

**The Friends of Deal Lake
General Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2009**

A total of seven people attended the Friends of Deal Lake general meeting on March 26th, 2009. Of these, the following board members were present:

Susan Meeker Paul
Brian Mullins
Jeannie Toher
James Rady
Jim Paul

Prior to the business of the general meeting, Interim Board President, Brian Mullins invited former DLC Commissioner, Jerry Meyer, to address the audience. Jerry has coordinated lake shoreline cleanups, in past years, with labor provided by Monmouth County inmates. Jerry explained that Monmouth County provides a small bus load of inmates with a driver escort, daily for one week. These crews meet between 9 and 10 AM each morning at the Asbury Park Boat Ramp and are directed, by him, to various sites around the lake to remove litter. Jerry provides gloves, trash bags, tools, insect repellent and lunch to each crew, daily. The lunches are donated by Shoprite and Wegmans. For health reasons, Jerry has asked The Friends of Deal Lake to provide five volunteers to work with him, or in his place, this year. Volunteers would meet the bus, introduce themselves to the driver/escort, take the crew over to the flume to show them the outflow into the ocean, the accumulation of litter and explain why the clean up is important. The volunteer will distribute supplies and explain what gets picked up. The volunteer will go pick up lunch at 11:30 AM and bring it back to the crew. The volunteer will confirm trash pickup with the appropriate DPW. The crews typically break for the day at around 3:30 PM. The following FODL members agreed to assist Jerry:

- Monday, April 27th Susan Meeker Paul
- Tuesday, April 28th Brian Mullins
- Wednesday, April 29th Jerry Maurer
- Thursday, April 30th Jim Paul
- Friday, May 1st Robert Becker

Brian Mullins then opened the General Meeting and asked Susan Meeker Paul to read the minutes of the February 26th general meeting. These were read and accepted without correction.

Interim Board Treasurer, James Rady reported \$795.82 in our checking account and \$4237.04 in our savings account as of March 26th

Brian Mullins reported the following information from the March 19th DLC meeting:

- The City of Asbury Park has agreed to pay their outstanding DLC contributions with installment payment through the end of 2009. These payments will total approximately \$27,000 and be offset by DLC payments to AP for in kind services.

- Expansion of weed harvesting and spraying is being explored to include areas east of the Sunset Ave. bridge. The cost of a second harvester launch to reach the east side of the bridge, may limit this option. An attempt will be made to extend spraying to the perimeter of targeted areas.

Brian reported that the March date to present 350 petition signatures to the Township of Ocean for municipal sewer dye testing was postponed due to weather. Susan Meeker Paul reported that the next scheduled Ocean Township Council meeting will be on April 22nd with its public portion scheduled for 7 PM. Brian reported that John Everson has agreed to attend this meeting as well. **Subsequent to this FODL general meeting, Ocean Township rescheduled their April public meeting. Our petition submission will now be done at the May 18th Township of Ocean Council meeting. Public portion of this meeting is scheduled for 7 PM.**

Brian reviewed the major initiatives that the interim board has identified for 2009:

- The continued clean up and restoration of Fireman's Pond and identification of a second area for similar restoration. Brian Mullins is following up on contact with the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission to pursue de-snagging efforts.
- Encouraging bordering municipalities to accelerate storm water grate upgrades at access points around the lake. Susan Meeker Paul will get the cost of grate upgrades and forward this information to Jeannie Toher. The fishing club that uses the lake has asked for a fund raising idea.
- Petition Monmouth County to purchase a weed harvester to be used on Deal Lake and other lakes in the county. Jeannie Toher has contacted Tony MacDonald to identify other like minded organizations to assist with this effort. Marie Rice suggested targeting this as a joint organization fund raiser. Jeannie will work toward hosting a meeting once she has contacts.
- Conduct a mass mailing and door to door membership drive to boost our membership roster. Brian explained that this effort is critical to having a membership on record for the April general elections. James Rady will have a mailing prepared by March 31st and will forward a copy of this to Jeannie Toher to post on our web site.
- Erect a semi permanent sign to announce FODL events and raise awareness of events on the lake.
- Purchase a lake aerator with funds raised during the fall Deal Lake Regatta. Brian has spoken to John Everson regarding donating the aerator that we purchase to the DLC who will then assume maintenance and electric costs.

Brian announced that new Board elections would take place at the April general meeting.

Upcoming Meetings;

- Friends of Deal Lake Board of Directors, April 14th, 7PM, The Lake House
- Deal Lake Commission, April 16th, 7 PM, Loch Arbor Municipal Building
- Friends of Deal Lake General Meeting, April 23rd, 7PM, The Interlaken Boro Hall
- Township of Ocean Council Meeting, May 18th, 7PM, Town Hall