

# LAKE ELBO CLUB, INC.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023



### **In attendance:**

Dave Spunaugle, President  
Randy Laue, Vice President  
Brent Mckeeman, Treasurer  
Jim Lund, Secretary  
RJ Whitlock  
Karen Van Vleet  
Mark Yearly

Not in attendance: Rita Taylor

Guest in Attendance: Lots of Guest – I hope I got them all.

Dean Van Vleet, Gwen and Brian Baker, Carol Thornburrow, Anna and Chad Hoepner, Jim and Michelle Waters, Lori Moses, Mark Pretzer, Alan and Gianetta Skidmore, Julie and Cary Gilmore, Reece Grigsby, Kash, Cathy Lund, Gene Tebbutt, Harold Brooks, Shannon Yearley, Nancy Gorman, and several other guest

Jim read the minutes from the January 2023 board meeting.

Karen Van Vleet motioned to approve the minutes, Brent Mckeeman 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Motion carried.

Brent Mckeeman presented the Treasures Report  
Brent covered the highlights of the report.

Discussion occurred about propane cost – In the future we will look into prepaying propane.

Dave requested a motion to file the Treasures Report for Audit  
RJ Whitlock Motion, Karen Van Vleet 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried

Dave Spunaugle welcomed guests.

Old Business:

### **Assistant Secretary Discussion:**

Brent made a motion for starting an Assistant Board Secretary Position to be a yearly appointment.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Assist Board Secretary to record, draft, send to board draft, and post approved minutes online.
- Assist President with agenda
- Post Treasure report online (in members only section)
- Keep current Lake Elbo Website, to include:
- Members lists, Calendar of events, rule or by/laws updates and other items.
- Etc. as deemed by board President, Secretary and/or webmaster

Compensation, \$50 per meeting

Projects to include:

- Help identify missing and add old files as needed to website
- Paper files, establish system of long-term storage for board records.
- Compensation, \$15 per hour

Brent Mckeeman made the motion, Karen Van Vleet 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried

#### Covenants Renewal Status

59 or 63 have been signed  
Karen Van Vleet has all of them.  
She has established a list of who is still outstanding  
Dave commented on how well this process is going.

#### Water Testing

Brent will work with Tom Hood  
We started with a great group out of Salina, but their primary job is drinking water testing

- Brent has suggested for this next go around we use some Menards Test
- Cost will be in the 40.00 per test instead of 400.00 per test.

Brent made a Motion that this year we do in house testing – 2 times per year  
RJ 2<sup>nd</sup> - Motion Carried

#### Insurance

Have till July before renewal  
Jim Waters offered to help look at policy and help direct lake  
Brent suggested keeping it open to other members for input  
Tabled till next meeting

#### Rules & By-Laws

Tabled for now.  
Need to review soon.  
Dave wanted to submit to County for recording along with Covenants.

#### Club House Expansion

Dave, suggest we start getting together some financials for the project  
Boards current plan is not to fund project from general fund dollars.  
Need to come up with some fundraising ideas and ways to get project funded.  
Alan Skidmore had Mike from D&R Construction come out to come up with ideas

#### New Business

##### Mowing Contract

Received 4 Bids – All were for 30 Mowing's

- Zack Bottenberg (?sp) - \$ 7650.00
- AJ's Lawn & Services - \$13000.00
- Paul Struck - \$8880.00
- Taussig Landscape – \$6000.15 – 30 Mowing's

Jeff offered to do a walk through with new contracted mower.

Jim made a motion to accept low bid – Taussig Landscape  
Brent 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried

#### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Discussion started with Fireworks.

Normally our budget has been around \$5000.00 per year

Last year because of shortages of fireworks we spent approx. \$7500.00

RJ made a motion to spend \$8000.00 in fireworks.

Brent 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried

Dave asked the Guests if they had formed a committee for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebration.

Gianetta shared some sample drawing of front and back ideas for T-Shirts

A graphic artist would help edit the design to clean up design

Carol – brought up if we could get “Petty Cash Band” for \$1200.00

Lots of discussion occurred about band and event planning.

Brent made a motion to have the membership work out the details of the band and the band will not be sponsored by the Lake Elbo Board. Jim Lund 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried.

Activities:

Cardboard boat race, Survivor, Ski Show, Fishing Derby, Pink Flamingos, Bucket Pong, and more great ideas to come.

Alan Skidmore brought up idea of a neat ski show, would like to get it in.

Dave brought back up about getting a committee formed. Wants the event to be Fun.

Randy Laue will act as the Board Liaison

Dave spoke about the dredge and road funds, and how the lake allocates money to them. Each fund receives 25% of all dues and assessments collected per year.

Dave brought up that 25% belonging to the Road Fund had not been set aside from the 2022 collection.

Brent made a motion to place 25% of the 2022 dues and assessment collections into an Interest-bearing account designated for the road fund.

- RJ 2<sup>nd</sup> - Motion Carried

Dave discusses adding to the By-Law the allocation of money to the Road and Dredge Fund.

Budge Meeting – Brent will run meeting. Meeting to be 6:30 on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Stray Cat – Ferrel Cats

Brian Baker spoke about the Ferrel Cat issue near his home.

Was concerned about the health issues for both humans and pets

Brian has called spoken with lots of people about this issue.

Dave Spunaugle also made calls looking for help and ideas on this topic

Everyone spoke of “Capture-Neuter-Return”

Not sure the board has a solution currently for the issue.

## Board member Responsibilities

Tabled

## Dog Issue

Mark Pretzer came to the board with a Dog Issue

- Issue with neighbor and their dogs.
- Mark had been attempting to handle issues himself
- Multiple conversations with dogs owner
- Multiple conversations with Pott County Sheriff
- Is now requesting help from the board.

Mark McMillan spoke and does not feel safe when dogs are out.

-Mark spoke of a time when he felt trapped on his riding mower

-both he and his dog feel unsafe

Multiple people have reported issues with these dogs.

Multiple people have spoken with Phil Hirsh about issue.

Randy made a motion to have the board send both the renter and the homeowner a letter.

Brent 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carried.

Letter to Renter and homeowner.

## Membership application for Spencer Slocum

Spencer has gotten title of his home in his name

Spencer has applied for membership

Jim Lund made a motion to approve, Karen Van Fleet 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion Carried.

## Workday – Select a day.

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Chili Cook-Off Event

March 11<sup>th</sup> -

## Board Member Responsibility and Duties and Expectations.

Mentioned everyone be positive in their roles.

Lots of discussion about responsibilities

Discussion about the website.

Multiple people will help with editing.

Brent Mckeeman made a motion to adjourn meeting, Karen Van Fleet 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Next Board Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 PM, Lake Elbo Clubhouse