

Lake Louise Cottagers' Council

Saturday, June 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Gilbert after a delicious potluck was enjoyed by the cottagers' community at the Retreat Center.

Roll call of the plats indicated all were represented except Sunset View and Island Trail.

The agenda was approved with no additions. The minutes of the August 14, 2010 meeting were approved by acclamation with no additions or corrections. The Treasurer, Doug Vogel, reported a balance of \$5,768.58 with three bills having been paid: 1) Fire pump- \$829.34 2) 2011 Clean Up-\$1320.00 and 3) donation for the Loons project/speaker-\$150.00

The President reminded everyone of the remaining Cottagers' Council meeting dates for 2011:

Town Hall - **Wednesday, July 20**, Ice Cream Social and dedication of McKay Lodge

Cottagers' Council - **Sat. Aug. 13** - VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC- Advice on lease transfer with a knowledgeable lawyer and Vaughn Maatman available to explain existing rules and answer questions

Other dates to be sure to mark on your calendar :

July 8-10 Lake Louise and Water Wonderland Weekend ☺ **Check your flyer for the formula and times for fun!**

August 6- GOLF SCRAMBLE- Everyone welcome !

Vice President Kirk Halsted reminded the cottagers about the Big Clean Up Dumpsters that are available until July 5th and the rules governing what can and can NOT be put into the dumpsters. He also shared our vision to carry on Don Renton's dedication to the lake and its healthy ecology.

LAKE ECOLOGY- Tom Gschwind reported that the water level on June 25 was 7" below the flood mark (which is up 3" from May 23rd.) The lake temperature is 62 and the clarity has not been measured yet. The oxygen level is being monitored and is in a low range which is probably contributing to the smaller fish size. He was asked about the milfoil problem and he said that his inspection of a patch by the bridge was smaller. The EnviroScience representative said the beetles were doing their job of keeping the milfoil from spreading.

President Gilbert reintroduced the Cottagers' Council Definition and Structure that had been given out at the August, 2010 meeting with an amended recommended courtesies.

A motion to adopt was made by Chet Mahan and seconded by Gary Smith. Discussion included 4th of July fireworks, about which the Board of Trustees has decided to not make any new policy. It was also asked how the new plat representatives would be chosen and it was answered that we will be asking for people to communicate their interest to serve either as plat reps or on the environment committee to the executive committee. The motion passed unanimously with voice approval.

Vaughn Maatman, executive director of LLCC gave an informative, thorough and positive "State of the Lake" report. A few highlights of his talk included:

- 1) Camp Registrations are up 6% and Retreat venues up 24%
- 2) The financial evaluation of Lake Louise is that it is healthy and on solid footing
- 3) The capital Campaign is at about 2/3 of its goal of 1.1 million. The Halsted Lodge, McKay Lodge, Marianna's Place (a playground for younger children) and the new trail marking are all direct and visible results of the campaign.
- 4) Forestry
 - a) We have reapplied for the Forestry Legacy Program with a smaller portion of property on the west side of the lake
 - b) Emerald Ash Borer and Beech Bark Scale are serious problems for the health of our trees. We will probably lose ALL of our ash trees and many but not all of the older, bigger beech. Because of the infestation, we will "step up" the forestry process to log out the ash trees at the west end of the lake before the bugs make them diseased and useless
- 5) Roadwork has become a priority so that emergency vehicles can gain access to all cabins. Morningside is done and more road projects will be tackled in 2012.
- 6) Program development has been outstanding with the extensions of our ministry to the community with banners and a new program catalog created by Program Director, Terry Gladstone, as well as 6 new marked trails.
- 7) The challenges to the LLCC remain financing of leased land, generational planning for cottages and lease transfers (See Aug. 13th meeting!!)
- 8) Recognition of volunteers in LLCC's ministry

The floor was opened up for announcements and Bob Davis reported an increased number of small, dead fish which was reiterated by many around the lake. It was decided that Bob would call the DNR and ask for an evaluation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Lake Louise Christian Community

Town Hall Meeting

July 20, 2011

President Kathy Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
A Roll Call of Plats indicated that all plats were represented except Sunset.
Barb Marshall shared a prayer with us.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction. Horner Island was represented.

