

LOFA board meeting Sunday, September 5, 2021-Beaver's Resort (unapproved draft)

The meeting was called to order 10:09 am by Vice President Bill Dalpiaz

In attendance: Board members Bill Dalpiaz, Jack Schuett, Jim Hannemann, Mike Moriarity, and Dave Sino. Board members Jan Tesch, Tom Tesch, Cindy Moriarity, and Randy Roets were absent.

Secretary's report had been emailed to the board previously and was approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Our current balance is \$8,731.03.

Committee reports:

Fishing and Water Quality: Bill wrote a letter to the DNR regarding the idea of fish tagging that was discussed at this year's annual membership meeting. LOFA is willing to supply volunteers and funding for such an effort. He received a reply asking if anyone who would volunteer is qualified to do this. Bill replied that we have volunteers for some other tasks for the DNR (water testing, bat monitoring). Currently he is waiting for a response. Bill and Tom Tesch will be meeting with Zach Lawson in the near future. There was a short discussion.

Membership: To date 47 members have paid their dues; 28 have not. The secretary was directed to send email reminders to those members who haven't yet paid their dues.

Old business

Bridge on Many Rock Road: Discussion about the erosion of the road on either side of the bridge and the condition of the rails on the bridge. Jim emailed photos and a narrative to the town board, after which the condition of the bridge became an agenda item on the Mercer town board's meeting of August 19. The discussion at that meeting ended with the town board's decision to have the bridge inspected and repair work possibly included in next year's budget.

New business

Annual picnic: Discussion of the question, brought up by Jan in an email on August 2 and discussed through email by board members: should we give a 20% tip to Beavers for catering the picnic, and how should we proceed in the future? There was a motion by Dave to give a 20% tip to Beavers, which was not seconded, followed by some procedural questions and then a discussion. Jim presented an analysis of the picnic costs that included a hypothetical \$10/person charge to attend the picnic and a projected tip of 20% on that total, plus an estimate of the amount of labor that was donated by Beaver's, to arrive at what he designated as a fee (not a tip) of \$100 that he suggested LOFA pay to Beavers for catering the picnic. Discussion then centered on whether the picnic going forward would be a volunteer effort by many people, or be catered for a charge to the participating members. It was agreed that some of the changes made to this year's picnic were because of the ongoing pandemic. Dave

moved that LOFA give a fee of \$100 to Beavers for the services provided at the picnic. Seconded. Aye: Jim, Dave. No: Jack, Mike. Bill broke the tie with a yes vote.

Bill suggested that a committee make these decisions in the future while trying to stay within the budget. The treasurer was directed to write a check to Beavers for \$100.

Suggestions for next year's picnic centered around the kind of food served and the availability of bottled water. The agenda for the May meeting will include a discussion item for how to manage the picnic going forward. Should it be volunteer-driven or catered, and should LOFA charge a fee?

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 10:00 am at Beaver's.

The meeting was adjourned 10:54.