

Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association Board Meeting

April 17, 2020

Directors present: Paul Cossette Gregg Elliott Todd Erickson
 Harley Feldman Tom Kelly Steve Midthun
 Roger Norberg Aaron Peterson Doug Punke
 Mary Shaw Joe Shneider

Directors absent: None

- The conference call meeting was called to order by President Todd Erickson at 7:05 pm. Aaron Peterson joined the call late. Todd Erickson acknowledged that the Board was meeting electronically as allowed by our bylaws.
- Doug Punke moved to approve the draft minutes from February 17, 2020. Mary Shaw seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
- Election of Officers:
 - Doug Punke moved to approve Todd Erickson, Harley Feldman, and Joe Shneider be elected as the President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. Gregg Elliott seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
- Reports from Standing Committees of the Board:
 - AIS Committee (Joe Shneider reporting)
 - The City of Shorewood, Waterfront Restoration, and the CLHA have agreed to begin inspection services in mid-April using unofficial DNR certifications for 2020. They are unofficial, as the DNR has not yet arranged any inspector testing plans for 2020. The City communicated our plans in writing to the DNR. They confirmed our inspectors are not certified but otherwise did not push back on the City's stated plans.
 - Confirmed our arrangements with Blue Water Science to search for starry stonewort (SSW) as per the last board meeting
 - Budget Committee (Harley Feldman reporting)
 - The pro-form financial modeling for 2020 was sent out electronically in advance of the meeting and he presented the options for dues for 2020 at various levels of homeowner compliance. Note: the Pro-forma financial document is not attached to these minutes as per Board protocols.

- Joe Shneider moved to set 2020 dues at \$550. This is a continuation of the 2019 amount. Gregg Elliott seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
 - Mary Shaw suggested that the Board members make personal phone calls to the approximately 30 people who won't pay dues. Joe Shneider indicated he will develop a 1-page summary of our AIS program to stimulate the dialogue. It should include successes, threats, and perspectives if we had done nothing.
 - Docks and Lifts Committee (Roger Norberg reporting)
 - Roger noted we have 51 homeowners on the program with the work spread between 3 providers.
 - Todd Erickson and Paul Cosette have agreed to handle the on-lake coordination with the providers.
 - We would like to have fewer rogue barges coming onto the lake as they tend to work against us rather than with us.
 - Doug Punke had a good experience with Bricks Boatworks and Roger will look into them.
 - Events and Activities Committee (Gregg Elliott reporting)
 - Harley Feldman and Gregg Elliott will plan to communicate the Memorial Day Fun Run with Social Distancing practices thought through and in effect.
 - Gregg Elliott will be checking in with the Gavin's regarding the status of our on-boarding information.
- Annual Elections Update (Todd Erickson reporting)
 - Tom Kelly will not run for a Board seat in this election. Mary Shaw, Gregg Elliott and Doug Punke's seats are also up for this election, and they have indicated a willingness to be on the ballot. Paige Terwilliger is also intending to be on the ballot.
 - Todd Erickson thanked Tom Kelly for his many years of service to the CLHA.
 - Kerri Hawk will drive the elections again for 2020. The timetable is as follows:
 - April 24: Candidates are to be announced
 - May 1: Link to the voting app sent out
 - May 11: Voting ends.
- Use of Credit Cards to Pay the CLHA
 - Harley Feldman provided an overview of the option of using Square for credit card payments to the CLHA for dues, dock/lift fees etc.
 - A question came up on the privacy issue of potentially needing to store credit card information. Harley to check.
 - The Board also discussed approached to fund the credit card fees. We agreed to offer dues payments via credit cards with no extra CLHA fees in 202 and see how many members use the credit card option.
- By-Laws Review

- Todd Erickson conducted a review of the Bylaws and suggested there are areas where we are not practicing what the bylaws say. Areas of concern include:
 - Who is a member? (Article II Section 1) - The Board discussion included Todd's suggested changes as well as concern for Lot 11 homeowners.
 - Resignation of members (Article II Section 2)
 - Record date for members (Article II Section 3)
 - Records of the corporation (Article VI Section 6)
- Todd will send out a proposed set of bylaw revisions for the Board to review and approve via e-mail in the next few days.
- 2020 Annual Meeting
 - The May 18 meeting at Excelsior Elementary will not happen due to COVID-19 events. There was a strong desire to have an in-person meeting rather than an online meeting.
 - Topics for the meeting include:
 - Financials and an explanation of dues
 - Committee reports, AIS at a minimum
 - 2020 CLHA Board Elections
 - Guest Speaker – MN AIS Research Center speaker preferred
 - Owning your wakes
 - Nuisance animal control (geese & beavers)
 - Potential topics include:
 - Update on the loons
- Other business
 - Geese and beaver issues were discussed. Doug Punke and Todd Erickson moved that the CLHA pay up to \$2,000 starting next year for annual control of the beaver population. Mary Shaw seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
 - Discussion of asking the city to close the PortaPotty at the landing in light of COVID-19 – No action taken.
 - Steve Midthun commented on the change in AIS inspector hours to reduce cost
 - Intention to prepare a positive message on AIS activity to go to the homeowners via email – Joe Shneider to do.
- Joe Shneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Gregg Elliott seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joe Shneider, Secretary