Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

February 14th 2021

1. Call to Order at 11 am via Zoom
2. Present: Bob Richter, Marcia Ellis, Sharon Neubauer, Jim Neubauer, Dominic Panico, Dan Buenz, Greg Moss
Absent: Nick Virgilio
3. Sept. 5th 2020 minutes were approved via email.
4. Greg Moss: Financial Report $10,650 currently in account.
Greg motioned we begin using a debit card for expenditures. Motion carried.
We now have Paypal as an option to pay dues on our website which does not cost us anything. See below for budget information.
5. Committee Reports
	1. Current Membership 166
	2. Riparian issues, update. Dan reports Michigan supreme court is hearing an issue of code violation enforcement. This is still before the court.
	3. Bob May replaced Charlie Goodrich, zoning administrator for Hamilton Township. Bob sent a text to Bob May on December 5th 2020:
	Mr May we look forward to working closely with you if needed. Our main concern going forward is the key holing and illegal docks and piers on Lake of the Woods.  As the state has already told us.  There are more important issues for the state to deal with and to let the local government handle this.  The ordinances are on the books in regards to these issues. Any questions please call me or text. 773-401-3205.
	Bob Richter
	Lake of the Woods Improvement Association President.
	He has not heard back from Mr. May.
6. New Business
	1. 2021 dues notice and newsletter was discussed. Suggestions were made for additions. Bob will resend corrected version to board members.
	2. Budget for 2021. Greg will send to everyone.
	3. Sharon suggested we have a house/property lighting for July 4 (like xmas lights) competition. After discussion it was decided this competition will be judged July 3 at dusk. Bob will announce it in the newsletter going out. Prizes TBD. More on this to follow.
	Sharon also suggested we have a treasure hunt.
	4. Bob suggested we install life rings on channels for ice fisherman and other people to use. Cost is around $300.00 each. Ask different homeowners if we can attach to a post on their property by the water. There was discussion and concerns about liability issues to LOWIA and replacement issues of lost/stolen items. It was decided we should not place these in the lake.
	5. Member mtg and picnic: Bob has permit for July 17th 2021 at Red Woolfe Park. It was decided we will ask Hard Times to cater this picnic in the spirit of supporting local businesses.
	6. Bob still has some T shirts available. He was not able to print any more due to covid 19.
	7. Elections. Three positions will expire in 2021 (Bob Richter, Dan Buenz, Dominic Panico). There are three other positions which were extended one year due to Covid-19 (Marcia Ellis, Jim Neubauer, Sharon Neubauer). Bylaws state 7 **or** 9 members to make up the board. We discussed how to handle these board positions. We decided that three directors shall be elected for the two years left on the terms due to covid extensions and the three 2021 expiring terms will be for three years.
	8. Thanks to John and Jim Neubauer for removing the buoys on our lake and to Highs Marine for storing these buoys in the off season.
7. Next Meeting Spring 2021 Date TBA
8. Adjourn at noon.

**BUDGET 2021**

**LOW Budget 2020 – 2021**

Lake of the Woods 2020 2020 2021 2021

Improvement Assoc. Budget Actual Budget Actual

Dues $4,000 $3,512 $3,850

50/50 Raffle 150 0 175

LOW Shirt Sales 300 0 300

Total Income $4,350 $3,512 $4,325

Expenses

Annual Picnic & Parade. $600 $0 $600

Boat Parade Prizes 200 64 200

Decatur Town Fireworks 750 0 750

Liability Insurance 750 267 500

MI. Riparian Subscriptions 2,100 1,120 1,200

MLSA Dues/Mi Registration 250 200 200

Office Supplies, LOW Signs 600

Postage & Stationary 121 225

Blue Gill Tournament 0 200

Highs,Plaque& Lunch 260 275

LOW Shirts 0 0

PO Box Rental 56 56 56

Water Safety Equipment 0 0 0

Web Site (Domain Name) 200 75 100

Total Expenses $5,506 $2,163 $4,306