

Papakeechee Protective Association (PPA)  
Annual Meeting  
August 08, 2009

On August 08, 2009 President Ron Schug called PPA Annual Meeting to order at 08:00.

**Announcement:**

Ron Schug asked if any of the following property owners were in attendance: Bob & Debra Schisler, Chuck & Kathy Siwy, Devon & Deborah Garman, Clifford & Heather Clevenger, Matthew & Theresa Grey, Michelle Creech, Brian & Mary Ann Winebrenner, Danny and Patricia Gallmeier, Dudley Vanhorn, Jerry & Karen Richardson, Myhoa Gelhausen, Thad & Laura Cooper Charlie & Sharon Stuckman, Dave & Kristin Hilbish, Gary Kirkwood, Kim Chin, Mike & Margaret Chestnut, Peggy Wilkenson & Michael & Miclelle Ruane. The Clevengers and Ruanes were in attendance. These names were called because liens were placed against their properties and therefore, they can attend the meeting, however according to the By-laws they would not be permitted to speak or vote at the annual meeting, as their lake rights had been revoked for non payment of dues. Although they have since paid their dues, they had not yet come before the board to appeal that their rights be reinstated.

Randy Mast motioned that since Clevenger and Ruane have paid their dues in full, their rights be reinstated. Steve Herendeen seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Rules for Meeting:**

- We will follow the agenda provided.
- If you have something to be addressed, please stand, then state your name and district.
- Motions must be addressed to the Board

**Roll Call:**

President	Ron Schug	District # 2 Director	Bernie Ebetino
Vice President	Jon Korejwa	District # 3 Director	Randy Mast
Secretary	Pat Ebetino	District # 4 Director	Steve Herendeen
Treasurer	Sherry Doherty	District # 6 Director	Jim Whitehead
District # 1 Director	Ron Corson	District # 7 Director	Steve Schwartz
District # 2 Director	Bernie Ebetino	District # 8 9 Director	Randy Girod

**Secretary Report:**

The August 16, 2008 Secretary's report was made available for members at the sign-in table. The annual meeting minutes are a recap of activities for the prior year. Blake Doriot, Dist. 4 motioned to accept the minutes. Marvin Gobles, Dist. 1 seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Treasurer Report:**

A copy of the Treasurer's report was also available at the sign-in table. It consisted of a financial summary of July 2004 – June 2009. Total Cash Assets: \$212,374.66 Breakdown: Cash Assets \$52,464.62. Dam/Levee Assets \$159,910.04. 95% of the property owners have paid in full. There is a total of \$3,983.20 outstanding. A list of those property owners with delinquent Dues / Dam Fees was provided on the Treasurers Report. Of those properties outstanding, 4 cases are in court. Liens will stay in affect until all fees are paid. Dan Mikolajczak Dist. 6 made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Jon Clark Dist. 4 seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Non for Profit:**

Over the past year we have been investigating the value of setting up a separate on a Non Profit corporation for the Dam and Levee project. We have been working with our Attorney, Steve Snyder. By-Laws and Articles for the new Corporation have been established. The board will be reviewing these and getting back with Steve with any questions. If approved by the board, an application will be sent to the State. There are certain criteria which must be met. If granted, contributions to the Dam / Levee would be tax deductible under 501 C3 or 501 C4 (which ever is appropriate). This would allow us more avenues to solicit grants. Eleanor Lebrecht asked if we have considered other money making ideas like Bingo. We have discussed, but not pursued other money making avenues. An update on the Non for Profit status will be provided at the next Annual Meeting.

**Dam Levee Project:**

We have met with the various State agencies. Ron McAhron, DNR, met with the Board and indicated we need to change the focus from the Dam to the West Levee. We wanted to get this in writing. After several months, we received a letter that we needed to follow what the engineers stated need done. During that time, we continued collecting data via core borings, and soil samples. Additional work to be completed includes the hydraulic study, and topography of upstream areas. We have received a proposal from Earth Exploration which will be reviewed at the next board meeting. If everything falls into place, construction could be started in 2010.

