

**LAKE OGEMAW SUMMER RESORT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2011**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Dave Galbreath (present); Cy Schultz, Jr. (absent); Ron Atkinson (absent); Mary Buyze (present); Ann Priebe (present); Ernie Simas (present); Bill Pietron (present). **THERE IS A QUORUM.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On Motion made by Bill Pietron and seconded by Ann Priebe, the motion to approve minutes from the August 20, 2011 meeting was approved.

New Business:

Lake Safety / Sheriff's Department: Numerous complaints were received by the Board concerning illegal activities on the lake (jet skis going wrong way, etc.). The Board requested the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department to step up their efforts in the issuance of tickets to offenders. The Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department issued 22 tickets this season, with 4 being serious infractions such as DUI. Also, damage was done to the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department patrol boat over the 4th of July weekend while the boat was docked at the Lake Ogemaw Marina. The boat trailer also sustained damage while parked in the parking lot at the Lake Ogemaw Marina. The Board will plan to meet with the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department to discuss the violations and to determine if the Sheriff's Department can go after the serious offenders, and perhaps allowing minor offenses (no Boater Safety Certificate) to be given a warning. The Fall newsletter contains information on the Sheriff's Department's activities this year.

Private Individual Comment: As a homeowner, and not representing the Board, Mary Buyze discussed the upcoming COOR millage which will be on the November ballot together with the millage being proposed by Churchill Township for the West Branch District Library fee. She also informed the audience of the theft of a paddleboat from her neighbor's front lawn. An association member was concerned that private individual comments be heard at the end of the meeting only and this will be done at future meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Atkinson is absent from the meeting, but prepared his report which was available on the entry table. The top portion of report has not been changed and shows July and August expenses. The pavilion funds have been partitioned out from the association general funds. Pavilion funds to date are \$17,300.80. There have been expenses of \$1,558.00, including hall rental. Ross Rose cut down the trees at the pavilion location at no charge. There are approximately 60 lots in arrearage for payment of dues. Liens will be placed on lots that haven't already had a lien place on them.

Committee Reports:

Activities Committee: The Labor Day breakfast went very well, with 135 to 140 people served. Fun Day was headed up by Frank and Diana Beretta and they have volunteered to be in charge of Fun Day for 2012. However, in 2013, they will not be heading up the Fun Day and volunteers are asked to step forward and learn the ropes from Frank and Diana. Coming up: 10/3/11 – bonfire and if it is successful, there will be another on November 5th. Pontoon potlucks have been held, which is open to all homeowners and a good way to meet your neighbor.

Fun Day: Even with inclement weather, Diana reported the event was a huge success. She had concern regarding the safety of the Fun Day area after a large amount of rain (slippery, uneven ground).

Garment Sales: Sales are up, proceeds as of 9/9/11 were \$960, with \$1,176 worth of inventory. Special orders have been on the rise and a new Winterfest logo is needed.

Men's Committee: Thanks to the men's club for the pig roast set up and Fun Day set up. Swim buoys have been removed from swim parks for the season, with the buoys in the fish rearing area (near Spider Island) to remain in place until October.

Fish Committee: The Bass Tournament took place on August 27th with 25 boats entered and approximately 65 participants. A special thank you to Lake Ogemaw Marina for the use of its facilities. Thank you to Bob Ray, Mike Reed and Micky Badalamenti for their contribution in facilitating this event. Thanks to the kitchen crew for the meal. Adult contest winner: Jeannette Chowdry, who received \$100 check and plaque. The stocking of fish this year will include bass, walleye and shell cracker or red-eared sunfish and is anticipated to take place in October. The shell cracker fish will eat snails and, if ever applicable, the zebra mussel. At the current time, Lake Ogemaw is free of the zebra mussel. Photographs of fish that are caught are encouraged to be sent to the Lake Ogemaw office for inclusion on the website.

Lake Coordinator: Harpoon granule testing was done for celery weed, with the cost of the chemicals (\$13,000) being waived. Concentration on specific areas of the lake will be addressed in the spring 2012 chemical application. The most effective timing for spraying of weeds is the last week of June, first week of July, if the conditions are right (water temperature, heat, rain, etc.). The current contract for weed control runs 2 more years. Prior to the expiration thereof, bids may be secured from other weed control companies to allow for competitive pricing. Lakefront owners should be aware of the fertilizer utilized for lawns. A mix of 12% nitrogen, 0% phosphorus and 12% potash is highly recommended for the well being of Lake Ogemaw. The LOSRA office does offer this fertilizer for sale.

Member Request: LaFern Kulik requested the Board match a \$100 donation to assist the Ogemaw County Food Pantry and St. Francis in Skidway. On Motion made by Bill Pietron to match the \$100, and seconded by Ernie Simas, the motion carried and approved.

Member Comment: Mike Barton brought up security concerns. Aaron Abair is currently in charge of security around the lake and patrols twice per day. Linda Krauskoff advised that a picnic table in Raven Park had been set on fire and Bob Gollehur has agreed to take a look at the table to see what repair is necessary.

Pavilion:

A motion was made by Bill Pietron that the Board support the building of the pavilion without the use of association funds, utilizing donations only. Ernie Simas seconded the motion and the motion was carried and approved.

The definition of the pavilion is a special project, as no association assessment funds will be used. Money for the pavilion will come from donations and fundraising activities. Money collected will be controlled and managed consistent with other association funds such as outlined in the bylaws. Any funds collected beyond those necessary for the initial construction will be left in the fund for further expansion. As an example, possibly having a fireplace, etc. Construction will be done in stages with the site preparation beginning as soon as sufficient funds are available to complete that stage. The president will appoint a chairman to monitor this project and provide status reports at all board meetings.

Dave Galbreath nominated Bob Gollehur to take over as chairman of the pavilion project. Bill Pietron supported this nomination, with Ernie Simas seconding the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved. Project cost comparison was provided, for both the gambrel roof and gable roof, The majority of homeowners have requested the gambrel roof, with the location being in the park below the clubhouse. Ross Rose cut down the trees at the pavilion location at no charge. Association fees may increase (\$1.00) if the park improvement causes an increase in property taxes, but it is an unknown at this time if taxes will increase. Details concerning issues of rental of the pavilion are in need of further discussion.

Member Comment:

Dan Hunter requested the area across from the boat launch be opened up sooner than November to allow homeowners to deposit yard waste at their convenience at this site. Dave Galbreath instructed Bob Gollehur to open the gate to the yard waste area and Bob will tape off the area for homeowners to deposit their yard waste.

A motion for adjournment was made by Bill Pietron and seconded by Ann Pietron. The motion was unanimously carried and approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectively submitted,


Mary Buyze, Secretary
Lake Ogemaw Summer Resort Association