

# LAKESIDE PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION (LPOA)

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, July 9, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER** – The LPOA meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Riney Robertson, at Orchestra Hall. There were 120 present.

**INVOCATION** – by the Rev. Tom Snyder.

### **WELCOME TO NEW PROPERTY OWNERS –**

- Cliff and Cathy Ruggles of 416 Elm

**MINUTES** – the minutes of the May 2011 meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS** – was presented by Michael Brown, and approved.

Members as of today = 1,038	\$6,000 donation to Lakeside for Safety
Income for 2011 = \$19,513	Ad Revenue collected to date \$8,950
Expenses for 2011 = \$14,651	2011 Directory cost to date = \$7,941
Cash on Hand as of 5/28/11 = \$20,538.17	2011 Per Directory cost = \$7.22

**AUGUST 2011 ELECTIONS** – Tim Taylor has chaired the LPOA Nominating Comm, with Tom Campbell, Carol Robertson, Carol Murray, and Joe Caner. The following were discussed:

Director, a 3 year term – Kathy Anderson has agreed to serve for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

Director, a 3 year term – Neil Allen has declined to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term, and Carolyn Brown will accept this position. She will also continue to administer her volunteer database for the *LPOA Directory*.

Secretary – Mike Brown has agreed to accept this position.

Treasurer – Bill Chaney has agreed to accept this position.

There were no nominations from the floor. There was a question from the floor regarding any limitation on the number of consecutive terms. LPOA ByLaws do not provide for a limit to consecutive terms for Directors. The vote will take place at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the new terms will begin April 1, 2012.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCY** – Riney Robertson has appointed Kristen Nagel to serve the unfinished term of expired member Debbie Edwards. Ms. Nagel used to teach Band Camps at Lakeside, and is now an IT person at Western Reserve.

**2011 MEETINGS** – August 13<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Q & A WITH DANBURY POLICE CHIEF MIKE MEISLER** -- the following questions/comments were included:

- Every time Danbury has been called, they have done excellent time on response. They are just a phone call away!

- Staffing levels have improved, which enables better protection. They log every call they make in Lakeside, record the times they enter the grounds, and record what gate they come thru. There is a good relationship between Lakeside Security and Danbury Police. Dick Shupp, Lakeside's Chief of Security is a former police chief, and that has helped this relationship.
- Danbury Police have a new station on Rte #269. They had saved up funds to cover the renovation expense, so no new taxes were used. Magnets were passed out with the new address and new FAX number.
- Chief Mike agreed there are some visual obstructions at Lakeside intersections, but suggested that folks proceed more slowly thru the intersection & pay more attention to the surroundings.
- There was much discussion about incorrect/illegal **golf cart** use:
  - As a reminder ... they are considered a "vehicle" and are to follow all the same rules of the road as cars (i.e. stopping at stop signs, not going the wrong way down a 1 way street).
  - Only licensed drivers should be driving them. Holding a grandchild on your lap to steer is not legal! Allowing a non-licensed driver to use your cart is not legal! The child can be tried in Juvenile Court and the adult tried in regular court! If you observe this, call Security &/or Danbury Police, and give a description + golf cart number.
  - Anyone observing the incorrect use of golf carts should write down the cart number & notify Security.
  - Need to change the "Old Culture" of Lakeside in which it was considered OK to let kids drive.
  - Mrs. Sypherd, of Sypherd's Cycles stated they have rules very clearly posted on the column of each rental golf cart. If the carts are being used incorrectly, they are confiscated by Sypherd's and there is no refund given that renter.
- As a reminder, bicycles are also supposed to follow the traffic laws.
- When the DMV licenses a golf cart ... seat belts will be required on that cart.
- There were 130 calls made by Danbury Police to Lakeside residences in 2010, but nothing major. There were fewer B & E's.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> was crowded, and there was a concern about children using sparklers in the middle of the crowd. Chief Mike indicated we could have notified either Lakeside Security or the Danbury officer who was stationed there.

## **REPORT FROM KEVIN SIBBRING:**

- On Memorial Day weekend, attendance was better than expected. The worship service, recreation areas, education dept, and Hoover programs were all well attended. The merchants reported they were not adversely affected ... there were 3,000 more doughnuts sold at the Patio! The Gate Fee didn't appear to affect it.
- Facility upgrades continue.

- There is usually 1 slow week after conference, but this year's calendar had 2. Programs were well attended during this time. July 4<sup>th</sup> experienced a rebound, with a 15% increase in gate ticket sales. Marilyn's had record sales for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
- The Lakeside Audit was just completed. A PDF file of the results will be on the website.
- The Bike Patrol is beginning to have a positive impact. There is reduced use of the Lakefront walking path by bicycles now. Positive Reinforcement is being provided by use of stickers & coupons when Bike Patrol observes good behavior! Parents are encouraged to join their children at the Monday afternoon Bike Rodeo session. The \$6,000 by the LPOA has helped this Safety improvement.
- Lakeside Association Board and Chautauqua Foundation Board applications are being accepted.
- There are 3 surveys being conducted: Retail Merchants, Religious Life, & Education.
- Kevin gave a *State of Lakeside* address on 7/8 to 100 attendees. This will be presented again on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- The Lakeside Fund is seeking Ambassadors.
- Marianne Hirsch was the Grand Marshall of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, representing Lakeside's 350+ Volunteers who have donated over 5,500 hours. A reception honoring these volunteers will be held at the Train Station at 6:30 pm on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be volunteers needed for the Midwest Birding Symposium, Sept 15 to 17.
- A recent *Plain Dealer* article resulted in many new Lakeside visitors. Friday, FOX 8 from Cleveland will be doing live taping for a 1 hr show about Lakeside.
- Lakeside is actively involved with a new website to promote the *Chautauqua Trail*. On July 20 to 24, Lakeside will host the other Chautauqua's for their annual meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – the following items were addressed by property owner attendees:

- There are some physically challenged Seniors who wish to drive their own golf carts to Hoover, but have no place to park there.
- The editors of this year's *Lakesider* are to be complimented for their excellent work.
- With the increased emphasis on nice landscaping, there is a concern about the amount of pesticides being sprayed. Cottage owners are encouraged to use organic products. The fastest way to kill off our bird population is by using lawn chemicals!
- Kevin indicated Lakeside is monitoring blog comments and attempting to correct with factual information when possible.
- The photo on the *2011 LPOA Directory* cover is of 409 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Suggestion: residents be allowed to continue using the blue recycling bins post season, due to difficulty taking recyclables up to the trash area.
- Suggestion: next year people not be allowed to "reserve" public benches along the walking path on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Suggest this be published in the *Lakesider*, and Security post flyers on the bench that morning.

- Parking at Danbury High School, and use of their pool is very much appreciated.

**CLOSING REMARKS** -- Riney -- Debby Edwards, a LPOA Executive Committee member has passed away. Her memorial service will be at the Lakeside Methodist Church, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** – the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Brown, Secretary