Some property owners along 5A have been notified that their lots are non-lake front. Piers, steps, boats and any other personal property must be removed from the Levee. In preparation for the work of installing the toe drain we have removed some piers, steps, and trees that were on the levee. Kathy Brown Dist. 4 asked for clarification of what area is being affected. Jon Korejwa pointed out the area on the map. Jerry Miller Dist. 5A purchased his property thinking it was lake front property. He asked if there was some way we can work around this issue. He understands he has to remove his steps and pier, but can there be a walkway or something closer to his property to launch his boat. Steve Herendeen suggested that as a board we brainstorm on what could be done. Ron Corson reminded all that we are being mandated by State regulations as to what must be done. Michelle Ruane Dist. 7 asked if there was an area where there could be a community pier that these folks could use.

Perry Pence Dist. 1 asked if the State has given a scope of work required to Earth Exploration for creation of their design. The 2008 Dam and Levee Safety Act passed by the Indiana General Assembly is what the State mandates we adhere to. Earth Exploration had a key role in establishing the Safety Act. Jim Lesh Dist. 4 asked if Earth Exploration has provided a general dollar figure for the project cost. Ron Schug advised that the initial estimate is \$800,000. This is the figure that we used to establish the assessment fees. Jeff Gion Dist. 3 asked if we went out for competitive quotes for this project. We had a list of about 20 groups from which to choose. The State also provides a list of approved companies. Blake Doriot advised that he has talked to Lawson Fisher, who is another firm and the cost provided by Earth Exploration is not out of line. When dealing with the State of Indiana, who is to hire the best negotiator we can. Virginia Surso Dist. 7 asked how Earth Exploration is being paid, are we paying them by the hour, by the job? We currently have a contract with Earth Exploration to complete the core borings. At this time, this is only thing for which they are being paid. The bidding will come in with the construction phase, (when you put the shovel to the ground).

How do we regulate boats on the lake? Can we put stickers on the boats? Shirley Haggenjos Dist. 5 asked how we can control to ensure people in boats on the lake are property owners. If you find someone who is trespassing, call the Sheriff. Ken Floyd Dist. 7 asked about people who are using trolling motors. This is against the covenants. You should call the Sheriff.

**Questions / Comments**

Larry Clough Dist. 3 "How do we know if a person is allowed on the lake?" "The names printed in the book are not accurate." Sue Clark Dist. 4 stated: Put a list of property owners on the web site." Ron Schug advised that the names were removed from the book when it was redistributed in 2005. We don't think putting property owner names on the website is a good idea.

Blake Doriot Dist.4 "Do you have to be in the boat with your guests?" No

Elenore Lebrecht Dist. 7 "if an e-mail is provided is there any way that e-mails can be sent advising of things happening around the lake?" "For example break-ins around the lake"

Virginia Surso Dist. 7 "Is there something in writing that states that all money we are collecting for the dam be used only for the Dam?" "This was brought up last year, but is not reflected in the minutes." A: Ron Schug checked with the Attorney to see if we need to have a specific document. Steve Snyder advised that since we are a Corporation, what we do in our meetings we have recorded minutes, that becomes fact.

Bonnie Haffner Dist.1 "What is the status of people renting a home?" A: They will have rights as a property owner while they are renting.

Jon Korejwa received a letter stating that we received an invitation to apply for \$5000 grant toward the Hydrology study. We will send the information from Earth Exploration with the application.

Michael Ruane noticed that the property tax went up considerably. Will the non for profit make a difference? Ron Schug advised that the PPA property (the building, harvester, lake) would not be part of the Dam / Levee Corporation. Mark Bordeau Dist. 3 asked if dues and assessments would be tax deductible. Ron S. advised only voluntary donations would be tax deductible.

Aileen Corson Dist. 1 wanted to compliment everyone on their work on their gardens and landscaping. She is maintaining the garden in the area over by the Store that Marge and Jack Fowler started. Aileen, a master gardener, proposes that perhaps sometime this year or next, have garden talk.

Is there anything that can be done about cleaning up properties around the Circle Drive and Denzell? Ron will be contacting some of the property owners. Ed Haffner advised that if you consider it a health issue, you should contact the Board of Health. For a violation of county code, anyone can contact the County.

Jim Lough Dist. 9 gave a humorous presentation of: Source of problem today, computers, cell phones and internet.

**Board Elections:**

President:	Ron Schug	Dist. 3 Director:	Randy Mast
Vice President:	Jon Korejwa	Dist. 5 Director	Inta Khamsourivong
Secretary:	Pat Ebetino	Dist. 5A Director	Jerry Miller
Treasurer:	Sherry Doherty	Dist. 7 Director	Steve Schwartz
Dist 1. Director:	Ron Corson		

Dan Mikolajczak motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Motion seconded and carried.