

DONNELL LAKE
CONSERVATION CLUB
MINUTES 11/2/24
9:00 am

Members Present: Gina Bergstrom, Kevin Cartwright, Sheila Witous, Sue Golden, Gerri Sly, Doug Hertel, Lori Allen, Pat Frame, Garrett Libertowski

Via Remote Call: Angie Steinman

Members Absent: Dave Louthan, Jeff Corey, Kim Barnbrook, Jean Olson

Also Present: Dave Bergstrom, Lauren Hertel, Miriam Cartwright, Emily Marrese, Cory Sly

Called to order the regular meeting of Donnell Lake Conservation Club

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of 10/10/24 were approved.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for this meeting was approved.

OPEN ISSUES

Upcoming Events

No events are scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Clubhouse Maintenance Updates – Dave Bergstrom

Dave is waiting to hear back from Aardvark Pest Control about a contract.

He will create a vendor list for building maintenance issues.

There is no information yet on rebuilding the basement entrance.

Dave got a quote from Rich Dussell to winterize the building for \$250.00. We agreed to use him.

Locks for the /Clubhouse – Doug Hertel

There have been a few problems with the main door re-locking after entry. Doug will look into it.

Sponsorship/Donations Committee – Gerri Sly

There is no new information at this time.

Volunteer Coordination Process – Sheila Witous

Sheila spoke to Jody Pappandrea. She is still willing to coordinate volunteers. She will work with event coordinators to fill in spots needed. We will need new volunteers for our new events.

Kevin felt that the pancake flippers should be allowed to continue in that capacity as they have been doing it for many years.

Orientation to the Board – Gerri

Sheila sent the bylaws to the board for review. Gerri will create an Orientation Booklet.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

Landscaping – Gina, Sheila and Kim

Gerri is waiting for her neighbor, Katy to give us a landscaping plan.
Gina will look into sails for the porch.

Youth Extension – Lauren Hertel

No updates at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks for next year was discussed in an email Jeff sent out. We will schedule the show for Saturday, July 5th.

We were given a preliminary schedule of events for the 2025 calendar. Family Fun Day was removed due to lack of participation. A margarita party was added, as well as two movie nights. We are also coordinating swim lessons next summer and will add a football/tailgate party.

We talked about getting TV's for a tailgate party and other events. Doug will look into getting two 43 inch TV's for the bar area. We also talked about a large screen for the main room, but will wait on that. We will also need a cart to make the TV's mobile. He will talk to Jim Palusek about prices.

We voted on buying the two 43 inch TV's, a projector and screen for movie nights and cables and brackets. A budget of \$1,500 was agreed upon.

Kevin noted that there should be dedicated people who know how to run the TV and audio systems. He also suggested a locked cabinet to house the equipment. Dave said he was thinking of putting a closet on the right side of the stage as part of the basement door remodel.

Lauren noted that there is a rental event scheduled for Saturday, July 19th. That was supposed to be the band night. It was decided to honor the rental and reschedule the band night. Fortunately, the band, Rebel Pride, is available July 12th.

FINANCIALS

Jeff was not present to give financial information.

\$238.40 was spent on the Halloween party. There were about 40 in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- NON-BOARD MEMBERS

No comments

DLCC BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Sheila noted that there is a grant for Michigan Invasive Species eradication. She will look into it.

Kevin said there are people on the lake who don't want weeds to be removed. But that is the jurisdiction of the DNR, not the club. Should the club be involved over and above what the DNR does?

Sheila suggested some changes to the bylaws: add in term limits for board members to be two years.

Half of the board will renew each year. The President and Secretary will be on the same two year cycle and the Vice President and Treasurer will be on the other two year cycle.

There will also be an informal review of finances every year, not an audit. Sheila will make these edits.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.