

May 15, 2022 Minutes

Lake Carey Welfare Association,

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President Lewis Flinn called the meeting to order. He introduced himself and welcomed new member Gloria Pasternack. Lewis briefly explained the mission of the association.

The minutes were read by Patty Skrynski. David Rinehimer made a motion to approve the minutes, Ed Hetzel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Deb Tierney gave the treasurer's report.

Total in the general checking account is \$9,313.91 and there is \$5.00 in the dam checking account. Sixteen bills were paid from September 2021 to April 2022 for a total of \$2,552.73. The Dam Association account has a total of \$60,404.44. The online store made a profit of \$11,944.31 and this goes to the dam account. The audit committee of Lynne Bierley, Nancy Davidson and Mark Catalano conducted their audit in December 2021. A few minor recommendations were made and implemented.

Old Business

Sewers – President Lewis Flinn explained that the LCWA has nothing to do with the design and implementation of the sewers. Ed Hetzel is on the sewer Authority and Lewis and Dave Rinehimer attend the monthly meetings. So we have a voice but no authority. Hargar Utility is the company

responsible for installing the grinder pumps. The homeowner has the right to put the pump where they want, but it should be near your existing system for easier hook up. Once the pump is installed the homeowner has to hook the electric to their existing system. This should be done by a certified electrician. Then you will be inspected. The inspector will put water in your system to make sure there are no leaks. Even though there are multiple inspections you only pay once. A question was asked what if something goes wrong with your system. The homeowner is only responsible for the line going from their home to the grinder pump. Anything else is the responsibility of the sewer authority. A reminder for homeowners to not put grease down your sink as that will gum up the pump and you will be responsible for the cost of the repair. You will also need to fill in your existing system with sand, gravel or rock. Once your system is inspected and running you can begin to use it and a bill will be sent to you within 60 days. A question was asked about the monthly fee. It is set at \$87.00 now and can only go as low as \$84.00. If you have questions you can attend the monthly sewer authority meetings held the first Thursday of the month at the Tunkhannock Township building at 6:00pm.

Dam Update – The dam is not broken. The state has changed their regulations and our dam does not meet their standards this is why we are raising money for a new dam. The plans have been submitted, they came back for a few changes and are now waiting for the plans to be accepted. There is a Lake Carey Dam Association whose primary responsibility is fund raising. When the dam is being built the small lake will be drained. This would be a perfect time to dredge the small lake. Questions have been asked in the past if there are any grants we can apply for. Since our

design is not finalized we do not know the final cost and grants require a final cost. The dam association just got the approval for sales tax exemption from the state.

Growing Greener – Ed Hetzel explained that the brown color of the water is due to tiny creatures like mollusk. They will sink to the bottom when they are done feeding and the color should clear up. The Growing Greener Grant provides funding for phosphorus that goes into the lake. One grant is ending and another grant will be applied for. The brown water now is non toxic and will go away.

New Business

The first golf tournament will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022. Deb Tierney has secured 27 hole sponsors and sponsors for the shirts, food and beverages. The Tunkhannock Football team will do community service and cook the hot dogs for the Tournament. A round of applause went out to Deb for all her hard work. Volunteers are needed for that day.

Lake Carey Day – Deb is looking for someone to donate a painting similar to the one done by Michelle Brown. It can be of something that pertains to the lake. David Rinehimer stated he has a painting done by his mother of eagles and offered to give it to the event. If you want to donate a basket for the raffle or money to Deb so she can buy things for a basket. Also large baskets in good condition are needed. Deb will be meeting with Dick Daniels to discuss the 5K run as well as with the Fire Company to discuss the chicken BBQ. There will also be the poker run and arts in the barn. Deb will reach out to Deb Switzer to see if she is willing

to coordinate the look and find again.. Lewis stated there will be an evening activity at the Barn possibly line dancing.

Membership – Usually the newsletter goes out to 200-235 homes. April 2022 newsletter went out to over 500 homes . The membership registration form was in the newsletter. About 40% of homeowners belong to LCWA. We need to work on reaching more people. The dues is \$50.00 per year for an individual or a family. You do not have to own property to belong you just need to love the lake !

Any other issues – Ivy Rinehimer and Linda Palace are organizing a creative projects display in the Old Carter Barn on August 13, 2022. They are looking for people who did creative things during the covid lockdown. The deadline to enter is June 30, 2022.

The 50/50 raffle was \$70.00. Donna Asay won and gave her winnings back to the Dam fund.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Skrynski, Secretary