

DONNELL LAKE  
CONSERVATION CLUB  
MINUTES 7/18/24  
6:00 pm

Members Present: Jeff Corey, Gina Bergstrom, Kevin Cartwright, Angie Steinman, Anita Lebling, Sheila Witous, Kim Barnbrook, Sue Golden, Gerri Sly, Myrna Zyer, Jean Olson, Tammy Wilson

Members Absent: Doug Hertel, Dave Louthan

Also Present: Dave Bergstrom, Doug and Emily Marrese, Miriam Cartwright, Jim Barnbrook, Pat Frame, Sherry Kras, Matt Harrington, Sandy Krebs, Doug Beach, Don Jollay, Dan Foley

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of 6/8/24 were approved.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for this meeting was approved.

DLCC Board Officer & Member Openings/Ballot Language - Angie

Angie Steinman will be resigning as President of the board, but will stay on as past President. Kevin Cartwright is resigning as Vice President, but will stay on the board. Some members are resigning from the board, but will still help with events, as needed. Names will be added to the election of board members and officers in August at the Corn and Sausage Roast at the annual meeting at 7:00pm.

Club Rental – Anita and Sheila

We approved the following policies for club rental: \$300 rental fee for 24 hours, or \$50/hour, if specially requested. There will be a \$150 cleaning fee and a \$50 damage deposit.

Lauren Hertel will be the contact person for the rentals.

Upcoming Events

7/27 Poker Run - Gerri has secured sponsorships at six docks. They are:

8/3 Band Night - Rebel Pride will again be performing, hopefully outdoors. Cost is \$800. Angie has procured the liquor license. Three kegs of Miller Lite will be picked up from Citywide Liquors in Elkhart: one for band night and two for the C&S Roast. Jean, Sue and Myrna offered to bar tend. The donations from the tip jar at the bar will go to the DLCC. The band will have their own tip jar. Still need volunteers to clean up afterwards. Dave B. will fog the yard for mosquitos.

8/10 Corn & Sausage Roast – Dave B. Mills Grocery offered to provide free sausages for the C&R. (They since have reneged on their offer. They didn't realize how big the attendance is) Dussells is providing the corn. Dave is securing the volunteers. Tammy and Miriam are in charge of the silent auction.

Someone suggested getting banners for the various events and securing them to a pontoon boat the week before an event.

Sponsorships & Donations - Gerri

Gerri and Sherry Kras worked to get sponsors for the six piers at the Poker Run. The sponsors were: Bittersweet Pet Resorts, Boat Butler, Brady Concrete, Broadway Café, Bucks Crane, Cass Outdoor, Power Equipment, Creative Vinyl Signs, Hardings Friendly Markets, Hideaway Construction, Leo's Bait Shop, M-60 RV, Midwest Energy & Communications MEC, New Leaf Landscapes, Pier

Perfection, Porky's Party Place & Marathon and Vandalia Quick Mart. They have also secured donations from various vendors in the area for the C&S silent auction. They asked for help in finishing the list.

#### Directory Update – Jean & Anita

Jean asked for the board's help in identifying homeowners who have not responded to their messages.

#### DLCC Shirts – Myrna

Myrna would like to make up youth T-shirts to sell. All agreed.

#### Clubhouse Maintenance Requests & Other – Dave Bergstrom

Dave requested money to buy a vacuum cleaner for the club.

We agreed to keep locks the way they are. With so many volunteers needing access to the building, it would be difficult for board members to let them in every time.

The budget to replace the water heater in the basement is \$1,000. Rich Dussell will look at the old one to see if it is workable. A newer heater was donated to the club, if needed.

Speaker wires were cut during the bar remodel. Doug Marrese offered to provide six new speakers. Cooper will do the wiring. The budget is \$2,000.

The new DLCC sign at the entrance to the club will be installed this week.

#### Financials – Jeff

Operating Acct.        \$12,491

Raffle Acct.            34,538

AED                      807

Capital Improv.        5,087

Fireworks Savings     3,175

Jeff commented on adding to the emergency fund.

See attached report for financial details.

#### Public Comments – Non-Board Members

Matt Harrington gave us a handout of the health concerns of breathing the odors from the marijuana farms in the area. They give off VOC's, (volatile organic compounds). The Friends of Penn Township group is advocating for setbacks of the plants from residential areas and there is a group running for election to the Penn Township board.

#### Public Comments – Board Members

Gina would like to arrange for the landscaping in front of the clubhouse to be improved. The rocks need to be removed and new tarp put down. We also need to add or replace bushes. We have a quote from Dussell's of \$1,875. Kim will contact Ginger Valley about a quote. We would also like to look into sails for shading the outside deck. Gina will ask Lauren Hertel about this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.