



General Meeting Minutes June 18, 2016

Board Members Present: Brad Rupp, Anne Gary, Teresa Wasielewski, Jim Strock, Max Royer, Lou Stuckey, Barb Contat, Jen Thome, Jeff Jones, Gary Hansen, Larry Ostrander

Board Members Absent: Kevin Kehoe

- I. Meeting was brought to order Brad Rupp, President, at 10:10 a.m.
- II. **Minutes**
September 12, 2015 minutes were presented and there were no comments. A motion was made to approve the September 12th meeting minutes; seconded. **September 12, 2015 minutes were approved.**
- III. **Treasurer's Report**
Anne Gary presented the Treasurer's Report as of 5/31/16. There was a motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded. **May 31st Treasurer's Report was approved.**
Jen Thome gave a report on the Audit Committee's findings which was completed last fall before handing the financial books to the onboarding Treasurer. She reported that the financials tied out but the committee had a couple suggestions such as printing out cleared checks in order to follow the paper trail and to file the electronically.
- IV. **Guest Speakers**
 - **Sherriff Pollock:** Sherriff Pollock gave a brief update on the marine patrol and suggested that if anyone had specific questions/suggestions to e-mail the Board Members (board@marblechainoflakes.org).
 - **Sgt. Rick Holtgrave:** Sgt. Holtgrave gave a brief overview of their budget for 2016. The department has 8 part-time deputies and 6 boats on a budget of \$41,000, which includes payroll and taxes. He said two deputies attended an accident investigation school earlier this year. He mentioned there're will be a boat inspection on June 26. He said if a boat is not in compliance, they will not be ticketed. Those that pass inspection will be given a sticker and instructed on the proper location to apply the decal. There are new black & white striped buoys which indicate shallow or hazardous areas. There are also marker lights on the channel buoys for nighttime navigation. The marker lights were donated by Hildebrand Marina. He suggested that kayaks and paddle boats should have a name and contact number so if they get untied they can contact the owner versus sending a diving rescue unit. Sgt. Holtgrave said they are investigating ways to deepen the channel under the Coldwater Lake bridge.
 - **Brian Gunderman:** Brian gave an interesting slide presentation on the history of stocking, surveying, habitat requirements, and current fish species in the Chain of Lakes. He said we should define our goal and risks to determine the species we would like to stock. A permit is required but it is free.
 - **Josh Jackson:** Josh is a conservation officer and his focus is on education and marine safety. His department focuses on special event permits such as bass tournaments, boat racing, etc. His department also works closely with the Sherriff's department and also enforces the law. There was discussion regarding the boat lifts/docks in the channels between Bartholomew and Long Lake extending into the channel. He will investigate and determine what can be done.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. **Boaters' Safety Course:** Jim Strock gave an update on the Boater's Safety Course held on May 13. There were 33 participants and 32/33 passed the course.
 - B. **Invasive Weeds/Sediment Pond:** Jim Strock said the lakes have been treated at least once and in specific areas twice this year. There was a question on the impact of chemicals on fish; Jim said there was little to no impact on fishing.
Tallahassee sediment pond has been cleaned. Fisher Creek has not been cleaned and the contractor was given until June 15 to start the project. There is no update on if the project was started. The project will go out for new bids, if not started.
- VI. **New Business**

- A. Local Events: Lou confirmed that there will not be fireworks on Marble Lake due to cost, liability, and insurance issues. The committee is working on alternative plans for 2017 fireworks. She mentioned that the cost is approx. \$15,000.
- B. We will sponsor a 50/50 raffle on Corn Island on Saturday, July 2nd.
- C. Tip-Up will have a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, June 25th. Cost is \$40/pp, which includes the raffle and dance. Food will be available for purchase.
- D. The Board of Trustees formed a Membership Committee last year to determine ways to increase the membership. It was decided to mail the newsletters versus walking the neighborhoods in order to reach the summer residents. Gary Hansen said as of June 16th, we have 167 members which is an increase over last year during the same time.

VII. **Next Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be **Saturday, August 13, 2016** at 10:00 am; 9:30am coffee & donuts. The agenda will include election of officers for President, Secretary and 5 Trustees.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Wasielewski, Secretary