

**Gravel Lake Association**  
**Membership Meeting – Minutes**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- I. Meeting called to order at: 10: 04am
  
- II. Opening Remarks by president – Craig welcomes back members, thanks Ron & Sue Raab, asks you to pay your dues, buy paraphernalia & 50-50 tickets, and help yourself to coffee & Danish.
  
- III. Roll Call: Craig DeSimone, Reed, Brooks, Pinkos, Brown, DeRosa, Carole DeSimone, Dorsey, Flavin, Fortney, Galassi, Garrison, Hochsprung, Kitzmiller, LaLone, McDevitt, McGreal, Murray, Paramski, Stogis.
  
- IV. Treasurer's Report – A report was submitted and reviewed by Janice Pinkos.
  - A. Motion called by Bruce Melton to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Debby Dorsey, and motion passed.
  
- V. Officers' Reports
  - A. Secretary – Melissa Dunigan is filling in for Kathy Brooks and there is no report at this time.
  - B. Editor – Jamie Paramski requests emails if there are questions or comment about the newsletter and she would like more pictures for the newsletter.
  - C. Internet Ops. – Jim McGreal would like people to send in pictures for the newsletter and website, he also encourages people to visit the Gravel Lake website and utilize the classified section for personal or business use. Please also let Jim know if your item has been sold so he can remove it from the classified section.
  - D. Fundraising
    1. Social – The social is tentatively set for early August, more information to come.
    2. Paraphernalia – Please provide feedback about the Gravel Lake items available.
  - E. Water Quality – Sherry Kurtyak reports that we have enough oxygen in the deep water to support fish, the depth was 21 feet last season, this spring the depth is only 11 feet because of the warmer weather, and a phosphorus sample has been sent in.
    1. Can water temperature be taken? Possibly but it hasn't been taken before.
  - F. Weed Treatment – The current program is going well in removal of Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed from our lake. Late-season emergent control has been discussed by the board. Craig spoke with Professional Lake Management but they warn that a lot of herbicides would be needed for the removal of these non invasive species.
    1. Are these the weeds that are spaghetti like and come up to the surface? Yes, there is concern about their nuisance during swimming and boating.
    2. Can natural methods remove these weeds? Harvesting could remove them but weeding by hand would not be effective.
    3. When are they a problem? They emerge in late August.
    4. Can we get a price on the weed removal? Yes, the board will look into this.
  - G. Buoys/signage – Dan McDevitt and Tom Flavin manage buoys and signs, these are in for the season. Thanks to Dan and Tom for their work.
  
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Sewer – There are no questions about the sewer at this time but Craig encourages members to contact LASA through email.
  - B. Public Access – No report, questions, or comments at this time.

- C. Water quality consultants – The board is looking into a 3<sup>rd</sup> party objective assessment of the lake. We want someone aside from Professional Lake Management to assess the quality of our lake.
  - 1. A member reports that we had a two year study done in the 1970s. Suzanne will help to file our Gravel Lake paperwork in the winter so we can find this study.
  - 2. An assessment could cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 based on rough estimates collected by the board so far.
  - 3. Could we involve a university that might do it as a project? MSU, WMU, Notre Dame, etc. might be interested in this project. We will check into this, Craig knows someone to talk to at MSU.

## VII. New Business

- A. Swamp road flooding – Water has subsided on Swamp road. Craig is keeping an eye on the road situation and would consider writing a letter from the association if necessary.
- B. Phone book – We are looking for volunteers and aiming to release the book in 2013.
  - 1. Lauren Micheli and Carlie Stogis volunteer to help solicit advertisement.
- C. 4<sup>th</sup> of July –
  - 1. Fun Run – Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Willow Beach Resort (\$4)
  - 2. Kids’ Games – We need volunteers to run this event. No volunteers at this time. Please do not plan on attending unless you hear otherwise.
  - 3. Paddle Boat Regatta – Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm beginning in the Channel and ending at the Public Access.
  - 4. Boat Parade – Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm, the parade will start and end at Willow Beach Resort. The theme is circus. There is no entry fee, prizes will be awarded, and you need to register with Craig to participate.
    - a) We need volunteers to run day-of activities. Judy Simplinski? thinks Lori Mitchell might be willing to help, Judy will check with Lori.
- D. Trash collection collusion, no report from at this time but many members mentioned interest.
- E. Private road maintenance – Penny Eggers has been collecting money to help patch Gebhard Dr. and not everyone residing on Gebhard beach and the connected beaches are paying to help with the fix. Penny would like to put together a special assessment district so everyone would contribute via tax money. Penny would like to put together a petition to make the road a special assessment district.
  - 1. Chamberlin turned the road over to the county about 5 years ago.
  - 2. Streeter is a county road but a dead end like Gebhard Dr.
  - 3. The setbacks on the road may be changed if the street is turned over to the county (60 foot setback).
  - 4. How much would we have if everyone paid their \$100? We would have \$1000 left after the most recent patching.
  - 5. How much does it cost to patch the road? About \$4000 for each patch.
  - 6. Paul Walters would like to put up a sign that Gebhard Dr. is private so heavy equipment will not go down for construction on other beaches, namely Huffs Landing. Craig mentions that you can put a sign up anywhere on your own property or with the permission of the property owner. Craig suggests the members talk to Tony Vakis? about any concerns or issues with construction.
- F. New Business: Internet use at the lake – John Deren would like the association to consider contracting with an internet company to get a better rate for residents. John will gather information about this.
- G. New Business: Can we get speed limit signs on Gravel Lake Drive? Don? and other people are concerned with the speed of public access users. The road commission needs to be contacted to replace these signs. The board has discussed this before and will discuss it again since there is new concern.
- H. Question from a new resident? about the Gravel Lake Association bank account balance and what that money is used for or will be used for.

1. We use the money for fish stocking, we want to do the water quality study soon, newsletters go out a few times a year, we maintain a website, etc.
  2. We would always like ideas for how to use our money to benefit the association and Gravel Lake.
- I. Next BOT meeting – Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>
  - J. Next Membership meeting – Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>
  - K. 50-50 raffle - \$82 goes to ticket #327566 held by Dan McDevitt.
    1. Dan donated \$40 back to the association. Thanks Dan.

VIII. Announcements –

- A. Thanks to Greg Garrett for playing *Taps* every night, thanks from Judy Semplinski and others that enjoy it.
- B. Paddle boat has blown up on shore at the end of Winker, came in between Monday and Thursday of this past week, there is a name on it but the finders do not know the name and cannot read the address.

IX. Meeting adjourned at: 10:53am

- A. Moved by Earl to adjourn the meeting, second by Suzanne Reed, meeting adjourned.

X. Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Dunigan

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