuation of last month’s discussion about debris left on the ice, presumably associated with ice-fishing. Among those present, there seemed to be a feeling that given the unusually low amount of ice-fishing activity this year, plus the tightened ice-regulations, that aggressive action by LDA this year was not likely necessary. Nevertheless, Ross Goritzke offered to conduct a fly-over in his airplane to survey the situation. He would welcome a spotter to join in the flight.

It was agreed that should large amounts of debris be spotted by the Ross flyover, the DLHS Hockey Team would be asked to pick it up. Those present seemed content to wait and see how this season with its lessened activity and increased penalties led to better behaviors.

Fish houses must be removed by from Detroit Lake by March 4.
* John Flynn has asked to be relieved of primary responsibility for organizing Beach Captains as well as soliciting memberships and dues, and maintaining records. While he is willing to help with a transition, it is time for someone else to take over leadership of this important LDA responsibility. Some candidate names were suggested and will be contacted.

The possibility of dividing up the responsibilities was briefly discussed with no specific proposal or outcome.
* A donation request for support of the State Student Council Convention to be held in DL was discussed. Among those present there seemed to be the feeling that this was not an activity that was particularly relevant to LDA’s mission. Others made the point that there were other lake-oriented youth activities (e.g. fishing club, and sailing club, or Let’s Go Fishing or even the Lif-jacket loan program) that might be more suitable candidates for LDA donations.
* Responding to a invitation from COLA, there was support for sending a delegate to their planned meetings. However, as it happens, there are no further COLA “Executive Committee” or Membership Meetings planned until May 16, at which time Brad should be available to resume his LDA representation at the COLA meetings.
* Hecock had provided a letter of support for PRWD accomplishments, its mission and continued strong regulatory oversight. Discussion led instead to a commitment by President Senn to attend upcoming Managers’ Meetings, usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8AM at the Wells Fargo building in DL.
* President Senn initiated a discussion of the bylaws. According to Hecock, the current bylaws are largely based upon a 1985 version, modified in 2015 to reflect minor changes in LDA definitions and procedures. Of concern now is how to incorporate non-land-owning lake users (e.g. boat-slip renters, condo lessors, and similar) into our membership. Existing bylaws allow “associate members”. A minor change in the bylaws could remove landownership criteria from regular membership It was decided to move forward under existing bylaws categories, to encourage LDA membership more broadly, including boat-slip renters, and other similar.

No discussion occurred about Board Membership.

No further action on bylaws was directed.

Committee Reports

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

**Annual Meeting** - Lee - and Cheryl noted that they have contacted Lakeshirts as part of a plan to restock (and broaden) LDA logo wear inventory. The goal is to sell out inventory each year. Leon noted that he had donated some left-over items for door prizes for the Poles n’ Holes Fishing Derby last weekend.

Carol noted she is still seeking ideas for a speaker.

**Governmental and Community Affairs** – Hecock distributed a summary of recent governmental discussions and actions. No discussion.

**Social Media/PR**- Korbal - new passwords have been created for PayPal and email accounts Simple Website

Has done considerable work – will send small bill.

**Lake Protection and Use** – John Cox – no report. It was noted that Miller continues to be interested in roadside pickup of aquatic wastes. There may also be other firms with an interest.

The Board Meeting was adjourned (MSP. passed without dissent 5:23)

Submitted 2-14-24 by Dick Hecock