

THE LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Ben Kaufman called the February 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:08 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ben Kaufman, Vice-President Mike Sotak, Directors Nicole Slaten, Markus Alleyne, Brian De La Torre and Caige Nichols

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Dena Berg, Treasurer Scott Leffler, Director Roz Lloyd

Motion #1: Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Vice-President Mike Sotak

Seconded by Director Nicole Slaten

Motion Passed.

Motion #2: Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Motion by Director Markus Alleyne

Seconded by Director Caige Nichols

Motion Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Ben Kaufman, changes to the short-term rentals that the City of Tempe will be putting in place starting March 6th there will be a number of rules they will need to follow. Starting March 6th they require background check, a response requirement within 24 hours for emergency complaints, license suspension process. More information you can find on the City of Tempe website.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Scott Leffler is out of town, nothing to report.

COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Community Manager Christine Baldanza, many are asking about the ducks. A gentleman two days ago backed up his pickup truck and unloaded 30 plus ducks, then sped out of the community. The ducks started to follow the truck onto Rural Road. Myself and some neighbors herded the ducks back to the Lake but as we were herding them it seems they are domesticated and didn't know what the Lake was. Called Game and Fishing but they said they are not going to touch the ducks and the ducks are now ours. The ducks found there way to the water finally, but the concern is food. Game and Fishing said not to feed them, hoping that nature will take its course and they will learn how to survive. Some homeowners were concerned and wanted me to pack them up and take them to the duck rescue, but they will not come and get them. The Duck Rescue said unless you can herd them together and bring them to us, you got them. I'm watching them and so far, they seem fine, but we will keep watching them.

Another project is the AZ Department of water resources has required that we put in a form on how we are going to reduce our water consumption in our community. I have gone around with our irrigation specialist to all the finger parks to convert those parks into zero scape but keeping our trees. Adding low watering vegetation and removing the grass, from our calculation it will be saving 12 hundred gallons a day if we make that change. ADWR will fine us if we don't meet their requirements. All the communities with Lakes have been asked to make these changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activity Committee

Madi gras this Saturday night but the tickets are sold out. Concert in the Park will be taking place on the 5th of March 3 pm to 5 pm. Poker Regatta is March 25th tickets will be on sale in a week for \$5 per person. If you don't have a boat, you can purchase seats on the Clubhouse Boat or you can bike or walk. There will be sandwiches in the park afterwards.

Denise Rentschler

Ad-Hoc Front Entrance & Signage Committee

Meeting with mansion next week so they can start demo the front entrance. Hoping everything will be done by the middle of April.

Scott Leffler

Architectural Committee

We are up to date on new applications. We will have a meeting in the next few weeks to go over the red lines for the architectural rules and close out any previously approved applications.

Mike Sotak

Budget & Finance

Nothing to report.

Scott Leffler

Tennis Court Project

Been in touch with Jason but because of the weather it has slowed things down. He did say it is only a few more days left of work. We don't have a date yet but its close.

Mike Sotak

Fishing & Boating Committee

We continue to monitor the Lake and have not any algae in sometime. The irritation is helping tremendously. We are getting ready to stock but fewer fish. The turtle's population is less than before but we are watching them because they eat the fish eggs. We had two openings for the committee and three applications. We recommend Ryan Freberg and Rich Gorrill to join the committee.

Clark Fisher

Lakes Log

Nothing to report.

Christine Baldanza

Lakes Women's Club

Report is in the Board Book.

April Sapinski

Swim Team

Nothing to report.

Ben Kaufman

MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #2023-003: We recommend that Ryan Freberg and Rich Gorrill be appointed to the LCA Fishing and Boating Committee to fill the two vacant positions.

Motion by Director Nicole Slaten

Seconded by Vice-President Mike Sotak

Community Discussion: Member asked if they published the openings for the Committee? Yes, there was an article in the Lakes Log a few months ago.

Board Discussion: None.

Motion Passed.

Announcements and Adjournment: None.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Director Caige Nichols

Seconded by Director Markus Alleyne

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.