



Minutes of the 4/15/14 Meeting

The April 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)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford))
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Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)

Also present was Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief

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:

None Present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the March 2014 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the March 2014 minutes as presented:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall, read the April 2014 Treasurer's Report.

Cash disbursements included patrol uniforms, truck insurance, and administrative supplies.

Motion to accept the reading of the April 2014 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

Sandy Blanchard noted that he had attended the Shelton budget meeting and was informed that there would be no increase in the budget from last year. No explanation was given

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Patrick Kilby, the LHAMP Chief, reported the interviews went well. Six of the eight applicants were interviewed. All eight were approved for training. Unfortunately two dropped out prior to training so a total of six officers would be going to training. He also noted that the DEEP no longer provided swim tests. Candlewood Lake Authority offered to allow the LHA to attend their training. The board agreed that was the best solution and asked Mr. Kilby to make the arrangements. Mr. Kilby also suggested that the requirement to wear life jackets be added to the Marine Patrol Policy. The board was under the assumption this was already policy and agreed it should be added. Marine Officer training will be completed May 10th, the boats will be cleaned on May 16th, and the boating course administered by John Annino will take place May 24th. The boating course is mandatory for all officers.

Water Quality:

No report at this time.

Weed Harvester:

No report at this time.

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak reported that a new boat and trailer will cost \$13,800 and a new motor will be \$6,700. In light of the news that Shelton is not going to approve the increased budget the board agreed to table purchasing a new boat for now.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Interview Committee

The Interview Committee interviewed six out of the eight applicants. The interviews went well and all eight candidates were qualified so the committee approved all eight to attend training.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement

No response has been received from DEEP addressing the boards concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marine Patrol Policies and Procedures.

The board reviewed and discussed the suggested revision to the Marine Patrol Policies and Procedure. Some discussion ensued. A few additional revisions were suggested including: requiring life jackets to be worn, a one time swim test, unexcused absences being grounds for dismissal, and several other suggestions. The board discussed and agreed to the additions.

Motion to accept the Marine Patrol Policies and Procedures with revisions:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Stahl Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman noted that there would be no water drawdown this spring unless an emergency were to arise.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 20 2014, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.