

DONNELL LAKE
CONSERVATION CLUB
MINUTES 5/10/25
9:00 am

Members Present: Gerri Sly, Doug Hertel, Jeff Corey, Gina Bergstrom, Lori Allen, Kim Barnbrook, Garrett Libertowski

Via Remote Call: Jean Olson

Members Absent: Sue Golden, Pat Frame, Kevin Cartwright, Dave Louthan

Also Present: Jim Barnbrook, Dave Bergstrom, Lauren Hertel, Myrna Zyer, Cory Sly, Kelley & Jeremy Wassner, Conrad Allison, Ray Barna, Mark Witucki

Called to order the regular meeting of Donnell Lake Conservation Club

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of 4/12/25 were approved.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for this meeting was approved.

OPEN ISSUES

Upcoming Events

1. Pancake Breakfast Sunday, May 25th 8am-12noon – Miriam has ordered the pancake mix and sausage. Volunteers have been obtained. Champagne is being bought by Tammy at a discount. Last year two cups were used: flutes for \$3 and blue souvenir cups for \$5. We have 25 flutes and 96 blue cups on hand. Doug will work the bar 8-10:30am. Sue's son will work 10:30-12N. There are miscellaneous shirts left-over. Doug will contact Meg Grierson and Janet LaPlace about ordering more items and working at the event. Myrna offered to make cotton T-Shirts, but needs an account set up at S&S Activewear. Doug and Myrna will work together to avoid duplicate types of shirts.
2. Golf Outing Friday, June 6th – Dan Foley is organizing the golf outing and Dave Bergstrom is providing Mexican food for the dinner.
3. Margarita/Welcome Back Party Saturday, June 14th – Emie Choquette is organizing. We approved a \$1000 budget for drinks and snacks. A trio will be hired to play for \$300.
4. Movie Night Friday, June 20th – Gerri. Nothing to report at this time.

Clubhouse Maintenance Updates – Dave Bergstrom

1. Dave has built a closet on the stage and refined the railing across the stage. Eric has constructed a gate across the basement entrance. The closet will be painted this week. Dave purchased three floor mats (\$100) for the kitchen and six 6 foot tables for auction items (\$100). He would like to have the propane tank removed because we don't use it anymore. Ferrell Gas will remove it for \$200 minus the amount of gas left in the tank.
2. Jim Baker checked the coolers, furnace and the freon in the A/C. All are in good working order.
3. Flag Pole Maintenance – Doug Hertel has purchased new equipment but needs access

- to a bucket truck to be able to reach the top of the pole.
4. Sail Shades – Gina Bergstrom has done some research and one shade, with hardware should cost about \$350. We approved purchasing one sail to see if it works and looks the way we expect.

Update on A/V Equipment – Doug Hertel

Kyle Robertson from Luna Audio/Visual (a lake resident), has agreed to assist us in setting up the TV's and equipment. We approved a quote of \$2338.

Fiber Optic Internet Installation – Gerri Sly

The fiber optic will be installed Tuesday May 13th.

Use of Clubhouse/Line Dancing

Mellody Buzalski will get us some dates for line dancing at the club. They will be held once per month.

DLCC Liability for Swim Lessons – Jeff Corey

The club is not liable for any issues relating to the swim lessons. The YMCA is liable.

Fish Restocking – Jeff Corey

Jeff ordered 1,000 walleye from Lagus fish farms for about \$4,000. Jeremy Wassner suggested possibly reducing the amount of Pike in the lake due to an approximate 60% mortality rate of the walleye. Jeff will talk to Matt Diana from the DNR. We should be getting our fish survey report soon. The price for the restocking has been fully funded by membership fees in the past.

Open Board Position – Gerri Sly

Jeff Corey is stepping down as the Treasurer and we need to find a replacement by the end of the season. No current board member has offered to fill the role. We may have to fill the position outside of the board which would involve changing our by-laws.

Jeremy Wassner indicated interest in filling Sheila Witous' vacancy on the board. All approved.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

Landscaping – Gina Bergstrom and Kim Barnbrook

Gerri will ask her neighbor, Katy, to give us a landscaping plan.

Gina will look into edging around the rocks and getting more rocks to fill empty spots.

Youth Extension – Lauren Hertel, Lori Allen and Garrett Libertowski

Lauren and committee are thinking of ways to get youth involved in club events.

Volunteer Coordination Process

Lori Allen said Jodie Papandrea would like to use Sign-up Genius as a way of coordinating volunteers. Jodie will set it up for us.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – Jeff Corey

Jeff noted that membership is down this year. There have been 121 applications so far, whereas in the past we have had 197. Gerri will send an email reminder to residents to get their forms and payments in. The website is broken and can't take payment at this time. Gerri will contact Anita about fixing the website and will inform membership. Kim will put a post on the lake Facebook page.

Year-end financials are in order and Doug Hertel has been added as a second signer.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor license-Jeff mailed a check for \$452 for five liquor licenses for our events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

DLCC BOARD COMMENTS

Jeff would like to have a proper survey taken of the club's property. Gina will contact Stephenson Land Survey to get a stake survey (Alta) quote.

Jim Barnbrook suggested having a lawyer look at our by-laws to avoid potential issues.

MLSA Conference Update will be provided by Jeff and Jim at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

The next meeting is Saturday, June 7th at 9am.