



Minutes of the 11/17/15 Meeting

The November 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)
Manion, Tim (Shelton)

Also present was Chris Kohuth, a representative for Yale Athletics; Steve Burt, President of the New Haven Rowing Club; Sergeant Keith Williams, DEEP; Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief and Edward Baclawski, LHAMP Asst. Chief

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Chris Kohuth, a representative for Yale Athletics, was present to submit an application for marine event covering five regattas to be held on 3/19/16, 4/2/16, 4/9/16, 4/17/16, and 4/23/16. Starting at 7:30am and finishing by 12:00pm. Alternate rain dates were also specified. The board reviewed and a brief discussion ensued. The application was typical of previous years. The only concern was the need for cold water rescue to not only be present, but in the water at the time of the event. Mr. Kohuth assured the board that Storm Rescue would actually be in the water during the event. The Chairman made a not on the application to that effect.

Motion to accept the application with the addition of cold water rescue being in the water.

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

Mr. Kohuth thanked the board for their time and excused himself from the meeting.

Steve Burt, President of the New Haven Rowing Club (NHRC), was present to submit an application for marine event covering two regattas to be held on 6/11/16 and 10/8/16. There will be no rain dates. The board reviewed and found the application was in order and typical of previous years.

Motion to accept the application as submitted:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Burt thanked the board for their time and excused himself from the meeting.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the October 2015 meeting were presented to the board for approval. Minor typographical corrections were requested

Motion to accept the October 2015 minutes with corrections

Motion: Zitnay Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall read the November 2015 Treasurer's Report.

Cash disbursements included patrol payroll, fuel & maintenance; weed harvester payroll; and clerical. Cash receipts included a donation from NHRC.

Motion to accept the reading of the November 2015 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Zitnay Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief, reported that training starts at the end of January. He would like to hire at least four officers to have 12 officers on the roster this season. Background checks would be required for all applicants. A date will need to be scheduled for interviews. He also reminded the board of the need to purchase at least one new radio.

Water Quality:

No report at this time.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak reported that the weed harvester was out of the water. There was an issue with the trailer and a tire, wheel, and bearings, would need to be replaced.

Vessels and Equipment:

No report at this time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers for next year:

Chairman: Mike Stahl

Vice Chairman: Paul Behuniak

Secretary: Scott Ames

Treasurer: Mike Udall

Budget Committee

The Chairman appointed a budget committee consisting of Mike Udall, Sandy Blanchard, and Scott Ames.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement

Sergeant Keith Williams was present to discuss the DEEP MOA. The board informed Sergeant Williams that they had replied to DEEP with questions and concerns and hadn't received a reply yet. The board agreed it would make an attempt to set up a face to face meeting with someone at DEEP. Sergeant Williams suggested several possible contacts and Sandy Blanchard volunteered to write up a draft for the conversation.

Life Jacket Requirement for racing shells

Sergeant Williams informed the board that he had followed up on the issue of life jackets being required on racing shells (sculls). He found that DEEP in fact does recognize the US Coast Guard decision to exempt operators of racing shells from wearing them year round. Unfortunately DEEP erroneously stated in the CT boating law books that they were required which caused the confusion.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since October 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 November meeting.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 2016, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.