Treasurer Doug Vogel, reported a balance of \$7658.58 after receiving a check from LLCC for \$1890.00 for cottage dues.

Kathy Gilbert proposed the tentative dates for the 2012 Cottage Council meetings:

- Sat., June 23, 2012---Combination Cottager Potluck and Cottagers' Council Mtg.
- Wed., July 18, 2012---Town Hall Meeting
- Sat., August 11, 2012 or Wed., Aug., 6, 2012

Kathy reminded cottagers about the upcoming Lake Louise Golf Scramble and Dinner. August 6, 2011. Everyone is welcome including non golfers.

Ruth Jamison reported on the recommendation of the Chapel Benevolence Committee to give the donations to the Boyne Valley Pantry. Final approval will be voted on at the August 15 meeting.

Kathy Gilbert suggested that the cottager communication might be enhanced by including a bulletin board on the web site that could include boats, etc. for sale or announcements cottagers would like to make to the community.

Tom Gschwind gave a report on the water monitoring.

- Water temperature was 82. A year ago it was 74.
- The water level is 5 inches below last year's measurement.
- The clarity measures at 22 1/2 feet. A year ago is was 24 feet. The difference is due to the warmer air temperature/

Vaughn Maatman gave an interesting and informative report on the Emerald Ash Borer and the current timber harvesting. The Emerald Ash Borer is killing all the ash trees in the area and will be harvested for their lumber value before this happens. It will leave the northwest part of our property sparse for many years but it will eventually recover and some ash will most likely return.

Vaughn Maatman also gave a report on the garbage collection. He has arranged to replace Waste Management as soon as their contract expires as they have been very uncooperative and unresponsive to his requests for better service. The new company will include some recycling opportunities for us along with new dumpsters. He also reminded cottagers of what should and should not go into the dumpsters. A letter is being sent to cottagers regarding the cutting of ash trees and the situation with garbage collection.

Meredith Herrington suggested that the bulletin boards at the dumpster areas be utilized better to inform cottagers of coming events.

Millie Janka reported on the Memorial Garden. She suggested we all take a walk when it's convenient to do so and enjoy the peaceful beauty found there.

Andrew Adan shared his concern about an increasing presence of milfoil in parts of the lake and how it would affect the lake in the years ahead.

A Cottagers' Council Building Relationships Survey was passed out by Kathy Gilbert. Tables discussed and responded to assigned questions. The results will be discussed at the August meeting.

Hal Seaton made a motion to close the meeting and Bill Mate seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned to the Dedication of the new McKay Lodge and Ice Cream Social.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Renton, Acting Secretary for Sandy Smith

Lake Louise Cottagers' Council
Saturday, August 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Kathy Gilbert and a roll call of the plats showed that all plats were represented. She said that the goal of today's meeting was to share current information about two important topics: 1) passing of cottages from one generation to the next and 2) keeping our lake water free of invasive species. With those thoughts in mind, she shared two poems written by cottager, David Strong. The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion about the need for the presence of the sheriff on the lake. The rest of the business portion of the meeting was delayed until after the program presentation. President Gilbert introduced our two speakers, Vaughn Maatman, Executive Director of Lake Louise and Steve DuBois, designated attorney for LLCC.

Vaughn gave an overview of all the necessary documents, what is involved in lease transactions and the process for making changes to the lease. He stressed that the process starts with the discussing the changes with him but that it will always involve LLCC.s attorney, Steve DuBois, according to board policy. All the information shared by Vaughn is included in the first attachment at the end of the minutes. He described where to find the documents (on the website, www.lakelouisecommunity.org), what each of the documents represented and how the community buy-in fee works.

