White Lake Citizens League Meeting Minutes: July 25, 2012



The meeting was called to order by President Tom DeSantis at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Larry D'Angelo, Walt Koziol, Carol Webb, Bob Parrett, Gary Webb, Lenny Wojewoda, Patte Day, Bill Maine, Joan Cooper, a proxy for Jack Butler. Bob Pisoni was absent.

Minutes: Tom asked if everyone had read the minutes. Joan Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Patte Day. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Walt Koziol gave the financial report. We paid the balance on the fireworks of \$12,600, deposit of \$6,860 for next year, Coast Guard inspection expenses of \$407.96, Home tour expenses of \$223.87 and some other miscellaneous expenses. Balance on hand is \$15,457.09. Joan Cooper made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Bill Maine. Approved.

Membership: Bill Maine reported that we now have 274 paid members. This is our highest number ever. Great news. The Block Captains did a great job. There are still a few more memberships that have not yet been turned in.

Sales: Lenny sold a lot of merchandise. He still has some shirts and other items. He got quite a few donations from local businesses for the boat parade. We appreciate all Lenny's hard work and dedication to the merchandising sales.

Social Events: There is a Water Ski Show Sunday in front of the White Lake Inn. A chili cook off will be on Sept. 16th. They are trying to work with the Marine Corps on this. We discussed Christmas Party and will table it until later. We usually have the volunteer appreciation dinner in August. Tom suggested having it in Oct. Carol suggested having the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner combined with the Christmas Party. We will decide at a future meeting. Many board members are busy working on the SAD presentation and want to concentrate on that.

Weed Control: The water is clear. We still have weedy areas. Dick Pineagle, who does weed control, is now living on White Lake. He will be better able to keep on top of the situation. Lorraine and Roy Eastham are certified to do water quality. If they find high phosphorous they will report it to the DEQ.

Sheriff Patrol: Patte Day noticed 2 boats parked illegally by Duck Lake Road. She called the sheriff and they came and put 48 hour stickers on the boats. They were gone shortly after. Chris, at DNR, said Cass Lake is a classic case of boat over- crowding. They took the case to court and lost. Walt suggested bringing up the boat problem at the SAD meeting.

There was much discussion regarding raising the SAD tax that off-lake owners pay. Right now it is \$18 and lake front owners pay \$150. Bob Schiff suggested that they be raised to at least \$25. Other residents made suggestions of \$30 or \$50. Tom DeSantis said that he is proposing a 33% increase for everyone in the SAD to cover the proposed dredging project. He doesn't want to get into a big dispute over the amount charged to off lake residents at this time as he feels that it would cost us their support for the dredging project. Joan Cooper wanted it noted she feels that lake front owners have not been listened to at the SAD meetings for the last 15 years. She feels that the WLIB already have their minds made up when they go to the SAD meetings.

The White Lake Citizens League is working on the SAD proposal to include dredging the north canal. This canal was supposed to be dredged during the last dredging project, but the costs were too high to finish the project. We are getting figures together to present to the White Lake Improvement Board who ARE the people that make the final decision and vote on the SAD proposal. At the public hearing, any resident can come and voice their concerns. People are able to state reasons for and against the project. After everyone is heard, the WLIB will vote on the SAD proposal.

Tom DeSantis and others have had a meeting with the dredging people. They estimate that the project will cost between \$200 to \$240 thousand dollars. So far, weed control for this year is under budget. We can possibly use this money towards the new dredging project. If the WLIB turns down the SAD project, we cannot ask for another project without starting all over. A notice is sent out to all residents living in the SAD area explaining the project, the costs, etc. Everyone is invited to come to the open meeting for the SAD project.

Lake Access: Patte Day checked into the docks that the trailer park put out. The DNR has given them a permit for up to 24 boat slips. They now have 12 docks to park 2 boats each. They have a legal marina construction permit. Bob Parrett suggested putting a note on the web site or sending out an email with an answer to the dock situation. Many people asked about it. There are 3 commercial marinas on the lake. Lester Park, Mitchell's, and the White Lake Inn.

Texas Hold'em: This project is not going to happen. State not giving out any more licenses.

Hunting: Tom has called Tricia Pitchowski, Highland Township Supervisor, to have a meeting to draft an ordinance to stop all hunting on White Lake.

Adjourn: Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Walt Koziol. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Webb Secretary