

LSCC Board Meeting 11/17/10

7:30pm @Monica's house

Attendance: Alan Gangl, Alf Ladderud, Mark Davidson, Monica Stewart, Kurt Eby, Jeff Merrill, Sue Sherer. Absent: Joe May, Glenn Ross

Alan opened the meeting at the home of Monica Stewart at 7:38 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the October Board Meeting were approved as published.

Membership/Treasurer's Report:

Report approved unanimously. Available on Request

Old Business:

Dance classes have gone well. Some of the other members present have been participating, and thanked Kurt for doing it.

Clubhouse:

Jeff proposed having a home inspector get under the clubhouse and inspect for structural damage and insect damage. The cost will be less than \$300. After receiving his report, we will decide how to proceed with any needed or recommended repairs. We also discussed insulation of the floor. Kurt made a motion, Sue seconded to go forward with the inspection.

Coming Events:

- Giving Tree - is up in Lake Sawyer Grocery.
- Santa Boat - Kurt will handle it - Sunday before Christmas (Dec 19th)

New Business:

Sheila Hoefig requested at the October board meeting* that the LSCC make a follow-up donation to the Diamond Coalition to help defray the costs of the water quality experts. The LSCC has already donated \$5000 to the Diamond Coalition to help pay for the water quality study which has been used for expert witness testimony in hearings regarding the new developments proposed for Black Diamond. It was mentioned that the LSCC may receive a copy of the water quality report also, which would provide significant historical perspective in the future.

* [excerpted from Oct minutes.] "...Sheila referenced the existing debt the Diamond Coalition has to the water quality experts used during the EIS appeal of the Villages and Lawson Hills MPDs. She asked that the LSCC hold a special meeting to vote on another donation to help cover that cost suggesting a donation up to the full amount."

Alan reviewed the LSCC ByLaws, section II which states the purpose of the organization, to wit: "The purpose of the LSCC is to bring together all Members in good standing to inform and discuss mutual problems, concerns and interests affecting our community, the Lake, and our surrounding environment." It was generally agreed that supporting the Diamond Coalition falls under this broad category, in that their goal includes preserving the water quality of Lake Sawyer.

Alan made a motion to bring a vote to the membership on whether to make an additional contribution to the Diamond Coalition. Mark seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the amount of donation the club would make and whether to ask for donations with matching funds, or to ask members to make additional donations on their own. Our primary concern as LSCC members is that we maintain the quality of the lake, and the quality of life on the lake, to protect the lake and to protect our investments in waterfront property. Monica used the fairness test to point out that it isn't fair for a few people (in the Diamond Coalition) to bear the cost of preserving the quality of life of so many (lake residents). Alan pointed out that donation to one cause will possibly open us up to requests from other organizations down the road. It was generally agreed that we would do a mail vote. Alf pointed out that the reserve fund of \$20000 may not be adequate to fund multiple repairs or upgrades to the clubhouse that may be needed in the future, but it is equivalent to two years' worth of clubhouse expenses, and approximately equal to one year's worth of revenue from the existing tenant. Kurt added that when we do a mailing, it needs to include specific, clear information and some financial information for LSCC. It was agreed that each household membership gets one vote, one ballot, and there may have been a liberal interpretation of voting members in the past. Alan called for the questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark made a motion to send out a ballot to the membership (as of 11/17/10) to approve a donation to the Diamond Coalition of \$5000, and ask for individual contributions that will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the LSCC up to an addition \$5000, subject to a simple majority approval vote of the returned ballots. Motion was seconded by Jeff. Discussion ensued, including a concern that checks for the Diamond Coalition be made out to the Diamond Coalition. Checks will be forwarded to the Diamond Coalition whether or not the vote passes, but no matching funds will be paid if the proposal doesn't pass. Alan called for the question. The motion carried unanimously. Alan asked for volunteers to help prepare the mailing. The consensus was to have the flyer out in the mail to be in members' hands by Dec 1st, and votes/checks must be returned (postmarked) by Dec 15th.

Good of the Order:

It was agreed that at the February general meeting, we would clarify the definition of "member" and voting privileges to be "one membership, one vote," and that there may have been sloppy interpretation of this in the past.

Adjourned: 8:55

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Sherer