

LOHA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2011

President, Gordon Woolslayer brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. He thanked members for attending. Secretary, Carolyn Bree read the minutes of the December 7, 2010 General Meeting. Don Osborne made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Bob Majka seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Agenda:

- Treasurer's Report
- Issue of Geese Droppings
- Approval to Transfer Money from Special Account for Expenses
 1. Electricity Bills
 2. A Way with Geese
 3. New Buoys and Rope
 4. Improvements for the Playground

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lynn Woolslayer distributed up to date copies of the Income and Expense Sheet for 2011. She reported that there was \$5,124.65 in the Checking Account, \$860.66 in the Boating Account and \$14,251.34 in the Special Account. Lynn also stated that 22 regular memberships, 18 senior memberships and 2 boat slips have been paid. The required 20% of 2010 income was paid to the Special Fund. She also reported that \$70,000.00 in the Morgan Stanley account was transferred to an Annuity Fund with American National Insurance Co. through the Genisys Credit Union. As of 3/7/11 the annuity has paid \$160.75 in interest at a rate of 3.55%. The balance of monies from the Morgan Stanley Account, approximately \$4,500.00, was deposited into the General Funds (checking). Don Osborne clarified that the \$70,000.00 was realized from the sale of the two lots at \$35,000.00 each. This amount must be maintained in an interest bearing account. There is a typographical error in the recently amended LOHA Bylaws. It was corrected. Lynn also reported that the cost to run the dock de-icers over the winter created a deficit of \$200.00 in the electricity budget. There will be additional electricity costs for the season.

Issue of Geese Droppings – Vice-president, Lee Howell reported that past attempts to reduce or eliminate goose droppings hadn't totally solved the problem. These attempts included spraying the area, barriers and the sprinkler system. Lee stated that he found a company on-line called "A Way with Geese." They have been in existence for 8-9 years. The company produces a product that acts like the eyes of a predator. It is a device with an infrared light, which is solar powered and will work even on cloudy or rainy days. It rotates 360 degrees and is attached to a pole. An auger is included. It is supposed to interrupt the sleep of geese. Lee said that he talked to the owner who suggested 2 units. Lee thinks that only one is needed. The cost is \$350.00 per unit. There are land and water based units. At this time Lee is only interested in the land-based unit. A water-based unit can be considered in the future. Both Lee and Don Osborne spoke of the health problems associated with the goose droppings. There were some questions asked by attendees. Steve Collins wanted to know if Lee talked to any consumers. (Lee did not.) Melba Collins asked whether the unit would be a temptation for someone to take or destroy the unit. (Lee stated that the depth to which the auger will be installed should be a deterrent. It could be also cemented into

the ground.) The unit is set at the eye level of the geese. Pam Pope asked if there was a warranty. (Lee stated that there was a 2-year warranty on parts.) Jerry Chamberlain asked where the unit would be placed and whether the Weenie Shack or pumping station would hinder the effectiveness. (Lee thought that the unit would be placed at the end of the point and that should provide coverage for the beach and surrounding area.) Steve Collins asked about a refund policy. (Lee said that he would be assertive should the product not produce the desired results.) Don Swanson asked if the infrared light could be a problem. (It wasn't thought that it would be a problem.) Melba Collins asked about protecting the docks. (Lee wants to see if the unit works on land first.) Denise Bastien asked if the unit would bother near neighbors and about the location of the company. (Lee stated that the company was out of Georgia. He found them online.) Don Swanson said that the unit cost 1/2 of a year's payment for the unsuccessful spraying.

New Buoys and Rope – Bob Majka reported that Drayton Pool Supplies has rope and can order new buoys. Bob said that he would get the size of the buoys and then get a price that size. There were some questions. Paulette Howell asked if the buoys were recently replaced. (It was not believed that they'd been replaced in a long time.) Don Swanson asked whether the swim area could be extended. (Bob thought that widening the area was a possibility, but not the length.)

Playground Refurbishing – Bob Majka reported that he visited Baycourt Park on Andersonville Rd. He talked to the maintenance person who said that the cost of the park's equipment was \$40,000.00. That person also stated that power washing it each year was costly. Bob also checked out play equipment at Backyard Buildings. The cost for the play equipment on display is \$900.00. It would require taking it down and reassembling it on the beach property. He also said that he talked to personnel at Home Depot and Lowes and that they recommended cedar over other wood, which would rot. A discussion followed. Don Osborne stated that he received complaints about the safety of the present playground equipment. Sharon Gwin asked if an estimate to fix the present equipment was researched. (She was told that Tim Daly said that it would take about \$800.00 to fix the equipment.) Paulette Howell asked about the slides. (She was told that there were some plastic slides and one very rusty metal slide.) Jerry Chamberlain asked if there was an age or weight restriction for playing on the equipment. He stated that he told some older kids that they had to get off of the equipment. (Jerry was told that the Board was considering a sign, but wasn't sure how effective it would be.)

Member Concerns

Increased Electricity Costs Due to De-Icers – Denise Bastien asked if the Boat Fund should be charged for the additional electricity for the de-icers. (Gordon stated that the docks increase the value of the subdivision's property. He said that the Board would look into an equitable solution. Lee H. said that the \$1,500.00 brought in for boat storage went into the Association budget.)

Boat Dock Usage – Denise Bastien brought up the fact that only 30 members benefited from the boat docks. Steve Collins stated that the 31, not 30, slips presently generate \$6,200.00 a year. Paulette Howell stated that years ago the dock income went into the General Fund. Steve Collins requested information on what the Boat Fund owed the

General Fund. (Gordon stated that the added expense of the fence, sidewalk and de-icers added to the cost of the docks. Approximately \$6,100.00 is owed from the Boat Fund.)

Boaters Coming Too Close to the Swimming Area - Don Swanson stated that this was a problem last year. The rule is 100 feet distance between swim area and moving boats. He suggested that signs be posted on the swim buoys.

MOTIONS

1. Jerry Chamberlain made a motion to allocate \$750.00 from the Special Fund for the additional electricity costs. Lynn Woolslayer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
2. Don Swanson made a motion to allocate \$400.00 from the Special Fund to cover the cost of the unit to deter geese from A Way with Geese. Jerry Chamberlain seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
3. Paulette Howell made a motion to allocate \$1,000.00 from the Special Fund to purchase new buoys and rope. Denise Bastien seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.
4. Gordon Woolslayer made a motion to allocate \$2,500.00 from the Special Fund to improve the recreation area, which included slides, swings and other playground equipment. Sharon Gwin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. LOHA Good Neighbor Recognition Signs - Carolyn Bree stated that the signs would be available again this year at a cost of \$5.00 a week. They were successful last year. It is hoped that new neighbors will be recognized with the signs this year.
2. Upcoming Events - Lynn Woolslayer gave information about the following events.
 - April 30th at noon, people are needed to help put the new picnic tables together.
 - April 7th is Beach Clean Up.
 - April 21st is Beach Opening.
3. Pancake Breakfast - Pam Pope reminded people that it is scheduled for Saturday of Fathers Day Weekend, June 18th.
4. Beach Cleanup - Lee Howell said that the cost for commercial cleanup of the beach area could be between \$400.00 and \$500.00. He encouraged people to contact their neighbors to help clean the beach property.
5. Welcome Packets - Lynn Woolslayer reminded people to give her names of new residents so that she could deliver them.
6. Porta Johns – Bob Majka stated that a handicapped facility would cost \$125.00 a month, \$50.00 more than paid for the regular one. It's only advantage is that it is larger. Denise Bastien supported the larger unit.

Steve Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Swanson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bree, Secretary