LCWA August 31, 2025

President Lewis Flinn called the meeting to order, noting that this was the final meeting of the summer.

Jaime read the previous meeting minutes in Patty Skrynski's absence

there were three corrections needed. (1) LCDA Checking balance was $26,300.85 and LCDA grand total was $173,219.65. (2)The FEMA grant is a hopeful current plan but not yet fully in motion. (3) Only a certain amount of plants may be removed from and around the water. The minutes were approved with the corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Accounts (as of 8/29/25)

- Checking (General): $8,046.53
- Checking (Special Projects): $15,349.60
- Grand Total: $23,396.13

LCDA Accounts (as of 8/29/25)

- Checking (General): $20,372.47
- Dam Checking: $74,369.15
- 6-month CD: $53,039.73 (renewed August 1, 2025 @ 3.7%; renewal due 2/2/26)
- Grand Total: $147,781.35

Fundraising and Events

Deb reported the net profit for the Golf Tournament for this year at $17,360.21. This is a remarkable success surpassing previous years. Deb went on to say that the Lake Carey Day profits are not concrete yet due to expenses processing, apparel sales, and special orders.; the preliminary income comes to $14,367.13. Rob said the fundraising for water quality has raised a total of $10,742.06 that goes directly to Water Quality. The yard sale brought in $4,078.09 and the Night at the Races event brought in $6,663.97.

In summary: between the Golf Tournament and Lake Carey Day, the Association raised over $31,700 this summer, and over $10,700 raised additionally for the lake's Water Quality.

Dam Update

Lewis spoke about FEMA/DEP and the 17 question packet submitted to DEP for FEMA review; hopeful this will allow funds to be released. Th grant is matched though the FEMA program at 65% from them and 35% of the cost from the LCDA, which is in a strong position due to prior fundraising of roughly $171k raised over 10 years, plus 2025 events. The design plan circulated to the Dam Board is a concrete V-shaped dam with a low-level gate to control flow. The next steps after Dam Board approval will be submitting plans to DEP, which has indicated a fast-track review. The grant window runs from Sept 2024 through Sept 2027; work must be completed by deadline to qualify. Plan B would be to apply for Local Share grants, these would be due by this November as a backup funding source.

There were questions regarding funds allocated and requirements for submission. Lewis answered that DEP will review everything and submit to FEMA in bulk. And in response to the funding question, some funds are in CDs and high-interest savings, but cash must remain liquid to meet 35% match obligations without penalty for early withdrawal.

Committee Reports

Membership & Welcoming

Patty Publik spoke about a new membership record of 187. Postcards will be mailed and the goal is to reach 200 members by year's end. Membership letters will go out in January. New residents will receive an LCWA tote with information. Members are encouraged to report new neighbors to the welcoming committee. A proposal was made to list member names on the website and welcome new members in newsletters. General support was expressed.

Communications & Safety

Rob touched on previous concerns raised about speeding traffic and safety through the bridge/tunnel area. One member suggested wearing bright or reflective clothing after dark; another mentioned avoiding walking into roadways and trying single file; and watching around blind spots and looking out for strollers.

Nominating Committee

Joan spoke on behalf of the nominating committee to present the succeeding officer core roles, all unanimously approved:

- President: Lewis Flinn
- Vice President: Janet Schillinger

- Treasurer: Deb Tierney
- Assistant Treasurer: Paul Bernstein
- Secretary: Jaime Publik

New News

A few meeting attendees asked questions regarding the old Lake Carey Manor and Inn. Some ideas circulated about enforcing ordinances or to create a petition; Lewis noted that negotiations are more likely to matter more than petitions. Another added that there's a possible qualification under Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act (2014 amendment). There are no official plans affiliated with Lake Carey to acquire the property, but discussion acknowledged strong community concern.

Concerns about algal blooms led to discussion on future treatments The AquaLink $8,000 annual agreement will cover testing, monitoring, and expert consultation only. For sampling, most recent data was collected on August 26 and results will be shared this fall. AquaLink provides expert analysis, accessible reports/graphs, guidance on long-term treatments, and access to grant opportunities. Treatments are not included in current contract; future costs will depend on test results. For transparency, data will be posted on the LCWA website; Zoom recordings and resources will also be available. Questions were raised about individual dock-area treatments, the committee will investigate. Rapid tests will be available for bloom toxicity are being considered, and a possible winter update session may be held.

There being no other new business or concerns a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Publik