



Minutes of the 7/16/2024 Meeting

The July meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held as an online Zoom meeting.

Members Present

Ames, Scott (Oxford)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)
Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Evans, Chris (Shelton)

Also present was LHAMP Assistant Chief Alex Commander.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 6:32PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the June 2024 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the June 2024 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Fiedler Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the July 2024 report. All finances remain in good shape. Letters requesting payment have been sent to all cities/towns. No major expenses with the exception of the upcoming weed treatment. The LHA bookkeeper will be going on vacation in a few weeks.

Motion to accept the July 2024 Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Assistant Chief Alex Commander reported patrols have been going well with everyone showing up for their shifts. There was one minor incident involving a patrol boat traveling too close that had been brought to his attention and addressed. An order will be placed soon for t-shirts. Jim Olson commented that he felt there wasn't a lot of patrol activity. He stated there was quite a bit of chaos on Sunday, primarily with jet skis. Asst Chief Commander stated there has been a lot of activity with a lot of warnings given and several tickets issued. They haven't been on the dock at the park but have kept one boat close by. Jim Olson said that they need to have someone on the dock at the park and we can add extra officers to the schedule to do it if needed. He asked that starting this coming weekend that someone be scheduled to be on the dock. The Chairman Mike Stahl asked if there were logs for the patrol boats. In particular, did the logs note any damage or issues. The Asst Chief said there was. They log start and stop times, gas purchases, and any issues with the boats. The Chief showed the damage done to one of the props. The water at the LHA boat dock is very shallow now and it appears they are hitting bottom at the dock. The Asst. Chief will notify the officers and make sure everyone is aware of the shallow water and to make sure any damage is noted in the logs.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that testing has been going as expected with results similar to previous years. Nothing of significance to report at this time.

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported that the weed treatment is a go. They plan on using the air boat this time. Mike Stahl questioned if the air boat would be effective as they couldn't get in close to docks. Jim Olson is doing a survey of the weeds tomorrow with the contractor to review. Diquat will be applied to about 60 acres of Milfoil. And copper sulfate will be applied in front of Wholand. The Stevenson dam has agreed to hold back water flow.

Vessels and Equipment:

We are still waiting on the hand-held radios as they are still at the radio shop for programming. Pressure needs to be put on the shop as those radios are needed to have someone on the dock at the park. Mike Stahl replaced the damaged prop on the patrol boat. An order will be placed for two spare props.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Maximum Boat Size

Jim Olson stated there are several larger, cubby cabin style, boats that are new to the lake that are causing damaging wakes. He suggested that the LHA look into possibly getting a law passed that limits the maximum boat size. He asked the Assistant Chief to look into it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since June was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the July meeting at 7:02PM.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary – LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024, VIA ZOOM MEETING.