

AUSTIN LAKE RIPARIANS, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Present: Kirk Wolf, Brian Johnson, Steve Higgins, Jim Pearson, Brett Grossman, Gary Hahn, Larry Pio.

Also present: Dani Kinder

Absent: Win Larsen, Dar Levy

Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from the June 15, 2011 meeting were approved by the Board and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report (Pio)

The Treasurer's Report (attached hereto) was circulated by Larry Pio. The report contains line item figures for the General Fund, Lake Improvement Fund and Social Fund. The report was approved unanimously by the board.

A number of Austin Lake Burgees were still available for purchase. A significant number of the burgees need to be purchased before the Board will "break even" on upfront costs. Board members were encouraged to support this effort by buying burgees for their watercraft and passing the word to other lake residents. Additionally both Double L and Daane's have been selling these items at their store locations.

Newsletter/Website Report

Norm Young was not present for the meeting. The Board reiterated its commitment to post as much information as possible concerning its activities and the activities of the GLB.

The Board discussed the pros (e.g. forwarded delivery) and cons (e.g. increased cost) of sending the annual newsletter via first class mail as opposed to bulk mail. It was unanimously agreed that the Board would mail out this year's newsletter through first class mail. The Board previously voted to print this year's newsletter in color on glossy paper. Increased advertising costs will cover the additional expense. These proposed costs were likewise provided by Norm and again are attached to these minutes.

In order to save some money, the Board discussed sending out the newsletters directly instead of paying a third-party to do the mailing. The Board will find out the specific costs associated with the mailing and consider this at the next meeting.

Social Committee Report

The Board discussed ideas for a winter social event. Dani Kinder suggested some type of scavenger hunt on the lake next summer. The possibility of "ice golf" was also discussed. Essentially an area of the frozen lake would be set up as a 9-hole golf course with certain property owners offering their frontage as "holes". Ice golf events are held on other area lakes. Dani indicated that she would look into this idea and maybe hold an event in February in the cove.

Old Business

- a. Austin Lake Burgees: See discussion under Treasurer's Report above.
- b. Advertising Money Due: All 2010 advertisers have paid amounts due.
- c. Right-Way Rental Money: Brett will check with Gary at Right-Way Rental regarding the Riparians proceeds check for trailer rental this year. Last year we received a little over \$700.00.
- d. Purple Loostripe: Gary Hahn reported that he had dispersed the ten (10) beetle plants in various purple loostripe heavy areas around the lake in mid-summer. He indicated that it was difficult to determine whether the beetles had been effective in reducing or thinning the loosestrife in these areas.

As the Association had paid \$45.00 for ten beetle plants, Larry suggested another online source to purchase substantially more beetles for a lower price. Information associated about this was sent in an email and is attached to these minutes.

- e. Education of Stopping Organic Inputs: The Board again spoke in generalizations on how property owners can be educated on the importance of limiting inputs into the lake. Ideas had included an "instruction manual" for new property owners and an article in the newsletter. Removing leaves and other organic material in the fall months is especially important. Brett indicated he would check and see if other lake boards had developed literature dealing with reduction of such inputs.
- f. GLB: Since the last Riparian Board meeting, the GLB received the Board's recommendation for a differential assessment on all properties to pay for the aeration project. For details concerning that recommendation, please see the minutes from the June 15, 2011 meeting. The GLB is in the process of scheduling a public hearing concerning the proposed assessment district. The date of this public hearing will be set at the next GLB meeting to be held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 8:00am at City Hall.

In other GLB news, its riparian representative, Don Mordas, had moved out-of-state since the last meeting. Since Don is no longer a resident of the lake, a new riparian resident would have to be appointed. Initially the Board had submitted three names to the GLB for consideration: Don, Gary Hahn and Brian Johnson. Gary is not interested in serving in this capacity, however, Brian is still willing to serve. It should also be noted that only one other name was submitted to Ed Sackley for consideration, however, no specific contact information was provided. It is anticipated that the GLB would name Brian as the riparian representative at the November 21, 2011 meeting.

Finally, Jim Pearson indicated that he had learned that Elizabeth Campbell would be resigning from the GLB. Mrs. Campbell was the lone dissenting vote to not move forward with the project earlier this year. Therefore, the GLB will actually have two (2) new members in the near future.

The Board will post information on the website as to the GLB's public hearing relating to the assessment as soon as it is received from Brian or other members able to attend the November 21, 2011 meeting.

7. New Business

The format and possible guest speakers for next year's annual meeting were discussed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Grossman

Secretary