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Lake Lillinonah Authority
PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman S. Young called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Members Present: Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, Treasurer B. Woerner, B. Waslenko, M. Wurtmann, K. Lee, C. Symes, J. Curren, C. Read, and J. Ginnetty

Absent Members: 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, M. Digirolamo, T. Ferranti, J. Munno, S. Lee and R. Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by B. Waslenko, seconded by J. Ginnetty, to approve the LLA October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced Rebekah White, FOTL. He also introduced Josh Francis, a potential new member from Bridgewater.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was discussed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young stated that he posted "Hydrilla Warning" signs that were created by DEEP. They were posted at both state launches and Addis Park. 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti stated that he posted signs in Southbury. Chairman S. Young stated that he will speak with T. Ferranti to post in her areas. He also stated that he participated in a meeting sponsored by First Light regarding Hydrilla.

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 stated that the normal monthly bills have been paid.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was discussed.

***Vacancies** - New Milford -1, Bridgewater - 1

NEW BUSINESS:

***Presentation of 2024/2025 Budget** – Chairman S. Young and Treasurer B. Woerner presented the 2024/2025 budget to the members.

A motion was made by B. Waslenko, seconded by M. Wurtmann, to approve the LLA 2024-2025 proposed budget. After discussion, this motion was withdrawn. Members will vote on the budget, as amended, at next month's meeting.

***Vote on LLA 2024 Meeting Calendar** - A motion was made by 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, seconded by Treasurer B. Woerner to accept the LLA 2024 Meeting Calendar as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

***Hydrilla** - This month FirstLight Power sent out an invite to stakeholders, Lake Zoar, CLA, Chairman S. Young, people from Fisheries at DEEP, and scientists that study invasives to discuss Hydrilla and herbicide treatment options.

R. White stated that there is a meeting this month of the General Assembly. They will be having comment times to switch the permitting time to a 5 year permit for pesticides. . Chairman S. Young stated that any member that is interested in participating in the Public Comment Zoom on November 16, 2023 at 9:00 am should email him for details. There will be up to a two hour period for comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: J. Curren commented on the issue of Hydrilla.

GRANT COMMITTEE: B. Waslenko stated that the AIS Grant funds have not been received. Chairman S. Young stated that he will speak with the Commissioner regarding this matter. B. Waslenko will create a summary highlighting dates of correspondence he has written regarding the AIS Grant.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

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

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young provided an update on the Metal Shark motor and options.

Chairman S. Young discussed the End of Year Activity Report from Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi.

Below is a summary of the Lake Lillinonah Marine Patrol activities for the 2023 boating season:

The Lake Lillinonah Authority hires sworn off duty police officers and non-sworn personnel for marine patrol. Three Lake Lillinonah Authority furnished marine patrol boats were utilized throughout the season. Boat #3, The Metal Shark had engine issues and was out of service for several weeks at the end of this season. There were 12 POST certified officers, 6 Lake Patrol Officers (LPO) and 1 active assistant for 2023. A total of approximately 1680 man-hours were patrolled in 2023. Patrol had 432 vessel contacts which resulted in 232 verbal and written warnings; 208 inspections; and 55 requests to vacate due to trespass and equipment violations. Patrol had 58 documented boater assists and numerous debris removal. Assisted the following agencies: Brookfield Police Dive Team, Bridgewater Fire/Ambulance, CSP Troop A, Newtown Police, New Milford Fire, DEEP Encon Police and New Milford Police several times throughout 2023for assorted emergency service needs. We used approximately 1744 gallons of fuel during this boating season.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: C. Read stated that he has been approved from the fishery for purchasing 300 Tiger Muskies. He also stated that he has not placed the Tiger Muskie order as of this date.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: No Other Items were Discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by B. Waslenko, seconded by Treasurer B. Woerner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cerasoli
LLA Administrative Assistant