



Minutes of the 4/20/10 Meeting

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

Members Present

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

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

Also present was John Annino, LHAMP Supervisor; and Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Officer.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Carroll Brooke, a representative from the New Haven Rowing Club (NHRC), was present to discuss and submit an application for marine event for regattas for the 2010 season. There will be two events, the first will be on Saturday June 5th and the second on Saturday and Sunday October 9th and 10th. The applications, maps, etc., were all in order and similar to previous years submissions. Mr. Brooke requested the LHA's assistance by providing LHAMP patrol boats to cover both events. He further commented that they would not occupy the state boat launch, freeing it for emergency use.

Motion to accept the application for marine event as submitted for approval:

Motion: Udall, M. Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

The Chairman signed the application and asked Mr. Brooke to supply the LHA with a copy of the approved permit from the DEP. Mr. Brooke thanked the board and excused himself at 7:40PM.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the March 2010 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the March 2010 minutes as presented for approval:

Motion: Behuniak. Second: Udall, M. Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall, read the April 2010 Treasurer's Report.

Cash receipts included Webster Bank interest.

Disbursements included insurance for the dump truck.

Motion to accept the reading of the April 2010 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Ahearn Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

John Annino reported that all the officers had received the necessary training and recertification except for one and that officer would be completed by May 1st.

The board reviewed the current pay rates for the officers and boat handlers. The board unanimously agreed that the officers performed very well last season and the cost savings to the LHA for all members returning this season is significant. It was agreed that a minimal pay raise would be in order but it was noted that this was a one time special case and was not to set a precedent.

Motion to approve a one-time \$1/hr pay rate increase for all officers and boat handlers

Motion: Behuniak Second: Ahearn Vote: Unanimous

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that testing would resume next month.

Weed Harvester:

No report at this time.

Vessels and Equipment:

The new boat was cleaned on Saturday April 17th. The old boat still needs to be cleaned and would most likely be done on May 2nd or 8th. The radar gun still needs recalibration. A fire extinguisher, spotlight, and a new first aid kit still need to be purchased. The new boat needs the front light socket repaired. The old boat needs a 12volt accessory outlet, the plastic doors need attention as they flop around, and the shift linkage needs to be adjusted. The radios need to be located and installed. One of the trailers needs a light repaired.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Regatta Committee

No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEP Communications and Logistics agreement.

Scott Ames reported that no response has been received from the DEP in regards to the letter drafted by Sandy Blanchard.

Safety Inspection Stickers

John Annino will train the officers and implement the program using Coast Guard supplied materials and stickers.

NEW BUSINESS:

The LHA received a check in the amount of \$1,000 from the estate of the late Mutsu Zinsmeister representing her bequest to the LHA. The board agreed that the money should be given back to the community in some form as education or improvements. Some research on Ms. Zinmeister would help determine where the money might be best spent.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since March 2010 was made available for the Board to review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman reported that there was interest in hosting a cancer charity event on the lake. Most likely in the form of a "Swim across the lake" event. There was no action required at this point until a formal request was made.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the April meeting.
Motion: Blanchard Second: Udall, K. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010 AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.