

THE LAKE CHEMUNG
HERON



Lake Chemung Riparian Association

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2009

Meeting Minutes By: Ginny Himich

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Sue Sytniak, Ginny Himich, Linda Gallerani (LCORI), Charlie Jones (Sunrise Park)

Board Members Absent: Mary Hough (Sunrise Park)

Other Attendees: None

Meeting called to order: 7:02 p.m. by Ginny Himich

Minutes: The meeting minutes from the February 2009 meeting were handed out to the board. G. Himich made a call for comments; there were none. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance - \$5023.66

Income

- Advertising - \$50.00

Total Income - \$50.00

Expenditures

- MLSA (Lake Monitoring) - \$142.00
- MLSA (Membership) - \$50.00

Total Expenditures - \$192.00

Ending Balance as of April 30, 2009 - \$4881.66

Correspondence:

- Renee Jones email: Renee contacted Ginny Himich and asked about staffing at the DNR Public Access. She said that she had heard that the DNR would not be staffing many of the State's boat launches this summer. Ginny Himich contacted the DNR and learned that boat launches, including the Lake Chemung launch, will be staffed as follows: The DNR will start staffing all of their launches beginning the weekend of May 16, 2009, weather permitting. The DNR's plan is to staff the sites Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting at noon. Weekend hours will start at 8 a.m. or shortly thereafter. If weekend traffic dictates, the attendants will stay at the sites as long as they are needed to control traffic. . The DNR will also expand the staffing hours to cover any fishing tournaments taking place. Un-staffed days will be Monday and Tuesday, unless there is a tournament. Direct questions/comments to:

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- Sue Sytniak Information: Sue discussed some information that she had found on an absorbent sponge that could be used in surface water drainage structures to capture oil, grease, and other contaminants before they were discharged into a lake/stream. Cost and longevity of the sponges were discussed. Sue did not

have specific information. However, she said that she would provide her information to the Livingston County Drain Commission Office and possibly the township to see if they were aware of the product and to discuss use in the county/township drainage structures.

Old Business:

- Weed Control: Ginny Himich contacted ProgressiveAE to inquire about their schedule for doing their first weed survey on the lake. According to Pam Tynning, ProgressiveAE is planning on doing their survey on Thursday May 14, 2009. Mike Suciú will be accompanying Pam on the survey. Charlie Jones reported that he had seen survey boats on the lake on two occasions in mid-May. Ginny Himich was not aware of any LCRA related surveys that were conducted during that time period-other than the May 14th survey to be conducted by ProgressiveAE.
- LCRA Business: Ginny Himich asked if there were any new volunteers for the open MLSA Board positions. None of the board members present had heard from any new volunteers. As a result, the board voted to discontinue scheduled meetings, other than the August annual meeting. Other than the required annual meeting, future meetings will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. Ongoing activities that require LCRA attention will be handled by the board through telephone calls and/or emails.
- MLSA Annual Conference: Ginny and Mike Himich attended the MLSA annual conference on April 24 and 25, 2009. The conference was held at the Comfort Suites in Houghton Lake, MI. The conference was reasonably well attended and there were several excellent presentations. Ginny has a program that lists the presentations and speakers if anyone is interested of the conference.

New Business

- Scholarship – No applications have been received by the LCRA to date. The application period is open through May 31, 2009. A scholarship for \$500.00 has been advertised on the web site.
- Lake Testing – Al Hough and Mike Suciú have helped to collect lake samples. A spring phosphorus sample was collected and turned in to the DEQ in April. The first chlorophyll-a test will be taken somewhere around May 15th. Ginny Himich will be coordinating with Al Hough to take this sample. Don Stork will be testing the lake for turbidity (Secchi Disk) again this year.
- July 4th Boat Parade – It was recommended that Laura Wildman be asked to coordinate the parade. If she is willing, the LCRA will donate \$100.00 for prizes. Otherwise, the LCRA will forego the event this year.
- Memberships – Ginny Himich agreed to put together a brief newsletter to be distributed either by mail or as a flyer. This will be done some time in July. The newsletter will address pressing lake issues, announce the upcoming August 2009 annual meeting, provide a membership renewal form, and encourage participation in the LCRA. Of specific importance, future business/events/outings will be curtailed unless the LCRA receives enough membership dues to support ongoing activities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Tentatively, August 5, 2009