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Lake Lillinonah Authority  
PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
Via Zoom  
7:30PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman S. Young called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Members Present:** Chairman S. Young, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifilliti, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, S. Lee, C. Read, M. Digirolamo, C. Symes, K. Lee, J. Curren, B. Waslenko, T. Ferranti, M. Wurtmann, and J. Ginnetty

**Absent Members:** J. Pinkos, J. Munno, and R. Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, to approve the LLA September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Chairman S. Young introduced R. White, FOTL

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence from a concerned resident regarding spotting water chestnut tops floating in the lake after the manual water chestnut removal. He also reported that the lake drawdown will begin on October 30-November 8, 2023. The drawdown will be approximately 5' below the normal low operating level of 195.5. Chairman S. Young stated that T. Ferranti received correspondence regarding the high water flow and debris in the lake.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman's report will be discussed under New Business.

**FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** No report for this meeting.

**SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** No report for this meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer B. Woerner reported working on the budget with the bookkeeper. He also reported that a budget discussion will take place at next month's meeting and for a vote at the December meeting. Treasurer B. Woerner stated that all required documents needed for the audit are with the auditors. He also stated that there has been higher than expected maintenance costs to the Metal Shark patrol boat. Treasurer B. Woerner reported that 3 AED's were budgeted for in last year's budget. Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi, was able to obtain 3 used AED's from Brookfield EMS. LLA thanks Brookfield EMS for this generous donation.

Chairman S. Young went over the budget process for all members. He asked M. Wurtmann if he would be interested in participating in the budget process and he accepted. He also asked members if they would like to participate in the budget process to contact him.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business for this meeting.

**\*Vacancies** - New Milford -1

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Hydrilla** – Chairman S. Young discussed options for treating hydrilla in the lake, i.e. diver assisted suction harvesting and chemical treatment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** J. Curren expressed his concerns over debris in the lake.

**GRANT COMMITTEE:** B. Waslenko stated that an invoice has been submitted to DEEP.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** No report for this meeting.

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** No report for this meeting.

**BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

**Patrol Activities:**

Currently, there are 12 POST Certified Officers, and 6 Lake Patrol Officers (LPO) and 1 Assistant. Several patrol shifts ended early or were canceled due to weather/debris in water. Two Lake Lillinonah Authority-furnished marine patrol boats are in service and available. The metal shark is still out of service for engine and maintenance issues and continues to have these issues. Solar power at the shed is unpredictable and recently the propane generator has been difficult to start making refueling the boats difficult.

An approximate total of 245 man-hours were assigned in September. Patrol had 61 contacts with vessels, and camper/swimmers, which resulted in 25 verbal warnings for assorted violations, and 28 inspections primarily for life jackets. The patrol had 12 documented boater assist and 2 trespassing/campfire contacts at the Bleachery Dam/Rte. 133 ramp/Upper Paugussett and Waldo State Park. Assisted Brookfield PD with SCUBA Dive Team at Rte 133 State Ramp. Assisted DEEP (ENCON POLICE) with transportation for inspections.

Patrol used approximately 321 gals of fuel during this period.

**FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE:** C. Read stated that he will obtain pricing for Tiger Muskies for stocking.

**ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** The debris survey will be completed this week.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by B. Waslenko, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cerasoli  
LLA Administrative Assistant