

# Woodford Lake Association, Inc.

## Labor Day Meeting, September 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by President Carol Swanson who chaired the meeting, and Linda DeGraff, Secretary, kept the record of the meeting. Officers in attendance were President Carol Swanson, Vice President Roger Barrette, Treasurer James Horrigan, and Secretary Linda DeGraff. Trustees present were, Graham James, John Dovitski, Donald Melville, and Anthony Macari. Trustees Wayne Tift and David Stewart were absent from the meeting.

### **Snowbuster's Update on Trails**

At this point in time, the North-South connecting trail is on hold. There is also an issue with the proposed access trail that would link the western end of Evergreen Lane with the Green Mountain National Forest. The boundary markers, put in by the National Forest Service, that mark the property lines are only temporary and therefore, they are asking Woodford Lake Association, Inc (WLA) to have the property surveyed, at our expense. The cost of a possible survey will be investigated by the WLA Board. In addition, parts of the area are owned by J. Marzi, who would allow the trail to cross his property on Evergreen Lane Extension. In order for that to be done, a legal agreement needs to be written between WLA and Mr. Marzi. Because of these issues, this proposed access trail will be delayed. The access trail to the other trails should be ready this year. Volunteers are being sought for the trail work, all of which must be done by hand.

### **2012 Memorial Day Meeting Minutes**

Without any discussion, a motion to accept the 2012 Memorial Day Meeting minutes was made by Anita Capella, seconded by Lauri Barrette, and carried by the membership.

### **President's Message**

**Condolences:** Condolences were extended to the Barnshaw family for the death of longtime WLA member Libby Barnshaw who passed away this summer.

**Welcome:** The WLA welcomes new members James Chairaluca, David Cramer, and Sarah Mitchell.

**Thank You:** An abundant amount of volunteer work was done this summer at Woodford Lake Estates (WLE). Thank you to the Horriganes, G. James, J. Dovitski, A. Macari, W. Tift, T. Slee, J. Biehn, the Leaches, C. Burns, the Johnsons, Coop, L. Parson, and the Clearys.

**Fire:** A massive fire occurred at the Simon's residence on Simon's Lane about a week before Labor Day. The new dry hydrant did work, but unfortunately, the house was fully engulfed by the time the fire department arrived, and it was totally destroyed. Donations for the fire department would be appreciated.

### **Audit Report**

The financial audit of WLA's books was conducted by Lauri Barrette and Jody Potter. All records were found to be in order. A motion to accept the audit was duly made by John Thompson, seconded by Graham James, and carried by the membership.

### **Better Back Roads**

Having received a \$7,400 grant for ditching, the task is now being undertaken by Tom Slee and Wayne Tift. Property owners who need culverts have been or will be informed. These culverts will be purchased at the property owner's expense. During the past spring, WLA roads were worked on, but only road grading was performed. Since no fill was added, road expenses were less than usual.

### **Hazard Mitigation Plan**

In order to get any kind of federal aid in the future, the Town of Woodford is in the process of putting together a mandatory Hazard Mitigation Plan. We, in WLE, have our own future concerns, those being the entrance culverts and the lake's dam.

### **Financial Report**

The financial report was given by Treasurer James Horrigan. (see financial attachment). At the moment, WLA is in good financial shape with \$27,400 in the bank and a balance of \$8,000 in our checking. Many delinquent members have paid their fees, but about \$26,000 still remains delinquent. This year's budget has been increased from \$55,145 to \$60,000. The pavilion will be refurbished and additional money will be set aside for the grants that have been applied for, as most grants require matching funds.

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**Membership and Fees**

Our membership numbers are slowly decreasing; Full-timers 20, Seasonal 88, Land owners 50, Route 9 15. Due to this and the increase in this year's budget, the fees have been adjusted.

	General Fees (\$40,000)	Plowing Fees (\$20,000)
Full time	\$286	\$360
Seasonal	\$286	\$144
Land Owners	\$143	\$0
Route 9 Owners	\$143	\$0

A motion to accept both the Financial Report and the Budget Report was duly made by A. Macari, seconded by Graham James, and carried by the membership.

**Bingo and Chinese Auction**

Thanks once again to Peg and Bob for hosting Saturday's bingo. The amount raised was \$75.50. The Chinese Auction was also a success, taking in \$806, and giving out \$225 in prizes.

**Elections**

The positions of Vice-President, Secretary; and three Trustees were up for election.

Vice-President position: Current VP Roger Barrette was nominated by Jim Horrigan and seconded by Lauri Barrette. No other nominations were made.

Secretary position: Current Secretary Linda DeGraff was nominated by Jim Horrigan and seconded by Don Melville. No other nominations were made.

Trustee positions: Wayne Tift, Don Melville, and Dave Stewart, all incumbents, were nominated by Jim Horrigan and seconded by Peg Thorme. No other nominations were made.

All incumbents were unanimously reelected for another term.

**Winter Carnival**

Another winter carnival will be held in WLE on the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

**Tag Sale**

WLE lots 208, 209, and 210 were purchased by WLA for \$1,100. If the delinquent owners do not pay the taxes due in one year, these lots will become the property of WLA.

**Other Business**

**Town of Woodford:** It was suggested that the membership of WLA get on the e-mail list for the Town of Woodford. Many changes are currently being made and a new town plan has been designed. Also, the town's zoning laws are being reviewed. Contact Ed Shea at [campgreenwood@aol.com](mailto:campgreenwood@aol.com) and ask to be added to the list.

**Enforcement of WLA Rules:** Enforcement, in particular, of the covenant that states, only one house and one storage building are allowed per single lot. Building permits are required for any additions built in WLE and are available at Woodford Town Hall.

**Reminders:** **Boat removal:** All boats at the boat launch must be removed for snow removal in the vicinity of the dry hydrant.

**Burning:** Any outside burning, other than that in trash barrels, requires a burning permit.

**Plowing:** Vehicles need to be kept off the WLA roads so that the roads can be plowed this winter.

All business being completed, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and accepted by the membership. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM by President Carol Swanson.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda DeGraff, Secretary