



Minutes of the 3/18/14 Meeting

The March 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))
Udall, Mike (Oxford)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)

Also present was Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief; John Annino, LHAMP Officer; Steven Hoffman, LHAMP Officer; Nathaniel Case, Hopkins School; and Susan Lane, New Haven Rowing Club.

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:

Nathaniel Case, a representative from Hopkins School presented an application for marine event permit for a crew regatta. The application was for 4/26/14 with no rain date. The application was similar to last years and is on the same day as the Yale regatta. Hopkins has organized with Yale to make use of their facility in the afternoon after Yale has completed its regatta. The board reviewed and agreed the application was in order. The only request was to add a note to the application that cold water rescue must be present.

Motion to approve the application with the addition of cold water rescue requirement:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

Susan Lane, a representative from New Haven Rowing Club (NHRC), was present to discuss their upcoming regattas on 6/7/14 and 10/11/14. Some discussion took place and special note was made to be sure a travel lane was left open for through boat traffic and that residents be notified of the event. NHRC will complete its applications and email them prior to the next meeting so the board can review and approve them at that time.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the February 2014 meeting were presented to the board for approval. Minor corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the February 2014 minutes with minor corrections:

Motion: Stahl Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

There were no transactions to report.

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Patrick Kilby, the LHAMP Chief, reviewed his suggested changes to the Marine Patrol Policies and Procedures. The board discussed his suggestions and agreed to review them prior to the next meeting so they can be adopted. He also reviewed the applications received for the LHAMP officer positions. Training will begin April 6th so interviews need to take place as soon as possible. The board tentatively scheduled interviews to take place at the NHRC on March 23rd at 2:00PM. Additional dates would be added as necessary.

The Chairman asked for a motion to hire Patrick Kilby as Chief and Edward Baclawski as Assistant Chief so that they may begin the interviewing and hiring process:

Motion to hire Patrick Kilby as Chief and Edward Baclawski as Assistant Chief

Motion: Zitnay Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

Water Quality:

No report at this time.

Weed Harvester:

No report at this time.

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak will begin the process of researching a new patrol boat. It was suggested that he also explore inflatable boats as well.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Interview Committee

The Chairman formed an Interview Committee to conduct LHAMP Officer interviews. The members included:

Sandy Blanchard
Mike Stahl
Mike Udall
David Zitnay

The Chairman asked for a motion to authorize the committee to send any successful candidates to training.

Motion to authorize the Interview Committee to send potential officers to training:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement

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

Water Draw Down

The Chairman will notify the Derby Dam of all scheduled events and request that the drawdown take place before Memorial Day weekend. Currently the month of May looks open.

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance

A representative from CIRMA will be at the next meeting to discuss their quote.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the March meeting.
Motion: Behuniak Second: Udall, M. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 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, APRIL 15 2014, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.