

## Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association Board Meeting

February 17, 2020

Members present:      Gregg Elliott                      Todd Erickson                      Harley Feldman  
                                 Steve Midthun                      Roger Norberg                      Aaron Peterson  
                                 Doug Punke                              Mary Shaw                              Joe Shneider

Members absent:      Tom Kelly                              Paul Cossette

- The conference call meeting was called to order by President Todd Erickson at 7:10 pm.
- Todd Erickson moved to approve the draft minutes from March 21, 2019 and November 5, 2019. Mary Shaw seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
- Reports from Standing Committees of the Board:
  - Budget Committee (Harley Feldman reporting)
    - 2019 Results:
      - Within \$200 of budget
      - Full-dues homeowners
        - 96 paid \$550 (full rate)
        - 2 paid \$250
        - 28 did not pay dues
      - Lot 11 homeowners
        - 8 paid \$55 (Lot 11 rate)
        - 5 did not pay dues
      - \$76k in the bank, with \$4k in receivables for dock/lift removal
    - 2020 Plans:
      - Harley provided pro-forma statements to understand the potential dues for 2020. Full-dues could be up to \$700/homeowner if no grant funds are received
  - AIS Committee (Joe Shneider reporting)
    - Discussed potential inspection protocol changes reflecting MAISRC study on residual water in boats. This is in the hands of the MN DNR.
    - Discussed proposals to search for starry stonewort (SSW) as per the last board meeting
    - Doug Punke moved to proceed with the Blue Water Science proposal to search for SSW for \$1,600 in 2020 and \$800 for subsequent year(s). Gregg Elliott seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
    - Shneider is also to ask Steve McComas for pricing to update the flora and fauna survey

- Discussion included concerns about the cost of AIS inspections and opportunities for managing the cost. Joe Shneider to drive to a more cost-effective approach for 2020. Ideas included:
  - Reduce hours in the dark
  - Engaging Waterfront Restoration for approaches to drive down cost
  - Renegotiating the hours of operation for the landing
  - Making the gate operational
- Events and Activities Committee (Gregg Elliott reporting)
  - Harley Feldman will be here for 2020
  - Dee Sheeley will lead the Memorial Day Fun Run/Walk
    - T-shirts will be designed and procured by Laurie Pohlad
    - The large format timer will be borrowed from the Twin Cities Marathon organization
    - Door prizes will be procured by Marty Hawk
    - Food will be procured by Harley Feldman
  - The Fourth of July committee consists of Dee Sheeley, Mary Shaw, Harley Feldman, Tom Kelly and Gregg Elliott.
    - The theme will be decided by the committee and will be announced at the Annual Meeting
    - Judges will be coordinated as in prior years
- Elections Committee (Todd Erickson reporting)
  - Todd to reach out to Kerri Hawk to ask if she will continue to drive the elections for 2020.
  - The seats occupied by Tom Kelly, Gregg Elliott, Doug Punke, and Mary Shaw are up for election in 2020.
- Annual Meeting (Todd Erickson reporting)
  - May 19<sup>th</sup> is proposed for the annual meeting
  - Potential meeting topics include:
    - AIS – Joe Shneider to drive this topic. Discussion should likely include: Current status of AIS in the state, threats for MN and Christmas Lake, DNR approaches and actions, inspection data, cost analysis, and our success story from the weevil project.
    - Outside speakers could include: a speaker from the U of M AIS Research Center and Kevin Farnum from Lake Koronis
    - Results of the Election and announcement of new Board Members
    - A survey of homeowner expectations
- Other business
  - Wake issues
    - The intent is to avoid an all-out war of neighbors vs. neighbors as we see playing out in Chanhassen

- Todd Erickson will continue to push the personal responsibility of wake boat owners and their operators
  - Todd Erickson will prepare a spring newsletter and will include a push for MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates' Citizen Action Network (CAN) to help move legislators on key water related issues.
- Steve Midthun moved to adjourn the meeting. Gregg Elliott seconded the motion.  
**Passed Unanimously**
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joe Shneider

Approved