## White Lake Citizens League Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2010



**Members present:** Larry D'Angelo, Walt Koziol, Carol Webb, Frank Dyson, Gary Webb, Bob Parrett, Bob Pisoni, Darrol Spurgeon, Jack Butler and Larry McCullum. Absent: Lenny Wojewoda.

Residents present: Janice D'Angelo, Julie & Kevin Williams, Jim Findley, Marj Harrison, and Ken Jankowski.

The meeting was called to order by President Tom DeSantis at 7:07 p.m.

Jack Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as posted on the internet. Seconded by Frank Dyson. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Walt Koziol presented the financial report. Our balance on hand is \$16,322.48. Carol Webb made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by Tom DeSantis. All in favor.

**Sheriff Patrols:** We had a guest speaker, Sgt. Matt Snyder of the Oakland County Sheriff's Marine Division explained the reasons why the routine marine patrols of the State's inland lakes have been suspended. The Sheriff's Department has a budget loss of over \$1 million. Consequently, he had to cut some services and they decided to stop the routine marine patrols.

Sgt. Snyder explained the many duties that the Marine Division usually performs. They spend a lot of man hours checking out boat liveries, etc. to be sure boats and canoes that are used by the public are safe. These safety checks are mandated by the state. He only has two part-time officers. They have 2 jump boats to use in emergency situations.

They want to patrol the lakes but other arrangements have to be made. The WLCL has talked to Highland Twp. Supervisor regarding this. We suggested that the SAD that is already set up, supply the funds to have limited patrols on White Lake. The Sheriff's Dept. requires that a minimum of 125 hours be contracted for the Sheriff to patrol. We can set up a schedule of 4 hours at a time to have them available more days.

The fireworks company wanted to contract with the Sheriff Dept, but can't. However, they will have a uniformed fireman on hand.

Frank Dyson said the Lake Board should be able to decide on patrols and funding and make a seasonal contract. The money collected from any tickets that are written on the lake goes to the State. The county only gets about 2%. If the Township adopts an ordinance regarding use of boat registrations, we would be able to recoup some of the money. Eileen Kowal, is working on H.B. 6092 regarding this. Please keep informed by going to our web site and support this important bill.

Tom DeSantis had a meeting with Triscia Pilchowski. She said if we vote to proceed to get Sheriff patrols, she will call a meeting of the Lake Board and have a public hearing. A notice would be sent out to all residents in the SAD area. There is a good possibility if this is done before the end of June, we will be able to have patrols on the lake by July 4th weekend.

There was a discussion regarding how many hours to contract for the patrols, etc. We need to get a legal opinion to find out if the WLCL would be liable in any way.

Walt Koziol made a motion. There was discussion regarding the wording. The final motion is: "Pending legal approval, we will ask the WLIB to hold a public hearing to approve spending up to \$20,000 for use over the next three years for Sheriff Marine Patrols and related costs, to be funded from the SAD funds approved last fall." The motion was seconded by Frank Dyson. All in favor. 11 for 0 against.

**Membership:** Jack Butler reported he has 131 paid members. Memberships and donations received to date is \$8,680.

**Block Captains:** Gary Webb reported that we have most of the streets covered. We are still short some block captains. We lost 2 people but others agreed to do another block.

By-Laws: Bob Parrett made a motion to amend the By-Laws as follows: (new text underlined)

## ARTICLE XXII - DISBANDMENT

The WLCL will remain a nonprofit organization forever and in the event of disbandment of the WLCL for whatever reason, a Financial Review will be conducted to assure payment of any outstanding obligations. Any remaining assets will be disbursed in accordance with applicable laws and as directed by an action approved at a Special General Membership Meeting, and will include final disbursement of funds to the two local government entities: White Lake Township and Highland Township.

Seconded by Jack Butler. All in favor.

**ML&S Conference:** Darrol Spurgeon and Tom DeSantis attended the conference. Tom DeSantis said we can use sonar more often if we have a lake evaluation. Frank said a marine biologist has to sign off on this and it is difficult to get someone to do this.

**Home Tours:** Jack Butler & Bob Parrett are working on this. They have 5 homes lined up and hope to get 6. It will be on June 26th. \$25 members \$35 for non members.

Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jack. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Webb, Secretary