



Board Meeting Minutes

September 11th, 2019

The meeting, held at Bill and Cathy Karsten's home, was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were Bill Karsten, Cathy Karsten, Charlie Clark, Mark Warisch, Mary Lou Hofer (call in) and Dan Fitch. Dan Fitch agreed to take minutes in absence of the Board Secretary.

Motion was made by Charlie to accept the minutes from the last meeting and Mark seconded the motion. The vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

Bill Karsten reviewed the Association's financials. Recent expenses included Hubbard County COLA dues of \$220 and water quality testing fees of \$427.86. Bill discussed securing a CD for excess funds in the bank so the Association could earn interest on their funds. Bill is waiting on a signed copy of the July 11, 2019 minutes to proceed.

Mark made a motion to accept the financial report and Charlie seconded the motion. The vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

Fund Raising – existing inventory on T-shirts was the main topic of discussion. As of 9/9/2019 there are 9 shirts available in the original style and 9 shirts available in the new style. The minimum order for shirts is 12. Since the initial offering it has been hard to assemble a minimum order. Hats can be ordered one at a time. It was suggested that we do not market or solicit for additional shirt orders until next spring.

Membership Marketing, Mary Lou sent out a survey of the Association Members in June. Bill completed a recap/take-aways of the survey and it was discussed and modified as group effort. The intention is use this as a basis for further planning and discussion in upcoming board meetings. The idea of a second survey was discussed and it was concluded it was not needed at this time. The items outlined include:

1. Membership Meetings
 - a. One a year
 - b. Need to be shorter and follow the agenda
 - c. Memorial Day Saturday is an OK day for the meeting
 - d. Possible Remote or absentee voting
 - e. Outside speaker/education session at the meeting
 - f. Consider broadcast/live streaming the meeting electronically
 - g. Consider meeting attendees complete survey at the meeting
2. Dues
 - a. Amount is OK
 - b. Annual frequency preferred
3. Social events
 - a. Not a strong interest by Members
 - b. We discussed is an event necessary? The majority of members were invited to the recent neighborhood picnic. We need more feed-back. Could the GLA Social be an ice fishing event.
 - c. Discuss further in the spring
4. Areas where members are willing to help.
 - a. AIS monitoring/ identification programs.
 - b. Mark suggested an "Eyes on the Lake" program and said he would get more information.

5. Boat Landing

- a. Responses not relevant now that improvements have been done.
- b. Resort Landing is a problem for the lake – no inspections/accountability.
- c. We discussed the resort being sold and possibly developed and how this could possibly eliminate the problem.

The 'Business Sponsorship' project previously accepted by Dan was discussed, but tabled until our next meeting for further discussion on approach and objectives.

AIS inspection updates included:

- a. Bill, Mark and Charlie attended the City of Laporte town meeting. \$1,250 was budgeted by the city for AIS inspection for 2020.
- b. We discussed securing funds from other organizations including Lakeport Township, Hart Lake Township, and the Ice Racers.
- c. We discussed coverage by board members at the meetings, Bill will do a calendar of meeting days and times. It was suggested that the following board members will be assigned to the events listed below;
 - Hart Lake Township – Mark
 - City of Laporte – Bill
 - Lakeport Township – Dan & Ron
 - Ice Racers – Mark
 - HC COLA – Mark

It was discussed that a request for funds from the ice racers had to be for a different project each year. Mark suggested loon nests project. He agreed to get plans from the Mantrap Association and pursue the possibility of having them made in the Laporte High School shop class. Mark accepted to lead this project.

Charlie reported on responses from the 24 zebra mussel tubes that were distributed, and to date, no responses that any zebra mussels were found. Charlie did not want the zebra mussel tubes returned. Cathy suggested we do an email asking for results. Bill agreed to distribute emails on Charlie's behalf directly to the ZM tube holders.

Charlie and Mark went to the recent HC COLA meeting, they had a speaker that talked about the impact runoff from farms has on lake quality.

The last water sampling for the year will be done by Mark and Bill on September 15th.

New Landing Improvements – appreciation status. At the last meeting Ron suggested the Association host a dinner for everyone that helped with the new landing. Bill asked if anything formal regarding this idea had been finalized at the last meeting – nothing had been, just an idea discussed. The board is waiting on a proposal on this topic.

It was proposed that the Association do a sign at the landing thanking everyone and organization that had a part in the new landing. Bill will work on having the sign made, Mark will provide a list of people involved.

Charlie had contacted the DNR about a Conservation Officer being assigned to our area. It sounds like there will be an officer assigned to the area in 2020. Bill made a motion that Charlie represents the GLA with the DNR. This was approved by the group.

Jeanne had reported to Bill that weeds were floating up on the shore line on the north west side of the lake. Jeanne suspected this was the result of someone cutting weeds and letting them float. She felt the Association should address this issue. It was discussed and agreed by the group, that the primary purpose of the GLA was to monitor lake water for quality and AIS and not to monitor residents' behavior. The board believes if people feel illegal activity is occurring, they should report it to the appropriate law enforcement agency, the GLA was not formed for this purpose.

There was no new Business

It was agreed that the next board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 13th @ 6:30 p.m. and then every two months for throughout the winter.

The meeting was concluded at 8:00 pm.