

Lake Owen Association Annual Meeting, July 9, 2011

Members attending: Ron Anderson, Bill Hannaford, Ralph Owen, Terry Miller, Dorothy Kerekes, Bob Sorenson, Dave Berg, Jon Nymo.

1. Meeting called to order by Ron Anderson at 9:10
2. Ellen Kwiatkowski , Executive Director of the Bayfield Regional Conservancy, spoke briefly about a family on Lake Owen who had their property approved for a conservation easement which will prevent their property from ever be subdivided for future development.
3. Minutes of the 2010 annual meeting were approved.
4. Railroad grade update. Landowners won the case and it is finally over after 8 years.
5. Terry Miller discussed the History of Lake Owen Book Project.
 - a. Substantial progress has been made since the project was started a year ago. A team has been put in place including a project manager and 3 writers. Linda White is the project manager and Andrea Ronkowski, Mac Harris, and Dave Thorson are the 3 writers. We need each family to participate in writing their story. Mac Harris will assist those who do not care to write their story but will participate in an interview and then approve the documents. His phone number is 715-798-3122. We urge participants to include photos of their life on the lake. Bev Bauer from Redbery Books is the librarian for this project and photos can be left with her for copying and then returned immediately to the family. Terry requested that all stories be submitted by August 1, 2011.
 - b. Bruce Hendry spoke about financing for this project. 30 stories have been submitted so far. We have raised nearly \$30,000 to date, if one counts donations pledged for next year but not yet paid. Estimated cost to produce a high quality, hard cover, four color book is \$75,000. Donations for the book are tax deductible. For a \$500 contribution each book can be customized for the family. All contributors will be listed in the book.
6. Gary Nei did his fishing presentation. A cooking demonstration was provided to show the wonderful taste of largemouth bass. Last year we put in 5,000 walleyes and we want this program to continue this year. We have \$4075 and we need another \$3925 to stock the 5,000 fish this year. Gary would like to see the LOA budget \$4,000 per year for fish stocking of 5000 fingerlings every other year. 89 fish were speared this year by the tribes.
7. Treasurer's report presented by Bill Hannaford. Total income of \$21,893 was budgeted for last year and actual income was \$37,569, including \$18,101 for the book writing. Expenses were budgeted at \$22,496 and actual expenses to date are \$21,994. Proposed expenses for next year are \$55,731 including \$35,000 for the book. Proposed income for FY 2012 is \$36,400 including \$7,750 from dues, \$8,150 from grants, \$4,000 for fish stocking, \$6,500 for monitoring, and \$10,000 for the history book. Cash on hand to date is \$49,853.92, but without significant dues and donations we will have a net loss of \$19,331 during the next fiscal year. If so, this will be covered from retained earnings. Motion to approve the budget was made and approved.
8. Election of LOA Board of Directors and Officers. Motion was made and approved to elect the same board members.
9. Social Report by Terry Miller. Picnic is today at 4:00 and if it rains a backup date is July 23rd. Dr. Tim Louis is running a golf tournament for us on Saturday, August 27th with a shot gun start at 1:00 PM. 40 people can be accommodated for this event.
10. Ron thanked Mark McCary for the fireworks show on July 3rd.
11. Dave Berg discussed the LOA providing a membership card to use for local purchases with the merchants providing a discount. This allows us to leverage our buying power as a group. An

example is buying propane. Superior Fuel was in attendance to provide a better price for those interested in discussing this.

12. Bayfield County Lakes is selling photos of the lake as a fund raiser. Meeting for next year is scheduled for July 7th.
13. John Spangberg, Ashland DNR Water Management Specialist, spoke to the group about pier regulations. In 2007 the Legislature passed new regulations. A pier that has a platform which is 8 feet wide or less, and less than 200 square feet, does not need a permit. Piers larger than that will require a permit.
14. Meeting adjourned at 10:40.