

LCELA Treasurer Elected!

At the LCELA Board Meeting on November 4th, Larry Lefkowitz graciously assented to act as Treasurer.

A short Newsletter this time, just catching up with the recent Board meeting.

Board Meeting: The Board met Thursday November 4th. We thanked Mr. Weatherly for his sterling service as Treasurer and creator of the website. Mr. Lefkowitz has graciously consented to act as Treasurer. Mr. Martillotti remains as President and Mr. Wilson as Secretary.

A few items arising:

- the Board urges owners of boats kept at the lake to keep them in good condition and to provide some unique identifying information on them. There appear to be derelict boats there presently, and it would be a Good Thing to have them removed by their owners.

- the Board had its attention drawn to an article in the Hill Country News, which reported a change in the law on animal control: it seems that Williamson County has removed a loophole in the law, and now any animal owner who allows their animal to stray - whether through intent, recklessness or criminal negligence - is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. An animal is deemed to be straying if it is running free with no physical constraint either on or off the premises of its owner or keeper. What this is said to mean is that if your dog runs free, even if it is back home by the time the animal control officer gets there, you're in trouble.

- We had agreed to look at ways to reduce or eliminate trespass, vandalism and underage drinking by youths in the lake area. The Board is pursuing a possibility suggested by Karen Nichols and is in contact with TABC discussing how to set up a regular patrol of the lake area.

- The Board discussed the utility of adding a section to the website in which residents could recommend businesses they've had success with. Mr Wilson will look at how to set this up - look for a link to click on the website sometime soon. Meanwhile, think about who's provided good service and who you'd recommend to others - this seems particularly useful for stuff like wells, landscaping and other small-business service industries - we all know where Home Depot is but it's hard to know who to use for the well or new pond.

Reminders

Legal Fund: The Board has decided to distribute the funds in the LCELA Legal Fund to the contributors - while several refunds have been made, there is still a substantial sum to refund. Please contact the Treasurer Mr Lefkowitz to receive a refund of any donation you made. The Board is asking that you consider donating a portion of your refund to the LCELA General Fund as a gift to the neighbourhood. Several Board members have donated 10%.

Reduced Dues: The Board proposed and the membership agreed to a reduction in membership fees to just \$100 annually. The Treasurer stated that were we to regain the level of membership we had just two years ago, this level of dues would provide for all the needed running costs plus a useful but well-judged margin. To join, or rejoin, please send LCELA a check for \$100 (for 12 months membership) or \$50 (for six months). The check should be made out to **LCELA** and be mailed to:

LCELA
P.O. BOX 1433
Cedar Park, TX 78630

You can also contact our Treasurer, Larry Lefkowitz, directly and make arrangements to pick up your lake key. We'll send out dues reminders in future newsletters.

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