

Gardner Lake Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Lawrence, association President at 6:05 pm. Those present were Greta Jahraus, Leslie Hind, Melinda Broward, Sandy Adams, Mike Rankin, Ryan Mueller, Amy Heaven, Leslie Nemitoff, Clifton Bencke and Butch Gilliam. Absent was Blake Larson.

The discussion was opened the dumpster clean up event scheduled for June 11. Chuck said that he would have a dumpster in front of his house and that he would call Larry about placing one in front of his house on Lake Road 11. Leslie will order the dumpsters and will also arrange to have the metal picked up. Greta has volunteered to make signs.

The 4th of July boat parade was discussed, and Melinda agreed to put a committee together and asked to draft Greta to help. Mike, Amy and Sandy agreed to help as well.

Amy and Suzie Townley will also continue to organize Rock the Docks.

Regarding the Kayak Run, Melinda mentioned that the outsiders who were invited made cash contributions. She mentioned the lack of kids last year. She asked for volunteers to help on that event. Amy mentioned that she was going to donate a hanging lounge chair and Greta mentioned that she would donate a photo of a kaja on the water. Mike mentioned that we should get more donations at that general meeting. Leslie N. offered to donate a botanical grouping for the raffle. Leslie Hind brought up the donut truck idea and mentioned that we will need to get them reserved early. Amy made a motion that we secure the donut truck for the event, and Chuck made a second. There were no objecting opinions. Mike suggested that we hold the raffle at the Chili Cookoff and that was agreed upon. It was agreed that we to start promoting the raffle at the general meeting. It was agreed that we charge \$1.00 a ticket, 6 tickets for \$5.00. Leslie has the tickets left over. We discussed going out to Gardner to solicit donations from local businesses. (In a subsequent discussion the following week, the board decided to raise the ticket prices to \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.) David Paine has also agreed to donate a print for the raffle.

On the topic of the financial report, Leslie Hind reported that she will bring the finances up to date for the membership meeting as she has several envelopes with deposits to be made. Prior to those deposits, the account has \$20,209.21. she also mentioned that two people have not paid for their advertising. One was Suzie Townley and the other was O'Malley's. Leslie mentioned that we should probably become bonded. An insurance policy is inexpensive and would protect us. She is getting numerous complaints about the size of the account. It was discussed that the membership just doesn't understand that there is quite a bit of expense in the dumpsters. Leslie mentioned that the dues just barely cover our social events (\$2,000) and it is the tee shirts and raffles that swell the treasury. Butch brought up the question about raising the dues at the upcoming meeting to \$50.00 as we had tried to do previously. Greta

reminded the group that it has to be referred to as a donation. Amy made the motion that we suggest a donation of \$50.00 to the membership. Butch made the second and there was no objection from the board. Amy then amended her motion to bring it up at the general membership meeting that we “increase our suggested donation amount to \$50.00.” Butch made the second again. It was agreed upon unanimously. We discussed establishing sponsorships with cute fish titles. Ryan mentioned that we should have the donation form noted if the donor wants to be anonymous.

Chuck welcomed Ryan Mueller to the meeting. Amy moved that we vote Ryan on to the board. There were multiple seconds and the group welcomed him enthusiastically.

Chuck asked for a grass carp report from Leslie Hind. Leslie had talked to Lucas at Kansas Wildlife for an update regarding the 500 grass carp they had agreed to give us this year. Evidently, there is some uncertainty as to how many we can count upon this year. The state doesn't usually stock grass carp because they are not game fish. He went on to say that he felt like we have the problem under control. Melinda mentioned that the algae is already starting to threaten the south end, and Sandy mentioned that it is too early in the season to know. Leslie mentioned that Lucas cannot come to the general meeting, but Chuck said that the public works director would be there. Leslie said that the city would spray the lake again this year. Ryan mentioned that a film is starting to appear at the south end that may be the result of too much spraying and the degradation of the plant life. Melinda said that she has a bubbler that has been very effective by her dock. She also puts out bacteria. Leslie Nemitoff asked if we should suggest that homeowners do the same. Leslie Hind said that the state told her that the only long-term fix was dredging. Sandy brought up the system of weed removal that Walt Bickley had brought up at the October meeting and felt that we should do more investigation. Leslie Hind said that she was not in favor of that because Kansas State Wildlife and Parks said that it was only a 5-week solution and that it only exacerbates the situation by promoting regrowth.

Lesli Nemitoff asked whether we shouldn't prioritize our objectives for lake improvements and tie it to our finance objectives. Ryan agreed. Leslie volunteered to head up a task force because she believes that Kansas Parks and Rec could go a long way to help and she doesn't mind liasoning that objective with the state. Leslie Nemitoff and Ryan volunteered to help as did Mike Rankin. Harold Quaintance has approached Mike, Leslie and Chuck regarding having the county take the lake ownership from the city. Clifton commented that he and Jacquie had quite a bit of history with the county running these operations and that he they had serious mixed feelings. Mike mentioned that they had a Parks and Recs budget that was considerable and that he had connections if we wanted to pursue that. Mike agreed to call and at least investigate that.

Clifton brought up the topic of our property tax. Greta mentioned that we may need to address that at the meeting. Melinda commented that she was able to get hers reduced by sending pictures of the algae and weeds in the lake.

Greta, in preparation for the meeting, wondered if we should be prepared to address the raised dock fees. Leslie Nemitoff questioned what we get in return for the fees. Leslie Hind mentioned that the spraying cost \$16,000 and mowing was more. Melinda talked about the benefit of the city hauling out the bad ones.

Chuck mentioned that he was going to resign after this general meeting. He mentioned that the next president needs to have been on the board for a year. He does not want to stay on the board. But he is willing to help. Amy thanked him for his service.

Chuck brought the conversation back to the upcoming meeting. He mentioned a sign up for committees at the door. Sandy mentioned the lake ladies and what an asset they can be. Chuck reviewed the agenda. Sandy will sell shirts with the help of Greta and Leslie Hind. Chuck will review the events and asked about other items for the agenda.

Amy suggested that Leslie Nemitoff do a beautification committee. She said that she would enjoy that and everyone was enthusiastic. Sandy asked if we should mobilize the citizens to a clean-up/beautification weekend in conjunction with Mary Burnett's weekend clean up event. A discussion over the eradication of poison ivy followed.

Amy asked if we needed to bring the election of officers to the general board and it was determined that we don't. Amy volunteered to run for President if Mike would serve as Vice President. He agreed. Leslie Hind agreed to continue as treasurer. Leslie Nemitoff nominated Amy as President and Mike as Vice President. Leslie Hind seconded. Leslie Nemitoff volunteered to run for Secretary. Amy moved to elect Leslie Nemitoff as Secretary, Melinda seconded the motion as did others. She was approved unanimously and enthusiastically.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Heaven, Treasurer