Steve DuBois reviewed the lease transfer policy of LLCC. He first directed our attention to which lease transfers were permissible and explained how each one works. The Board of LLCC only allows 1) individual 2) married couple (tenants by entirety) 3) Joint tenancy with right of survivorship and 4) Family trusts with certain conditions as described in the second attachment. The Board does NOT permit tenancies in common, corporations, limited liability companies or partnerships to be lessees. Transfers by inheritance are NOT automatically approved. The transfer procedures are indicated step by step in the handout attached.

Mr. DuBois participated in a question/answer period. A summary of some of the information shared includes 1) Lease transfer information goes to the Township within 45 days 2) He has generic trust forms available that have been approved by the LLCC Board and can be adapted to the specific needs of a family 3) Limited Liability Corporations (LLC) are not allowed at Lake Louise because they are not necessarily a family entity approved by the Board 4) People of any faith can apply to become a lessee 5) A beneficiary of a trust can buy another cottage if they remove their names from the first lease (you cannot have your name on two different leases) 6) If several people are on a lease, there is one designated contact person 7) Current lessees do not have to pay the buy in fee if they choose to buy another cottage, but they are responsible for the transfer of lease fee. Mr. DuBois was thanked for his time and knowledge.

The business meeting was continued with the approval of the June 25, 2011 Cottagers' Council meeting minutes with no corrections or additions. The Treasurer, Doug Vogel, reported that there is a balance of \$7,853.58 in the Cottage Council account with one outstanding bill of \$750.00 to EnviroScience to be paid.

The President suggested the following dates for Cottagers to note in 2012:

Saturday, June 23, Combination Cottager Potluck and meeting

Wednesday, July 18, Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, July 28, Golf Scramble

Saturday, August 11 or Wednesday August 15 , Cottagers' Council Meeting

Kathy Gilbert also reported that there was no information to share from the survey yet because we needed more guidance and input. Copies of the "Cottager Courtesies" were distributed. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to make Boyne Valley Pantry the recipient of the chapel benevolence.

LAKE ECOLOGY– Tom Gschwind reported that the water level on was now 15" below the flood mark. The current lake temperature is 73°(after hitting 81° in July!) and the clarity has been reduced due to the heat of July and growth of algae but will get better as the weather and water cools. He also informed us that EnviroScience sent two divers to collect samples from patches of milfoil in the lake. We are interested to see if the weevils are doing their job to control the spread of milfoil. An official report should be coming this fall. He said that we have applied for a DNR permit to place a buoy in a new milfoil patch that is in the center of a busy boat traffic pattern. There has also been a sign put up at the boat launch warning boaters about the spread and location of milfoil.

Kirk Halsted reported good and bad news. The good news is that three old, milfoil patches are receding. The bad news is that there are three new patches, which are of **significant** concern. These are in boat paths and that is the way the invasive species gets taken around the lake. We cannot totally remove the patches (in trying to do so we may make it spread), but we need to manage them and use the weevils to control their growth. To be active in this process, Kirk suggested that we use science, awareness and action. The science is driven by using Enviroscience to monitor the lake. We promote awareness by handing out maps indicating the location of the milfoil, placing a buoy in the patch to deter boaters and placing signs where appropriate to insure that everyone knows about the milfoil invasion. Finally, we are all taking action by boating responsibly, knowing what milfoil looks like and where it is, sharing that information with everyone and being on the lookout for new patches. There will be a formal program of volunteer scouts to watch for signs for milfoil invasion. Be ready to sign up! There were several suggestions from the cottagers:

- 1) Some lakes in Ohio have used grass carp for control
- 2) Discuss with DNR the possibility of required washing of boats at boat launch before entry into the lake
- 3) Make small plastic coated cards with milfoil description and location for use in boat
- 4) Put a information sign up at the east end park
- 5) Verify new patches and keep an updated map on website

Announcements

Local kids need to be reminded to drive slowly on all the roads

Suggestion that Sheriff needs to be back on lake. It was reported that he has been a presence on the lake this year and if we want him more we (Cottagers' Council) have to be willing to fund.

Labor Day Remembrance Service will be at 9:30 BEFORE the chapel service.

Prayers for John Clapp. Visits would be nice too 😊

Dedication of Picnic Pavilion on August 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.