

Austin Lake Riparian Board of Directors
Draft of Minutes of May 12, 2014

Wightman & Associates - 9835 Portage Rd. Portage, MI

Present: Kirk Wolf, Gary Hahn, Pat Guilford, Larry Pio, Steve Higgins, Brian Johnson, Dan Peacock, Scott Gignac

Absent: Win Larsen, Jim Pearson

Also present: Dani Kinder (Social Committee Chair), Norm Young (Newsletter Editor and Website)

1. Open

The business meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the conference room of Wightman & Associates by Board President Kirk Wolf. Minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting had been discussed and approved by email and posted on our website.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Larry Pio reported the following balances: General Fund \$2684.01; Social Fund \$500; Lake Improvement Fund \$33.70 for a Total Balance of \$3,217.71. We will have future expenses of \$150 for beetles to help control purple loosestrife and for the costs of printing and mailing the Annual Newsletter.

3. Newsletter/Website Report

President Kirk Wolf reviewed the agenda for the 2014 Annual Meeting. It will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Portage Public Library. The agenda will follow the traditional format of introductions, reports, and guest speakers. The remainder of the meeting is designated for member input on several specific topics.

Larry Pio suggested that we add a postcard to our Annual Newsletter requesting email addresses from our members. We still need many more participants to make this form of communication effective.

Editor Norm Young reported that the newsletter is at the printers and should be ready for us to assemble next week. The cost for printing and mailing is \$1310. Our advertising income is \$1000 leaving a deficit of \$310 to be covered from the General Fund.

There are two postings on our website: an announcement of a garage sale by the Lake Center business district and an advertisement by Double L Bait.

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4. Social Committee Report

President Wolf led a discussion concerning the purchase of liability insurance to cover various lake association issues. He asked board members if they wanted to continue with investigating this topic. Three members voted “no” and 4 members voted “yes”, so the issue will remain under discussion. Dan Peacock reminded members that it is not possible to get specific insurance quotes until we decide what kind of insurance we are considering. Gary Hahn offered to make some calls regarding insurance questions and Dan Peacock will contact an attorney who may have specific knowledge about lake association liability. This information will be shared at our next meeting.

Social Committee Chair, Dani Kinder, requested help with the volleyball tournament. She will reserve the court at Lakeview Park for June 21, 2014, but she needs someone to assist her with this project. She reported that we do not have a referee as yet. Several members offered possible sources to contact.

Other social events scheduled are:

Boat Parade--July 26, 2014

Boat Tie-Up—August 9, 2014

5. Old business

a. Membership dues: Whereas most lake associations make dues a requisite for voting rights, ALR Board members agreed that any such dues should be voluntary. We are hoping that lake residents would be willing to contribute a small annual amount in order to facilitate various projects. Examples of projects undertaken by other lake associations will be shared at the annual meeting. Members who paid dues would be recognized as contributors on our website. Larry Pio motioned that we ask for input on this subject at the annual meeting. This was seconded by Gary Hahn and passed unanimously.

b. Monitoring muck outside of bay: Larry Pio said that since there are no measurements being taken of water depth outside the bay during the pilot aeration project, there will be no benchmarks for comparison. He motioned that we ask Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones to give us a quote on determining depths outside the bay. Steve Higgins seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Brian Johnson will e-mail Jennifer about this tomorrow.

c. Governmental Lake Board (GLB):

Brian Johnson reported that Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones is scheduled to give a presentation at the Annual Meeting. John Tucci of Lake Savers will also be at the meeting. John has already conducted the spring maintenance of the bubblers; all are currently under operation. Microbes will be added soon as the water has warmed up.

d. Lake Health—We will pay Tim Wenzel of the Environmental Board our contribution of \$150 for purple loosestrife beetles.

6. New Business- None

7. Date/Time of next meeting

Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7 p.m. - Annual Newsletter assembly at Wightman & Associates – 9835 Portage Rd. Portage, MI.

8. Adjournment: Gary Hahn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Larry Pio seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Guilford, Secretary