

Fish and Royer Lakes Association
Maplewood Nature Center
May 14, 2011

Present: J. Albergo, M. Doig, N. Doig, J. Grose, B. Hemlinger, T.J. Hemlinger, C. Massat, H. Massat, B. Mervau

1. Minutes of the April 9, 2011 meeting were approved.
2. The treasurer's report was received. We have a current balance of \$2788. Our income this month included 7 dues and 2 donations. We currently have 50 paid members on the two lakes.
3. At the June 11 General Meeting several events will occur:
 - a. Dave Arrington will speak about his project to improve the lake water quality and respond to questions of residents.
 - b. If possible, someone from NIPSCO will tell us about the potential costs and benefits of converting to natural gas, rather than propane.
 - c. We are soliciting donations of new items for raffle at our August meeting. Residents can bring items to the June meeting or can drop them off at Norine and Marshall Doig's home at 5070 E. 100 S. Lagrange, IN. Raffle prizes should be dropped off by July 15th.
 - d. Joy Grose will discuss the Membership Committee and solicit volunteers.
 - e. Volunteers of homes for our fall Home Tour will be solicited.
 - f. A 50/50 raffle will take place.
 - g. Dues will be collected for membership in the association.
4. Pam Deetz is putting together the Fish and Royer Lakes Association cookbook. Recipes are asked to be submitted by May 15, 2011 to pdeetz@hotmail.com.
5. J. Albergo is setting up an account with Omni Source at 2160 S. Centerville Road, Sturgis, MI. Lake residents can bring their aluminum cans or scrap metal and state that they are affiliated with the Fish and Royer Lakes association, and the association will be credited with the funds. This is one of our "painless" fund raisers.
6. Erik Pearson plans to donate and roast a pig again for our August picnic and hog roast. Brett Elliot will be donating the use of his large tent for the occasion.
7. Buoys will be installed on Fish Lake on March 14, 2011. They will be rounded up and replaced on Royer Lake on March 15th, if they are in useable condition. T. J. Hemlinger and Helmuth and Carol Massat are handling Royer Lake, and Brian Mervau is taking care of Fish Lake.
8. A resident reported a problem with a fallen tree on her dock. Brian Mervau plans to assist her with this issue.
9. Marshall Doig has been researching an anchor system for the buoys, in collaboration with Dave Arrington. He reported on the resolution of several potential issues.
10. The Board agreed to send out postcards to all residents to notify them of the dates of the two general meetings this summer. Carol and Helmuth Massat will prepare and mail the postcards. J. Albergo will buy and prepare signs to remind residents of the June meeting. Brian Mervau will place the signs prior to the general meetings.

11. More members are needed to solicit membership in the association as part of the Membership Committee.
12. It was noted that some of the flags on display around the lakes are becoming tattered. We encourage residents to retire their old flags with the local American Legion, which has a drop box for this purpose. We also encourage members to purchase new flags and to display them according to the Flag Code.
13. In an email to Carol Massat, resident R. J. Burke reported the following occurrence:

“Two residents that live on the manmade channel in Fish Lake were out doing a maiden voyage of a pontoon boat that one of them had just purchased and they just happened to be at the right spot at the right time. An Amish guy was fishing in a small boat and somehow he managed to tip it over and in the water he went. As you know, the water temps are very cool this time of the year, so the fellow in the water was getting weaker by the minute and his boat was slowly sinking.

Several calls were made to 911, and I'm sure lots of folks heard the sirens. Well, just as the 1st couple of sheriffs' cars arrived, the two guys managed to pull the Amish guy from the frigid water. Then we had all kinds of emergency response people show up. The ambulance took him to the hospital for hyperthermia.

The two residents are Barry Phipps and Mark Habzansky. We should congratulate them. They were heroes this past Saturday.

Regards,
R. J. Burke

14. The Board appreciates the prompt action of Barry Phipps and Mark Habzansky, as well as the calls of neighbors who called 911 about the situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Massat