

**LAKE OGEMAW SUMMER RESORT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING
July 2, 2022**

Mary Buyze opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mary Buyze (present); Frank Barretta (present); George Buhler (present); Jaime Ibarra (present); Chris Palm (present); Rick Sinclair (present); Susan Kiwak (present). **THERE IS A QUORUM.**

Mary Buyze began the meeting informing the membership this is the annual LOSRA meeting conducted for the purpose of summarizing the condition of the association, its property, assets, and liabilities.

New Business:

A motion was made by Frank Barretta to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2021 Board of Trustees Annual Meeting. Jaime Ibarra seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Frank Barretta to suspend the July 16, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. Jaime Ibarra seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Rick Sinclair to destroy last year's ballots. Jaime Ibarra seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mary Buyze read the proof of May mailing submitted by Kristi Dunstan.

Mary stated that this is her last meeting as a trustee. Mary stated she has been honored to serve as a LOSRA board member for the past 11 years, with the last 3 as president, and the prior 8 years as secretary. Of these 11 years Mary has only missed 2 meetings. Mary thanked everyone for their support and stated she is looking forward to being fully retired. The membership gave a round of applause.

ANNUAL MEETING

Year End Summary:

Mary stated this has been a very busy year for LOSRA, with fresh ideas and changes. The challenge has been stabilizing the balance, while keeping up with LOSRA standards and incorporating and implementing the new ideas and updates necessary to stay within the budget approved by the membership. With inflation and rising costs, planning for a year in advance is a challenge. However, guided by LOSRA's astute treasurer, Frank Barretta, many projects have been completed. Mary thanked Frank Barretta for his excellent work.

LOSRA Boat Launch: The grand reopening of the LOSRA boat launch took place on August 8, 2021, with a ribbon cutting by Mike Seabolt, who was in charge of the project. The project took just over 14 months from start to finish, at a final cost of \$73,489.40.

LOSRA experienced the largest Fun Day on record on September 4th. It was a huge success with over 400 people attending this event. These events are successful due to the endless hours that volunteers put in to make them a success. Thank you to all the volunteers.

The new Health & Safety Committee received board approval last fall to purchase AED units for placement around the lake, and four units were in place inside homes around the lake in October 2021. The units were moved to secure boxes at the street in May of this year. The units are identified by signs at the street. There is also an AED unit at Jax Lakeside party store. The cost for this project was \$5,166.72 and the Health & Safety Committee is looking into purchasing additional AED units for placement around the lake. The committee was also able to secure CPR/AED training equipment for class training at the clubhouse. With the purchase of the equipment, the committee intends on conducting classes at the clubhouse.

LOSRA's new office admin, Kristi Dunstan, came on board November 1st. She has become a valuable asset to LOSRA and is very dedicated. A warm welcome to Kristi as part of the LOSRA team.

After many years of discussion concerning a digital sign at the road, a new digital sign was installed in November. Curb Appeal out of Shelby Township was retained for the project and installed a custom color electronic message center/single sided LED sign. The final cost on the sign was \$14,196.00. The sign was positioned on the pavilion in order to avoid damage to the sign being at the roadside.

LOSRA has continued its partnership with the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol Division for patrolling the lake. LOSRA is currently in year 3 of the 5 year contract. At the end of the 2021 boating season, Marine Patrol reported a total of 102 warnings, 25 citations and 6 investigations (investigations were related to BWI/OWI/Alcohol, with one arrest for a minor in possession). With the 2022 season under way on May 28th, Marine Patrol has made 23 contacts, with 20 warnings being issued for registration violations, personal floatation device violations, navigational rule violations and boater safety card violations. The Marine Patrol is here to keep members safe and they deserve respect. In return, they will respect you.

LOSRA will soon begin accepting credit cards for payment of dues, merchandise and dock rental. The program is still being worked out and it is anticipated it will be up and running very soon.

Smart Homes/Smart Offices was retained for the new sound system at the clubhouse. The new system was installed with a 70" LED TV screen that has replaced the projection screen. There are 3 zones – the north side of clubhouse, south side of clubhouse and the pavilion. All equipment is locked in the cabinet on the wall in the clubhouse, and there is a rolling cabinet, which is locked up, for use at the pavilion. There are 15 speakers in the clubhouse and 17 in the pavilion. This is a Bluetooth, state-of-the-art system at an approximate cost of \$18,000.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Frank Barretta stated for the month of June 2022, General Operations was \$4,051.96 with the YTD total of \$64,726.72. Property Maintenance cost for June was \$20,973.88, and the YTD total is \$59,694.19. Lake Maintenance for June amounted to \$101,186.50, and the YTD total is \$120,276.50. Total expenses YTD were \$244,697.41. LOSRA has \$161,271.79 in savings, and \$96,197.43 in the dam & spillway fund for a total of \$257,469.22. At the present time, LOSRA is in pretty good shape. As far as property maintenance is concerned, there are 7 parks completed with new fences, and the Park Committee anticipates completion of 4 more parks during the weekend of July 9th. Funds in the general fund have not been put into savings for a few years, as LOSRA paid for the digital sign, the sound system, and the new fences in the parks.

Members inquired as to how many members are in arrears on dues, and if LOSRA has a security system for our buildings. Frank indicated as of May 5, 2022, dues in arrears amount to approximately \$48,000. Mary noted that we have been to Small Claims Court in the past, but often it is not successful due to a member's financial inability to pay, foreclosure or bankruptcy. Additionally, LOSRA has to be careful how it handles this issue so it will not be considered harassment.

