

LAKE LILLINONAH AUTHORITY MEETING
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL
ROOM 209
AUGUST 5, 2014
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman G. Petriccione called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Present for the Board: Chairman G. Petriccione, First Vice Chairman S. Young, Second Vice Chairman B. Piepho, Treasurer L. Leaden, A.J. Murphy, J. Ginnetty, S. Howard, and A. Michener

Absent Members: S. Bot, R. Carley, S. Ward, D. Vane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: S. Young, revised 198.3 NGVD under the July 1, 2014 minutes to 196.6 NGVD. A motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2014 minutes was made by A. Murphy and seconded by First Vice Chairman S. Young with the above referenced change.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None present.

CORRESPONDENCE: First Vice Chairman S. Young received a letter from Mike Zarba, Public Works Director for the Town of Brookfield, in reference to the dam sign being re-installed. The letter stated that at this point in time, the dam sign would not be reinstalled due to the possible safety hazards to the Public Work employees to install the sign.

Chairman G. Petriccione reported that he received numerous phone calls in regards to the lake water levels and abundance of debris in the water.

Chairman G. Petriccione received correspondence from First Light, that the annual audit is complete. First Light stated that they are following normal protocol in reference to debris pickup, even though there has been numerous phone calls and sightings of an abundance of debris. G. Petriccione stated that he has a difficult time communicating openly with First Light on a regular consistent basis. S. Young suggests contacting Attorney Ted Backer, to have more formal communications between the Lake Authority and First Light going forward. S. Howard will attempt to contact different FERC members to discuss article 410 and the on going debris problem which is a safety concern, which is noted in the FERC license.

Chairman G. Petriccione received a letter stating there have been noise complaints of sound systems of boats on the water playing loud music. This matter is a police matter and not a matter of the Lake Authority, but the Authority is willing to assist the police if necessary.

OFFICER REPORTS:

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

S. Young stated that in July there were a total of 205 patrol hours. Infractions included the following: 2 written warnings, 37 verbal warnings, 16 assists, and 11 for trespassing. G. Petriccione and L. Leaden stated there are several buoys that need to be attended to, they will forward information to S. Young so he may contact the buoy contractor. S. Young stated that numerous reports have been submitted to First Light in regards to the bountiful debris on the lake, and there has been a lack of response from First Light on this issue. This season one load of debris has been harvested. J. Ginnetty suggests in the future having a secretary present at meetings with First Light, therefore minutes can be taken and subsequently posted. L. Leaden suggests using certified mail in the future to send reports to First Light, therefore the Lake Authority will be certain they receive our correspondences. It was discussed that at the next meeting we will continue conversations about possibly notifying boaters when lake levels rise, by either phone messages, text, or email.

SECOND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

B. Piepho stated that he is going to attempt to gather and compile water levels in excel.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

L. Leaden reported that the accident report has arrived. Both parties in the accident were ticketed. Kevin Sealey, the officer in the accident went to court and all charges were dropped.

Officer Sealey received an ankle impairment due to the accident and will be receiving a payment through workers compensation. It was determined by the report that both boats were traveling at high speeds. The Lake Authority workers compensation insurance may be impacted next year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

G. Petriccione stated that USGS is compiling a detailed report to be published in a journal, they are currently looking for funding of \$2000, which Friends of the Lake stated they would contribute.

A motion was made by A. Murphy, seconded by L. Leaden to donate \$2000 to USGS through the contribution made by Friends of the Lake. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Petriccione stated that on August 21-23, 2014 Leaps of Faith will be on the lake. It was also noted that the Friends of the Lake will be hosting their annual party on August 21, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by A. Murphy and seconded by B. Piepho to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned by 9:10pm.