

POALH Board of Governors
Minutes of May 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Walter at 6:30 pm at 83 Wildwood. Board members in attendance were Larry Lusardi, Jeff Walter, Dave Edgington, Pat D'Amato, Norm Kaplan, Diane Nelson, and Gail Grzegorzak. Sue Kumro and Bonnie Sudell were absent. Treasurer Lee Griffin, East-West Committee Chairwoman Linda Ryder-Munet, and Properties Committee Chairman Don Fantozzi were also in attendance.

The minutes of March 16, 2011 were accepted as presented.

Linda Ryder-Munet presented a proposal for a conservation project at Lake Hayward that would be conducted by a University of Connecticut team as a result of a grant. The project is intended to educate property owners on both sides of the lakes of the impacts that plantings and other actions have on the lake and the 8-mile watershed area. The project would also involve the introduction of plants along the lake front that are beneficial with regard to drainage into the lake. The team will need access to the lake by private property owners as well as the Association. The board unanimously approved of a motion to support this project. The UCONN team will draft a letter to property owners that will be reviewed by the board prior to its distribution. A speaker will also come to the June meeting. The E-W Committee will hear more on this subject at its next meeting, June 16th at the Pavilion at 10 am. Board members thanked Linda for her work on this exciting endeavor.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Aside from several outstanding bills, we are just about ready to close out the fiscal year with a surplus. Revenue from tax assessments is about \$7,000 below budget and Tax Collector Don Biancamano will send out a final bill to delinquent accounts. Expenses are also under-budget and budget surplus is anticipated. Lee reported that Cindy Biancamano has volunteered to assist in maintaining the Memorial Fund. Jeff requested that the annual weed control transfer of \$25,000 be reflected on the budget report.

The issue of changing our fiscal year to a calendar year was discussed. It was agreed to postpone a decision for another year.

Old Business: Dave reported that promotional items (e.g., tee shirts and insulated water bottles) have been purchased and will be on sale starting with the June meeting.

New Business: There was discussion about the agenda and preparations for the June meeting. Jeff will not be present and Gail agreed to chair the meeting, with assistance from other board members. In addition to the UCONN speaker, Jack Keefe from the water company will be on-hand to discuss planned and completed projects and answer questions. Once again, we will collect email addresses at the check-in table and solicit volunteers for committees and events.

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Committee Reports:

Recreation: Diane reported that we continue to recruit new swim instructors, but the assistant instructor and tennis instructor are back from last year. Swim lessons will run 7 weeks, but tennis will be 6 weeks. Robin Constable and Colleen Sokolowski will return to run Arts and Crafts on Wednesdays. Diane is contacting Dave and Laura Cohen to confirm that they will run Kiddie Bingo again (Mondays?). Diane reported that other activities are also in the works.

Properties: Dave and Don reported the need to recruit new beach rakers for 1st and 3rd beach. Dave plans to follow up on several names. Electrical work at the Pavilion is completed and new boat racks have been constructed. Plans for the upcoming Saturday beach clean-up day were discussed. New flags have been purchased and the Board approved an expenditure of up to \$300 to purchase solar spot lights for the flag poles. Progress is being made to ready the dog swim areas north of 1st and 3rd beaches. Finally, there was discussion of the abandoned boat issue. Beach representatives will monitor their respective beach areas and notify the Properties Committee of unmarked vessels as well as multiple boats with the same address (we want to assess how common this is). The distribution of stickers for vessels will be considered in the future. We will also put up signs on each boat rack regarding owners to remove their vessels by October 31.

Social: Gail gave the board a brief update on planned activities. She also reported that the Town of East Haddam has budget the same amount for next year for weed control for the three lakes.

Beach Reps Reports: None

Dates for summer meetings was discussed. We will meet in July and August (dates to be determined) and resume bi-monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, starting in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, with thanks to Lee and Jason for their hospitality.

Recorder,
Jeff Walt