

GLSA Board Meeting Minutes for 9-14-13

1. Minutes from previous meeting approved. Motion by Jerry Dock, seconded by Mike McNellis.
2. Treasurer's report approved. Motion by Jerry Dock, seconded by Don Holm
3. After some discussion, a motion was made to change the membership dues period from a calendar year to a seasonal year. The seasonal year would run from May 1 to April 30. The thought is that we may get more members to pay because they are more likely to be thinking about the lake in May, rather than January. Carl Swanson made the motion, Jerry Dock seconded, motion passed.
4. Chris Hector went through a list of the GLSA standing committees. We need VOLUNTEERS!!! Carl questioned whether the committee chairs should be elected instead of appointed. It was determined that they would be appointed this time since we have made some changes, but in the future the chairs will be elected. There was much discussion regarding how the Board can be more proactive in recruiting volunteers and matching them to their skill sets and the type of work needed by each committee. We will place the committee information on the website and will send an email asking for help.
5. Steve Michael addressed the Board and expressed his concern about the placement of 3 emergency sirens on Lake Sylvia. The sirens were purchased by Southside Township, and the placement was determined by the company that sold the sirens to the township. Many people have wondered why the sirens are to be placed on the lake and not in other, less populated parts of the township. The sirens are powerful enough to cause hearing damage, and FEMA does not recommend placing them in populated areas. There was some question as to whether this should be a GLSA issue, as it may not support our mission. It was determined the Board would not take a position on the issue. However, almost all of the meeting attendees expressed individual support for Steve in his battle to have the township revisit the issue.
6. 2013 PICNIC!!! There was much discussion about the very successful picnic this year. Allison Barkley and Rhonda Brau have agreed to co-chair next year's picnic again, which was good news to everyone. The kick-off meeting for the 2014 picnic will be held October 19 at Rhonda Brau's home. There was some lively discussion about the issue of fundraising and its role at the picnic. The 2012 picnic raised considerably more money, but almost all of the difference was due to the fact that we did not have a silent auction in 2013. While silent auctions are great fundraisers, they also take a considerable amount of volunteer time, and the number of volunteers in 2013 was down substantially from 2012. Someone mentioned we should have a fundraising committee...and Russ Fortner volunteered to chair it. The fundraising committee would be responsible to improve our fundraising activities and create a comprehensive fundraising action plan for each year. The Board needs to continue discussion around the silent auction and whether it will be part of the 2014 picnic.
7. Joe Jacobs from Soil and Water made a presentation about a project that he is undertaking to help lakes improve their shoreline, with the intended objective of improving the water quality of the lake. Joe has taken a photo inventory of Lake Sylvia in 2012 to use as a baseline for any improvement. Joe showed examples of good shoreline conditions and also poor shoreline

conditions. It will be up to each individual lake to decide what steps they would want to take towards improving shoreline.

8. Jefferson Bishop conducted a review of the Public Access Inspection Program that was started in 2013. The program started on May 11 and placed a monitor at the public access from 8 am to 8 pm every day up until Labor Day weekend. Staffing was a challenge, and there were some issues that had to be ironed out over the summer. All in all, there were approximately 2000 visits to the access. We will get more useful information from the report once we have all the data, traffic patterns, etc. Jefferson is still assessing whether he will continue the program next year.

Meeting was adjourned 11:23 am.