

LAKE OGEMAW SUMMER RESORT ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 21, 2025

Rick Sinclair opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Rick Sinclair (present); Frank Barretta (present); George Buhler (present); Jaime Ibarra (present); Brent Gilbert (present); Greg Quigley (present); Susan Kiwak (present). There is a quorum.

A motion was made by Frank Barretta to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting. Jaime Ibarra seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report: Frank reported the total income for the month of May 2025 was \$2,966.35 while general expenses were \$5,486.81. Lake Maintenance cost was \$14,916.84, and property expenses were \$5,793.13 bringing total expenses to \$30,119.86. We spent more than what came in this month leaving us with a negative \$27,153.51. Total assets in Mercantile are \$144,569.70. Total savings in CDs are \$168,270.09, the total in Dam & Spillway is \$178,524.12 giving us a total of \$346,794.21 in CDs.

Old Business:

Placement of camera whether in office or in the vestibule for the safety of dues coming in. Kristi has stated that she feels 100% safe working in the office and has had no problems. All incoming checks are stamped immediately with LOSRA for deposit only and placed in the portable safe. Members made comments about a panic button and the downside of using one, also that a ring camera could have no audio but would go directly to someone's phone. Kristi is in the office only 16 hrs. per week and feels no need for outside protection.

George Buhler made a motion to put a camera in the hallway lobby facing the office windows as a temporary measure. Frank Barretta made an amendment to the motion that we do a comprehensive study/analysis of what alarm we might want on the building. Rick Sinclair seconded the motion. The motion passed with Brent Gilbert being the only trustee to oppose it.

New Business:

Rule # 1, policy on making purchases with public discussion. While there was some discussion, it was decided the language needed to be made clearer.

Rick Sinclair made a motion to table the policy on purchasing until next month so the language can be adjusted. Frank Barretta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

George Buhler made a motion that we put together a proper packet of by-laws, policies, rules and procedures in a binder. This is for all current board members and any new members as assigned. Frank Barretta seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Rick questioned how many people are on the election committee counting votes. He was thinking that maybe there should be at least eight people counting because of the larger number of candidates and the budget bill. He thought it would help to have more eyes on the whole process. George claims there are the same number of votes, just 8 candidates to replace 3 board members. Pam McPhee who leads the

election committee, said the majority of votes will be counted on Thursday, July 3rd. She does not want any extra help, and maybe felt offended, but Rick stated that our by-laws state that the election committee is appointed by the board of trustees. Presently the election committee will stay as is.

The next discussion was about Sommer Dorf as Joan Bischoff was invited to the meeting to discuss the issue of boats. Joan did not come to the meeting, but she asked for a security gate card for the boat launch for each cabin. Jaime stated the problem is not with Sommer Dorf as Wayne has followed all the rules. The gate card for Sommer Dorf was shut off last year because the groundskeeper was putting in boats. George stated that the county allowed them to operate under the 1967 by-laws and states that nothing larger than a 12' boat is allowed. He says they are at risk of being shut down if they don't follow their by-laws which they have been running since 1967. Rick Sinclair states that the attorney has said we cannot separate Sommer Dorf from short-term rentals. Rick stated he did not send the letter to the lawyer showing the county has given Sommer Dorf a non-conforming status and separated them from short term rentals where zoning is concerned, Pete Wargo stated that if Sommer Dorf is not allowed to have boats, then we are essentially taking their legs out from under them so that they sink. Pete said many members have fond memories of days at Sommer Dorf before buying their present homes.

A motion was made by George Buhler to table the dock discussion and the responsibilities of the chairperson until they are present. Frank Barretta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Brent Gilbert is working with engineers on the dam project and the work that needs to be completed. He has good drawings, and we need 300 linear feet of drain tiles, the depth varies, and the engineers suggest the work be done in late August or early September. The work cannot be done on the easement, we own parcel A. Parcel B is owned by 5 people each own $\frac{1}{5}$ to park and have a dock as island goes. Rick will send a letter to each of the 5 landowners. Brent will get the bids for repair work to be done.

A motion was made by Rick Sinclair for Brent to get bids for the dam repair work. George Buhler seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **Lake Coordinator/Dam & Spillway** - Brent stated that the water is over the dam by 4". He will replace the lock for spillway & gate to have 1 key only. All else is good with the dam.
- **Lake Maintenance & Weed Control** - Unfortunately Gary Christenson has resigned, and Rick Sinclair will be chairperson until a replacement is found. We asked Gary to please come and have a conversation with us but he prefers not to. Rick stated he meant no offense when asking that the spray company did not spray any closer than 12' from all the boats. Presently Rick would rather have phone calls about the weeds preferred over boat pitting issues. EGLE did not know that fast and slow-release chelated copper can cause pitting. The two chemicals cannot be sprayed within 14 days of each other as this causes the pitting.
- **Fish Committee** - Jaime Ibarra stated that the Sitko's got a 15" bass with a bug, and fishing appears to be good so the fishing committee will continue the same.
- **Parks Committee** - Chris Craib has been transferred to Buffalo NY, and until he knows his new schedule we will not get a new chairperson as Chris has done an awesome job with the parks.
- **Men's Committee** - No report
- **Activities Committee** - Cathy Adamski reported on the following:
Trunk or Treat Saturday, July 5th at 2pm
Boat Parade Saturday, July 5th at 7 pm, meeting at Jax Lakeside
NO July craft show

Poker Run tickets go on sale Sunday, July 6th

FUN DAY - Shu says it's just 70 days away, Saturday, August 30, 2025

Rick Cunningham is the Food Chairperson, Mary Buyze is the toy tent/prize Chairperson, Sandy Kretsch will be chairperson for the bounce house. Sue Kiwak will ask for and organize volunteers
CAN WE PLEASE GET EMPTY BASKETS DONATED, ANY NEW TOYS, AND CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND TO USE FOR TICKET COLLECTIONS. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

- **Health & Safety Committee** - Cathy stated that they have all the adult pads for the AEDs, all new batteries will be put in in July, and all are now placed on the roadside.

Member Comments:

Brent stated that he thinks the key for voting box should go to the election committee only. George asked about gathering more information from Restorative Lake Sciences as a different approach to weed control as they use a more holistic approach and less chemicals.

George Buhler made a motion to contact Jennifer at Restorative LK Sciences to have her come out and give an estimate on services for the lake. Brent Gilbert seconded the motion, and it carried it unanimously.

A member asked if we could insure the dam & the possible cost to do so.

Shu suggested a continuity of emails, a trail by using: President @ Lk Ogemaw, Vice President @ Lk Ogemaw, Secretary @ Lk Ogemaw, Trustee #1-4 @ Lk Ogemaw.

Frank Barretta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Sinclair seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Kiwak, Secretary