



Minutes of the 10/20/09 Meeting

The October meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held at the VRPA offices in the Derby train station.

Members Present

Ames, Scott (Oxford)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)
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Members Absent

Ahearn, David (Derby)
Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Steeves, Bill (Derby)

Also present were John Annino, LHAMP Supervisor; Patrick Kilby and Edward Baclawski, LHAMP Officers.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the September 2009 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the September 2009 minutes for approval with corrections:
Motion: Behuniak. Second: Udall, K. Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall, read the October 2009 Treasurer's Report.

Cash receipts included Webster Bank interest and Workman's Comp Insurance audit rebate.

Disbursements included accounting, patrol payroll, patrol fuel & maintenance, weed harvester fuel & maintenance, payroll taxes, and water quality testing.

Motion to accept the reading of the October 2009 Treasurer's Report:
Motion: Behuniak Second: Udall, K. Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

John Annino reported that the patrol boats were out of the water and all that needed to be done was to pull the equipment and radios and have them shrink wrapped for winter. John noted that the season ended with no major issues. He expects that all the officers will return next year. He noted that no props were damaged this year.

The board thanked Mr. Annino and the officers present for a job well done and another very successful season.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that water quality test results were as expected and the final sample of the season would be taken later this month.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak reported that the weed harvester would be pulled out of the water this coming weekend. There are some minor repairs and maintenance that will be required.

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak reported that the patrol boats will be winterized and shrink wrapped within the coming weeks. It was decided to hold off on cleaning the boats until spring as they only get dirty during storage.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Regatta Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

Nominating committee

The chairman created a nominating committee to select a slate of officers for the 2010 year and selected the following members to serve on the committee:

Sandy Blanchard – Shelton

Kathy Udall – Oxford

Paul Behuniak – Seymour

David Ahearn - Derby

OLD BUSINESS:

Governor's Regional Round table (Executive Order #15)

Nothing to report at this time.

DEP Communications and Logistics agreement.

Scott Ames presented a draft letter written by Sandy Blanchard to be submitted to the DEP in regards to the agreement. No corrections were requested and the letter has been approved.

LHA Website

Scott Ames reported the website is coming along and expects to have it done by years end.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safety Inspection Stickers

The board received complaints from a few boaters that they had been stopped for safety inspections multiple times. The board discussed the possibility of a voluntary safety inspection sticker program. When a vessel is inspected the first time the operator will be given a safety inspection sticker that if they choose to do so could be displayed on the boat so that they would not be stopped for routine safety checks multiple times. The board agreed that it may be a good idea and suggested that a source and cost for the stickers be investigated first.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since September was made available for the Board to review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The chairman reminded the board of the upcoming water draw down.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the October meeting.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.