

LAKE JENNIE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes July 28, 2012

Present: Randy Nass, Scott Lahr, Brad Lahr, Tom Gallet, Mike Kotilla, Peg Truax (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

- 1) Approval of the agenda and minutes: ***Motion** by Tom to approve the agenda and minutes, second by Brad, motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that membership dues are sitting at 3 short of last year. ***Motion** by Mike to authorize expenditure for (\$ for Meeker County Lake Assn dues), second by Mark, motion passed unanimously. ***Motion** by Randy to approve treasurer's report, second by Brad, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Nominations, election and installation of new officers for 2012-2013 season:
President: Scott Lahr (***Motion** by Mike, second by Tom, motion passed unanimously)
Vice President: Randy Nass (***Motion** by Randy, second by Mike, motion passed unanimously)
Treasurer: - deferred election upon acceptance by nominee Greg Tambornino; Tom will provide interim service until such time.
Secretary: Peg Truax
- 4) Bylaws Discussion: Mike reviewed old minutes and determined that the bylaws emailed to board last month are the current version. The intent of the bylaws shall be clarified and the revision presented to the whole membership at the 2013 annual meeting. Clarifications include: membership on the Lake Jennie Improvement Association is open to any "interested" community member in addition to those having financial "interest" in property along Lake Jennie. Board membership shall be limited to property/adjacent property owners, and the terms limits of officers of the board shall be clarified to state: Officers must be from the general membership and elected to sit on the board; terms of office are one (1) year; with a limit of three (3) years as an officer, with one (1) year without officer status, then able to act in officer capacity; in times of hardship for acquiring board members, the terms of officers may be extended at the discretion of the board. Peg will draft a revision of the articles for approval by the board and general membership.
- 5) Follow-up on Strategic Planning (Lake Plan): Brad has emailed Don Hickman, providing him with the plan matrix developed at the annual meeting and is waiting for a response as to the next step of the process.
- 6) Follow-up on the weed problem at the south end DNR launch/landing: Randy has not gotten information back yet.
- 7) Randy noted that there appears to be a rookery of cormorants on the West side (Swanson's property). Cormorants can cause damage to their property, and jeopardize the health of Lake

Jennie. The board assigned Mike to draft a letter to the Swansons to inform them of the problem and the implications for their property and the lake. The board offers to assist them in obtaining a permit and carrying out the terms of the permit (with the goal of eradicating the rookery and reducing the unwanted bird population on the lake).

- 8) It was suggested that the board establish a regular meeting schedule in order to allow for community members to track and attend board meetings, and to allow for advance notice of meetings for board members to schedule their time to attend. These meetings shall take place the 3rd Saturday of each month, with the location TBD. The schedule of meetings will be available on the LJ website. Because of the less flexible meeting schedule, the board also determined that if a member is unable to attend, that the member may vote on action items via email (to the board president) in advance of the meeting.
- 9) The board has determined that a newsletter is an important communication tool. Peg has offered to assist with the generation of this newsletter that will be available on the website, at least twice per year. Each board member can provide articles and information for the newsletter. No firm deadline has been set for the first newsletter.
- 10) ***Motion** (Tom) to adjourn 11:00 am, Second by Mike, motion passed unanimously. (Note that this meeting will be by the second week in August. The new schedule will come into effect in September.

The next meeting is set for Saturday, August 11th at 9:00am at Tom's.