

## LOHA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

President Gordon Woolslayer called the special meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Waterford Church of Christ.

Gordon distributed copies of changes in the by-laws. Cliff Miller objected to holding the meeting because he claimed that the signs posting the meeting were not put out (7) seven days in advance as is required by the by-laws. Gordon stated that the signs could not be put out Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> because residents might think that the meeting was that night instead of the following Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The signs were posted on Wednesday morning, September 10<sup>th</sup> which was 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting. The meeting was continued.

Gordon read through all of the changes in the by-laws that were noted in **red**, which were for typos, grammar, and readability of the by-laws. These changes were: Article IV - Section 1, c; Section 2, Section 3, Section 5; Article V - Section 4; Article VII - Section 5 and 6; Article XI - Section 2 a, Section 4 a. Discussion held on the difference between regular membership and general membership. Don Swanson suggested we call our meetings general membership meetings. Ron Charbonneau made a motion to accept the changes to the by-laws in red. Cliff Miller seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Gordon read through the changes in the by-laws that were noted in **blue**, which were to remove Robert's Rules of Order as the mandatory method for conducting Association meetings. This was by-law Article V – Section 9. Ron Charbonneau made a motion to accept the changes in the by-laws in blue. Steve Collins seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Motion was approved with 9 votes “yes” and 4 votes “no.”

Gordon read through the changes in the by-laws that were noted in **purple**, which were related to the Board of Directors and their duties. These changes were in Article VI – Section 4, 7, and 8. Judy Santavicca made a motion to accept the changes to the by-laws in purple. Pam Pope seconded the motion. Discussion held. Motion approved with 14 votes “yes” and 1 vote “no.”

Gordon read through the changes in the by-laws that were noted in **orange**, which was the fiscal year change found in Article X. Cliff Miller made a motion to approve the changes to the by-laws in orange. Ron Charbonneau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gordon read through the changes to the by-laws that were noted in **green**, which were membership dues and fees clarification. These changes were in Article IV Section 1 a and e; Section 4, and Section 7. Ron Charbonneau made a motion to accept the changes to the by-laws in green. Steve Collins seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Cliff Miller requested to change Article IV, Section 4 to read “Membership is forfeited if current membership year's dues are not paid, along with any late and/or other fees, by August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current membership year.” Ron Charbonneau made a motion to revise his former motion to include the “and/or” change. Cliff Miller seconded the revised motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Gordon read through the changes to the by-laws that were noted in **pink**, which was the reinstatement of Membership Initiation fees. These changes were in Article IV Section 1 f. Mary Lou Osborne made a motion to accept the changes to the by-laws in pink. Judy Santavicca seconded the motion. Discussion was held at length as to whether this initiation fee was for new residents or for residents who have let their dues lapse, and whether or not the fee was detrimental or helpful in keeping the membership up. The purpose for the initiation fee is to keep residents paying their dues on a yearly basis as was intended since the beginning of the existence of the Association. Motion was approved with 14 votes “yes” and 1 vote “no.”

Cliff Miller proposed his own changes to some of the by-laws. Gordon noted that because Cliff’s by-law changes were not on the Agenda for the Special Meeting, his changes would have to be brought up at another Special Meeting. Cliff Miller agreed to table his changes until such meeting can be held. Gordon requested Cliff to give the changes that he is requesting in writing for review and he agreed to that request.

Ron Charbonneau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Miller seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. Thank you to Reverend David Parks for the use of the church and the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Gwin, Acting Secretary