

# Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association Board

## Minutes of Special Meeting

June 24, 2020

Directors present:      Paul Cossette                      Gregg Elliott                      Todd Erickson  
                                 Harley Feldman                      Steve Midthun                      Aaron Peterson  
                                 Doug Punke                              Joe Shneider

Directors absent:      Tom Kelly                              Roger Norberg                      Mary Shaw

- The Zoom conference call meeting was called to order by President Todd Erickson at 12:03 pm. Todd Erickson acknowledged that the Board was meeting by remote communication as allowed by our bylaws. This was a special meeting called under Article V, Section 3 of our bylaws to discuss potential a financial contribution to the U of MN Enhanced Wake Research Project
- Gregg Elliott joined the call after the primary business was completed.
- Financial support for the U of MN Enhanced Wake Research Project
  - This topic and our potential financial support were communicated by Todd Erickson in an email to all board members in the week before the meeting and email responses were copied to all board members.
  - Joe Shneider briefed the board on his recent email that noted the recent MN COLA contribution of \$4,000, the U of MN crowdsourcing effort, and the 1-page overview of the project from the U of MN
  - Todd Erickson provided a summary of board member input from recent email communications
  - Todd Erickson posed two questions: “Do we want to support the project financially, and if so, how much should we donate?”
  - Discussion at the meeting noted:
    - Recognition that this is a polarizing issue
    - Our investment needs to be seen as good for Christmas Lake given the pushback on the level of homeowner dues
    - One value to the CLHA would be in the boater education to our homeowners and visitors based on the science developed by the project
    - General agreement to support the project
    - Financial support suggestions were in the \$1,000-2,000 range
    - The CLHA should take a leadership role in providing early support for the project
    - We would consider an initial donation now and perhaps more later to help fill any funding gap
  - Harley Feldman moved to provide a financial contribution of \$1,000 to the project. His motion was amended to provide \$1,500 to the project. Joe Shneider seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**

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- Todd Erickson will communicate this board action to the CLHA including the rationale. He will also suggest that individual contributions can be made to help support the project
- Other business
  - Helping the hurt adult loon was discussed
- Todd Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. **Passed Unanimously**
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joe Shneider, Secretary