

Gravel Lake Association
Board Meeting - Minutes
September 23, 2017

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:35am
- II. Attendance: Cr. DeSimone, Reed, M. DeSimone, Pinkos, Brown, Dorsey, Hochsprung, Kitzmiller, McDevitt, Rockwell, Roeder, Toso, Zwartz
Not in Attendance: DeRosa, Gebhard DeSimones, LaLone, McGreal, Paramski
Also in Attendance: Rinaldi, Vitkauskas
- III. Approval of a Minutes from 7/22/17 and 8/19/17 - Melissa DeSimone notes a mistake in the spelling of Kurtyak at the end of the minutes from 8/19/17. Jen Kitzmiller moves to approve the Minutes for both dates with that change and this motion is seconded by Ken Hochsprung.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - report presented by Janice Pinkos
 - A. Our current balance is \$33,218.54 total
- V. Officer's Reports
 - A. Secretary - no report
 - B. Editor - Newsletter will go out in the mail mid October, get content to Jamie Paramski ASAP
 - C. Internet Ops. - Tabled
 - D. Fundraising - Suzanne Reed will contact Carlie DeSimone about a committee meeting and dates of sales for next season.
 - E. Water Quality - Welcome Larry Grembowicz, not present today but will be doing more water quality reporting.
 - F. Weed Treatment - thanks to Ken Hochsprung for taking this on.
 - G. Buoys/Signage - buoys will come on in mid October.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Public Access - Jen Kitzmiller will get with Ken Hochsprung and look into a sign and cards with boating rules.
 - B. Survey - Thank you to Alyssa Pinkos for compiling data for us to analyze.
 1. Is a board survey necessary? Board feel comfortable giving feedback in person, no need for survey.
 2. Dues - \$35 is an average amount of dues for the area lakes. Would a dues increase alienate people? Should we reduce dues for retirement aged members? Offer incentives for early dues payment? Would these things cause administrative issues? Consensus - only raise dues when there is a project, if necessary.
 3. Trustees and Volunteerism - Put articles on the newsletter to aid in trustee recognition, get T-shirts for trustees to wear at events and meetings. How can we get people involved since there are quite a few people interested in volunteering? Be more specific about what the volunteer needs to do. Have volunteers at the public access with information on boating safety.

4. GLA efforts - Regarding the public access - Chris Toso has a photo of a good DNR site rules sign. We should print boating safety rules in the spring Gravel Laker every year, provide rules to be posted in rental units, and provide information on Boating Safety Classes.
 5. GLA communication - Post the GL website link on the Facebook page and mention that more information can be found there for any events. Include the calendar and what the association does on the invoices. Make the Gravel Laker's Calendar removable so people can hang it up. Reinstitute the Google Group or try Mail Chimp, Constant Contact, etc. to provide more email communication.
 6. Aquatic Invasive Species - Post a photo of the milfoil problem before we started weed treatment and what it looks like today in contrast.
 7. Lake Survey - Email a copy to members and/or post the pdf file on Facebook so people are more aware of our results.
 8. Fish Stocking - Does fish stocking bring in more public access fishing boat traffic and therefore more Aquatic Invasive Species?
 9. Other items of discussion - We should link the historic videos to the Facebook page. What should we spend GLA money on? Fireworks Display interest, Third Party Consultants for water quality, Clean Boats Clean Waters boat cleaning once a month. There is interest in a Gravel Lake garage sale day.
- C. Shaw Rd. Pedestrians - tabled
1. Approach Milo (owner of trailer park) to pay for a designated foot path through his property. Advice from people on the channel is that he would not welcome the offer.
- D. Picnic - tabled - Dave Brown to coordinate for next year.
- E. 4th of July Budget - tabled
- F. Poker Run - We made \$3,900, more information tabled

VII. New Business

- A. Attendance Review - tabled
- B. Officer elections - Jen Kitzmiller nominates Craig DeSimone as president, Suzanne Reed as vice president, Melissa DeSimone as secretary, Janice Pinkos as treasurer; seconded by Arlene Rockwell. Passed.
- C. 2018 Calendar
 1. April 21 - BOT
 2. May 19 - BOT
 3. June 16 - Membership Meeting/Picnic
 4. June 30 to July 1 - 4th of July activities
 5. July 21 - BOT
 6. August 4 - Poker Run
 7. August 18 - Membership Meeting
 8. September 22 - BOT
 9. October 20 - BOT

- D. Membership Review - 222 paid members, tabled
 - E. Phone Book - Chip will solicit ads, there will be a January invoice with a request for updated information for the new edition.
 - F. Other New Business - tabled
 - G. Next BOT meeting is Saturday, October 21, 10am at Porter Township Hall
- VIII. Announcements - thank you for the long meeting
- IX. Adjourned at 11:08am