

**White Lake Citizens League**  
Meeting Minutes: **July 21, 2010**



President Tom DeSantis called for a meeting of the Board of Directors that was held at his house on July 21st.

**Board members present:** Larry D'Angelo, Walt Koziol, Darrol Spurgeon, Gary Webb, Frank Dyson, Jack Butler, Bob Parrett, Bob Pisoni, and Carol Webb.

**Absent:** Lenny Wojewoda and Larry McCullen.

Tom DeSantis called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. He wanted to hear committee reports so we could avoid any long discussions at the Member Appreciation Dinner & meeting to be held on July 28th.

**Membership:** Jack Butler reported that we have 258 members to date. That is an increase over last year. Gary Webb reported that most of the block captains have completed their calls and have turned in their books. We were glad that several captains helped by doing 2 or more blocks.

**Fireworks:** Jack Butler said we need to make a decision on next years date for the fireworks. Gen-X said they would give us credit for the misfire that caused 10 minutes to be cut from this years show. Jack Butler made a motion to contract for an \$18,000 Fireworks show for 2011 with the \$5,500 credit from this year. Motion seconded by Tom DeSantis. All voted in favor. Frank Dyson pointed out that we have had Gen-X for 4 years and we have had problems on two different years. He feels that if something happens next year, we should consider another source. Tom feels that they took care of the problem in a safe manner. They are not going to use that kind of shell again or that supplier. Frank suggested contacting the owner of the island to have the fireworks there instead of on a barge.

**Weeds:** Frank Dyson and Bob Pisoni and others are going on the lake Saturday to do a real good check of the weeds in the lake. People need to call the hot line to report bad weed areas. Frank said we use copper sulfate a lot. This chemical is harmful to aluminum. When they spray they purposely don't spray near boats or docks. The chemical will go down into the lake and target the weeds. Our spraying contractor will come back and re-spray for free any areas that were missed or where the chemicals did not work.

A question was raised about why lily pads are so important to the DNR. Frank said they encourage emergents (such as frogs) on the lake and the DNR feels we have a very low level of emergents. Frank has met with members from several lakes in northern MI. They are not in favor of Eileen Kowal's bill to have part of boat registration fees go to the counties where the boats are registered. He feels we need to send bills to the DEQE for using land on our lake for the boat launch. They should be billed for the SAD and we should also bill them to be WLCL members. He said only by starting to do these things will we get recognized for some of the things we are trying to do. People from other lakes are all going to push for boat ramps to be required to have a "boat washing" system. All boats should be required to wash off their boats before and after leaving any MI lake.

**Home Tour:** Bob Parrett said that after expenses, the home tour netted about \$1,600. Tom said that because of the good planning by Bob Parrett and Jack Butler, the Home Tour was a great success. Jack has ordered plaques to give to the residents who offered their homes to be toured.

The owner of the White Lake Inn, Paul Caldwell, had a heart attack and by pass operation. Because of all the help he has given to the WLCL, we sent him flowers to show our concern and appreciation for him.

**Boat Parade:** Bob Parrett said that the top two winners of the boat parade are not WLCL members. He suggested that winners should be paid members. Carol Webb suggested having the judges on the boat choose the winners. We all feel that we want to hear from Lenny & Denise, who do most of the work organizing this, as to their thoughts and suggestions. We will discuss this at a later date.

**SAD:** Jack Butler said that Jeri Butler wants to ask Eileen Kowal, Mike Kowal and Tricia Pilchowski to come to the August meeting. She feels that we need to get a grass roots movement going to get funding back for the Sheriff Patrols on the lake next year.

There was discussion regarding the study for the proposed dredging project that is part of the SAD. Frank has been in contact with the Fisheries to approve of the proper disposal of the dredged spoils. If we don't get approval from them to use an island site for dumping the lake spoils, it would cost us up to 8 times more to haul the dredged soil away. We need to wait to initiate a lake study until we know how we will be required to get rid of the lake spoils. We should get an answer from the Fisheries sometime this winter. Frank said a large part of the cost of the study will be to address the arsenic levels of the dredged soil.

Tom DeSantis thanked all the people who chair the various committees and their helpers. Tom DeSantis was thanked for his leadership. Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Larry. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Webb, Secretary