

Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: November 19, 2020

Directors present:

Paul Cossette	Steve Midthun	Joe Shneider
Gregg Elliott	Roger Norberg	Ed Szalapski
Todd Erickson	Doug Punke	
Harley Feldman	Mary Shaw	

Directors absent:

Aaron Peterson

- The video meeting was called to order by President Todd Erickson at 7:05 pm. Todd Erickson acknowledged that the Board was meeting electronically as allowed under Article V, Section 8 of our bylaws.
- Introductory comments by Todd Erickson included the following:
 - Our next Board meetings will be in February and April 2021
 - We welcome Ed Szalapski back to the Board
 - Officers will stay in their roles until the Board meeting following 2021 elections.
- Gregg Elliott moved to approve the draft CLHA Board meeting minutes from April 17, 2020 and June 24, 2020. Harley Feldman seconded the motion. **Passed unanimously with Ed Szalapski abstaining as he was not on the Board at those times.**
- Reports from Standing Committees of the Board:
 - Budget Committee (Harley Feldman reporting)
 - Our 2020 balance was budgeted to be \$2,800
 - AIS expenses are lower than plan
 - Goose roundup costs were higher than plan as more geese were captured
 - The \$1,500 donation to the U of M for the Wake project was unplanned
 - We haven't yet received any financial support for 2020 from the City of Shorewood. Todd Erickson and Joe Shneider to address this with the City.
 - 2 people paid partial dues
 - From a cash flow view, we started the year with \$73,000 and we now expect a break even end to the year.
 - Joe Shneider moved that the fun run donation of \$2,550 be made to the ICA Foodshelf. Gregg Elliott seconded the motion. **Passed unanimously.**
 - AIS Committee (Joe Shneider reporting)
 - The 2020 season concluded with few operational problems and a well-running decontamination unit
 - An End of Year report will be prepared as usual and will be circulated to the Board.

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- Joe Shneider will follow up with Steve McComas to get a follow up report regarding the starry stonewort search late this summer.
- Docks and Lifts Committee (Roger Norberg reporting)
 - The fall takeout was relatively easy. 48 homeowners participated. The contractor group is stable at 3.
 - Two rouge barges, who will not work with us, came on the lake again this fall, and one did not get decontaminated due to extreme cold weather. Rec-Tech is one of these groups.
 - We believe we know some of the homeowners they are servicing, but our information is not perfect. Todd will be drafting a newsletter to the association which will note that some homeowners are using vendors who are not cooperating at all with our AIS prevention program and creating unnecessary AIS risks for the lake.
- Events and Activities Committee (Gregg Elliott reporting)
 - Steve Midthun commented that we will need help with the cross-country grooming as he will be out of town during parts of the winter. Gregg Elliott volunteered his son Sean Elliott to help out.
- New Member On-boarding
 - No update
- Membership
 - No update
- Annual Meeting
 - Todd Erickson confirmed that there is no requirement in our bylaws to hold an annual meeting
 - We will wait until the April Board meeting to determine if one can be held in person or virtually. An in-person meeting is preferred, especially for new members.
- Bylaws & Articles of incorporation Changes
 - Todd Erickson noted that feedback from our prior meeting has been incorporated. Todd will send out a revised proposal for Director review and comment in the next few weeks. Once the by-laws are updated, we will address some needed updates to our Articles.

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- Approval by the Board and subsequent approval by the Association is required to amend these documents.

- Curry Farms Creek Erosion
 - Todd Erickson noted that a field trip of interested Christmas Lake homeowners was conducted with the Mayor of Chanhasen and the City Engineer to review the erosion damage.
 - The City has included remediation work in their Capital Improvement Plan. This is a key first step to getting action.
 - It was suggested that we memorialize these events in a letter to the City, including a comment that we are willing to contribute financially to keep this project moving forward.

- Other items
 - Joe Shneider updated the group on the status of the Boat Wake Research project.
 - The beaver roundup is planned for the spring
 - There is a desire to post some newly available Christmas Lake history on the website

- Joe Shneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Ed Szalapski seconded the motion. **Passed Unanimously**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joe Shneider, Secretary

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