

Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting October 9, 2021

The general meeting was called to order at 9:00 am at the Gardner Senior Center by board president Chuck Lawrence who introduced the board members to the assembly.

The minutes to the last meeting were not read before the group as they were posted on the website, www.gardnerlake.info.

Treasurer's Report

The financial report to date was presented by Leslie Hind as follows:

October, 2021 Treasurer's Report

- Dues collected from 94 members totaled \$2,085 for 2021.
 - The grass carp campaign brought in donations from lake residents of \$4,620. After the expense of purchasing the carp of \$5,000 along with the signs posted at popular fishing points, the campaign net expense was \$550.00.
 - The annual fall clean-up campaign cost a total of \$1,160 for two dumpsters and trash bags.
 - 2021 taxes totaled \$40.00 for non-profit status.
 - The expenses incurred at the annual Fourth of July Boat Parade totaled \$577.22 with the expenses of the Kayak Run totaling \$461.44 for a total of \$1,038.66.
- Treasurer's checkbook balance after expenditures/profit totaled: \$14,716.48

Spillway - The floor was opened to discussion which started with the concerns for the spillway. Evidently, the spillway is actually leaking water through its structure requiring more than a cap. The expense of the repair has not been addressed in the City of Gardner's budget for 2022 which has been determined at this point, according to Todd Chappell who has knowledge of that process from his experience with Overland Park.

The construction of a coffer dam to facilitate repairs below the waterline, would require the water level to be lowered considerably to gain the necessary access. There was a question from the floor regarding city liability for dock damage during that process. Debbie Chappell remarked from the floor regarding the discouraging effect of raising that issue would potentially have on the city's motivation to complete the repairs.

Walt Bickley talked about the city's historical disregard for the lake's maintenance under former administrations. Chuck Lawrence mentioned that they are motivated to help but lacked funding. The

subject of the confusion over lake ownership and subsequent responsibilities was brought up and a member of the audience reiterated that the lake was primarily in unincorporated Johnson County, but that the lake proper, in addition to a 10 foot easement along the shoreline, was owned by the City of Gardner. Gardner leases the lake itself to the state who is tasked with managing the water resource.

Amy Heaven mentioned that there are residents on Lake Road 3 and 4 who are in the City of Gardner and that getting one of those residents on the City Council could be of help.

Seawalls - A member from the floor remarked that seawalls are no longer allowed as the reverberate water disturbance and that riprap is the correct way to address the shoreline.

Grass Carp - A round of applause was offered up for Leslie Hind and her grass carp campaign. She mentioned that the state would match another 500 fish in March or April of next year.

Snails - Mike Young brought up the invasion of snails to the water and wondered if anything could be done about it. A member from the floor remarked that they were established by the clean out of a family aquarium and that they were not indigenous.

Social Committee Report

Chili Cookoff - Melinda Broward reported on the plans for the chili cookoff slated for that evening. It was discussed that we'd secured an off-duty Gardner police officer to facilitate the consumption of alcoholic substances at the event, as the city required.

Kayak Run - Melinda also offered a recap of the Labor Day kayak run and mentioned the addition of members of an off-lake kayak club who attended. She remarked regarding the low attendance among kids with only two participants this year.

Holiday Lights Contest - The upcoming Christmas light contest was discussed and it was decided that it would be conducted using Facebook as a platform.

Fund Raising Report

T Shirts/Calendars - Sandy Adams announced that T shirts were available for sale through her and can be requested through gardnerlakegla@gmail.com. In addition, she was collecting photos for the 2022 calendar and selling advertising space for \$100.00 to offset the printing expense. Details will be posted on the website, www.gardnerlake.info.

Nuisance Complaint – ATVs. There was discussion regarding the annoyance of 4-wheelers racing around the lake. Someone from the floor mentioned that they were not allowed on the spillway and that large boulders had been placed there to restrict access.

City of Gardner - Leslie Hind mentioned that the city was spending \$15,000 annually on spraying for water weeds and that that budget would probably be doubled for 2022. She also mentioned their cooperation in picking up brush after our clean-up events. She suggested before and after photos to document the progress of the residents as it has a positive impact on their interest in the lake. She is communicating with the city regarding the repair of Lake Road 9 since it is seeing considerable travel

from off-lake fishermen at the gazebo. Leslie is willing to liaison between the lake and the City of Gardner, and has been doing so effectively.

Acknowledgement – Sean Faughn - Jan Pringle asked to acknowledged Sean Faughn for volunteering to restore the GLA message board at the marina. It was much appreciated and has greatly improved the appearance of the sign.

Nuisances - ATVs/Motor Cycles - The discussion returned to ATV riding around the lake by Walt Bickley. Carrie Lewis mentioned that she had checked with the Sherriff and that it was permitted. Clifton Benke mentioned that the residents of Lake Road 12 pay for their own maintenance of that road and that the ATVs were skidding around throwing the gravel from the road bed.

The discussion turned to the high-speed motor cycles, or "crotch rockets" observed racing around the lake at increasing speeds. Blair Honeyman reported that several had been encircling the lake for hours and that it was annoying. Todd Chappell mentioned that the police had little impact on them as they can ride at speeds up to 140 MPH and can't be chased down.

Acknowledgement – Leslie Hind - Mary Burnett thanked the GLA and especially Leslie Hind for tackling the weed treatment issues. There was discussion regarding the impact of water temperature on foliage blooms and subsequent treatments to control them.

Acknowledgement – Clean-up Volunteers - Melinda Broward thanked the many citizens that participated in four separate clean up events at the park, the marina and the fishing point. The audience offered a round of applause on appreciation of her efforts.

Nuisances – Water Weeds/Silt - Walt Bickley took the floor to discuss his research on an aquatic weed defoliating machine offered by Solitude Lake Management. It is not a permanent solution, but an inexpensive way to control the reoccurring growth. He felt that utilizing Solitude's solution for five days would have a dramatic impact. That expense would be only \$13,000. The home owners would be responsible for disposing of the weeds which would be deposited on the shoreline. He emphasized that some foliage is quite necessary and that we should familiarize ourselves with the difference.

The conversation switched to the silting issue and its many sources. He discussed Apac's interest, at one time, of receiving the silt in one of their vacant quarries, and our multiple missed opportunities to confront the issue. Walt then retold a story of the city ordering, without regard for consequences, the draining of a silt pond into the south end of the lake that carried a lot of deposits.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Heaven, Secretary