Frank discussed the fact that he worked on the 2022/2023 budget in January 2022 and he expects this budget to be short due to constant inflation.

Frank Barretta made a motion to transfer \$13,773.28 from General Maintenance, and \$120.91 from Lake Maintenance to cover the shortfall in Property Maintenance. Chris Palm seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Frank thanked Mary Buyze for her years of service and especially the last 3 years with the washout of the road and the boat launch. Mary had her hands full as president with the pandemic, the rebuild, and all of the everyday issues that are not seen. He commented that Mary should now enjoy every 3rd Saturday of the month totally to herself.

Committee Reports

Lake Coordinator/Dam & Spillway: Mike Seabolt stated he inspected the spillway this past week and all is in good order. The water is down 1" below the boards due to lack of rainfall.

Lake Maintenance/Weed Control: Rick Sinclair stated there have been two lake sprays this year. The first was for milfoil and over 250 acres of the lake were sprayed. It took over 2 weeks for all the milfoil to die. The second spray was for starry stonewort and algae. In late July or early August, Rick will be out looking at everything on the lake to decide what prevention treatment may be needed.

Activities Committee: Cathy Adamski stated that many things have been cancelled due to the turnover and demographics of the lake, and more volunteers are needed. The winter Poker Run was held outdoors and had a good turnout. The 2022 Spring Fling did not take place, and the committee has decided this event will be replaced with a golf cart parade in the future. The May drive through burrito breakfast had a very good turnout. The Activities Committee intends to continue with this event. Yoga has started at the clubhouse and the response has been very good, with both men and women attending. The Ladies Luncheon, the Kids Fishing Derby, and the summer Craft Show were all well attended. The summer Pontoon Poker Run is coming up quickly, and tickets go on sale Sunday, July 3rd. Denny and Kim Munger are the chairpersons for this event. The Activities Committee is working on a few new ideas to stir up new volunteers, and to meet new members.

Bring a friend to coffee and be entered into a drawing for a September prize, and also possibly a future scavenger hunt. There will be a Halloween bonfire/party at the pavilion, with more information to follow.

Mary interrupted the meeting as the LOSRA bylaws state the election results must be announced at 10:00 am. Mary thanked the volunteers on the Election Committee, which included Pam McPhee, Meta Bray, Ron Atkinson and Chuck DeLorey, for all of their hard work.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The budget for 2022-2023 has been approved. Yes: 479 No: 19

Three trustees are elected for a 3-year term:

- Susan Kiwak - 354
- Greg Quigley - 310
- Jaime Ibarra - 366
- Mark Sidge - 157
- Denise Abbott - 155

Mary congratulated Susan Kiwak, Greg Quigley and Jaime Ibarra as trustees for the next 3 years.

In continuation of the Activities Committee report, Cathy Adamski indicated a local entertainer, Joe Sloan, will be performing at the clubhouse on September 17th at a cost of \$10 per person. The Cookie Exchange is planned for December 12th, and the committee is in need of volunteers to help plan the New Years Eve party. The committee is also working on the possibility of a pickleball court.

Health & Safety Committee: Cathy Adamski stated this committee is still in need of a new chairperson. On Saturday, July 9th, a CPR class will be held at the clubhouse. The class is free and members are requested to sign up for this event prior to the class. Calendars were printed and over \$2,000 was raised toward the purchase of AEDs. The committee is planning more CPR classes, as only 12 people are able to participate in each class.

Parks Committee: Chris Craib stated the committee has completed 7 parks, and anticipates completion of 4 more parks next weekend. The committee will be working on the 4 parks located around Mohawk/Seneca/Oneida and needs approximately 20 volunteers. New signs for all the parks have been ordered. Chris is working with the maintenance crew from G & H and keeping it accountable for its contract. Chris encouraged all members to consider volunteering in the community.

Fish Committee: Gordon Golini stated 400 bass, 200 walleye, and 200,000 minnows were stocked into the lake last fall. The cost for the fish and minnows came to \$6,380. At the present time, Home Depot does not have the materials available to make more fish structures.

Men's Committee: Bob Gollehur stated that the pavilion needs some TLC. The posts need cleaning, sanding and restaining with 2 coats of urethane at a cost of approximately \$2,600. If anyone wants a commemorative brick, Kristi has the forms in the office. The bricks can be ordered in different sizes.

Frank Barretta made a motion to allocate \$2,600 for the thorough cleaning, sanding, power washing, and sealing of the pavilion posts. Jaime Ibarra seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Member Comments

Sharon Simas spoke up and thanked everyone for re-naming North Park to Ernie Simas park. She stated she believes Ernie would really like that, as he tended to all the flowers in the park for many years.

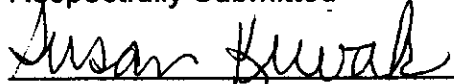
Members have stated that they would like to see a seminar/class at the clubhouse on lake living. They would like information concerning the dam & spillway, septic tanks/fields, and general information on what is good and healthy for Lake Ogemaw. They would also like the DNR to speak on the fines for putting leaves into the lake, dumping gray water, harassing loons, and some information on real estate law about the rights and responsibilities of lake owners. The trustees will look into what information is available and who could present such information.

Kryn Buyze addressed the membership. He is the brother of Mary Buyze and praised Mary's dedication to LOSRA over the years. Kryn then presented Mary with a large cake in recognition of her service to share with the membership. A round of applause ensued.

Frank Barretta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jaime Ibarra seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted



Susan Kiwak, Secretary