

LBLA comm. meeting, May 29, 2011
Lily's House

Attending: Dave Champagne; Earl Patric; Lily Faust; Betty Penstone; Lynne Jeffries.

Approved minutes from last meeting, Sept 27, 2010.

Betty handed out an updated Financial summary, which was approved with minor discussion. It indicates an overall balance of \$12,735.

Lily discussed membership briefly, and handed out a report showing 165 members at end of 2010. There are 127 currently registered for this year. She has additional email addresses/information, and Dave C. will send a message to those parties about joining/rejoining.

Lynne mentioned that Don Santos may have some difficulty traveling this summer due to some medical issues. We will see if Dave Johnson can handle sampling duties as needed.

Binders were discussed; it was agreed that instead of moving on a large re-printing to replace those that were water damaged, we would see how many request them, since we have put a couple notices out (newsletters) about contacting us if anyone has not received the binders and wants them. The binder information is available electronically, as well.

In regard to the inquiry from CSW about follow up information on the binder distribution, we might suggest a small sample, such as one or two roads.

Loon Platforms – Lily, Pat, Dave J., and Fred Olivo met to discuss the platform design, and are considering some changes. There are 2 old platforms deployed, along with one new design. There has also been one "natural" nest observed.

Fred O. and John T. have installed the "navigational aids." It was observed that there have been few complaints and few reports of boating mishaps due to shallow waters, and that our efforts are apparently helpful.

While eagles have been seen in the vicinity of the new eagle platform, it's reported that there is currently an osprey family in residence.

The Town Park has a winter light display ("Celebrating the Season") on Saturday nights, during portions of November and December. Lily suggested that perhaps LBLA could participate this next season.

Charitable status was not approved, and apparently the government will require additional volumes of paperwork if we want to pursue it. Louise has reportedly remarked in the past that such an effort could take many years, and Lily will seek out her advice re proceeding.

We will help promote the dock Sale scheduled for July 2 (Saturday), 10am – 3 pm.

Saturday August 6 is the date for our proposed eagle nest dedication. It was suggested that Millard Goodsell be asked to speak. Following, about 3:00 pm, will be our annual picnic at the Kendrick Park. "Dish to Pass" format.

We have no one at this point to head up a float effort for the Delta Fair. (70's theme this year).

Earl Patric announced that he wished to retire from the committee. He feels that health issues prevent him from fully participating. It was observed that his contributions are, and always have been, highly valued, but we respect his decision, and hope he remains available for continuing good advice.

There is a new local periodical, the Delta Pilot, and it was suggested that we investigate offering some articles about our activities.

We had some discussion of weeds, water quality, and responsible nutrients. The most significant nutrients are basically the same as those in common fertilizer; nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium. While phosphorus has significant impacts in very small and difficult to detect quantities, nitrogen is more easily observed. We also discussed some water sampling equipment. (note – Dave C. subsequently talked with Dave J. , and Dave J. agreed to try out a Lamotte nitrogen test kit at a few locations around the lake.)

Arrangements for the AGM (Wednesday July 6) were discussed, and it appears that the elements are in place. A speaker on eagles was suggested, but he subsequently turned out to be unavailable, so we still need to solve that. Dave C. needs to arrange with Biosphere for the projector. Recommendations for the Committee slots also need to be determined.

The next meeting was tentatively set for Wed June 22, 10:00 am. It appears that not everyone is available then, so, as of the date of these minutes (June 6) the day before or after the 22nd is still under consideration. This meeting will be, among other things, to finalize the AGM issues and arrangements. Please feel welcome to suggest agenda items.