

WOODBEEK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting
Camp Greenwood

February 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Tom Stressman, Kris Ferguson, Nan Holmes, Jean Stevens-Berry, Don Hoogerhyde, Kevin Martin, Bob Darvill, Gloria Gibson, Adam Bigelow, Phil Sliva, Ed Armbruster, Carol Bird, Kevin Bird, Wayne King, Norm Davidson, Robin Scheel, Marty Scheel, Jacob Dayringer, Jeff Webster, Jodi Ramos, Craig Oldenburg, Lynn Monroe, Steve Monroe

Called to order at 7:04 by Tom Stressman, who welcomed everyone.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary- Minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting were emailed to the board by Kris Ferguson. Jean Stevens-Berry motioned to accept the minutes, Marty Scheel seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Robin reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She noted that she went to a different format. Highlights are \$19,734 in account, of that \$1,930 is Fish Plant donations. Expenses are \$202.98 postage, \$839.70 Halloween party, Go Daddy to renew domain name for 3 years. So far we have 149 paid members. Don motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jodi seconded, motioned passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Upcoming Events: Nan reminded everyone that the next dinner gathering is at 57 Brew. She's trying to organize a bowling event for next month. She asked where do we want to do the annual breakfast? It's usually the first Saturday in June, which is June 1st. Kris said that since the last few breakfasts have been at Camp Greenwood (Greenwood), and we have a great partnership with both camps, suggested it be moved to Camp Concordia this year. Jacob Dayringer, the Director of Camp Greenwood voiced his agreement. Kris Ferguson made a motion to have the breakfast at Camp Concordia on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Would still like Greenwood's cook, Caroline, to be the cook, and approve the kitchen. Jacob, to check with Caroline, and confirm. Motion passed.

Lake Quality- Bob Darvill reported that the cost for 2018 treatment is the lowest that's it's been in the last 5 years. The past 5 years costs were 2018-\$33,858, 2017-\$39,791, 2016-\$40,500, 2015-\$36,900. Most recent testing show nitrate content as very good, phosphates were typical. Aerates going well with killing the loosestrife. Phosphorus is still a problem. It's at a low level, but it feeds algae. He requests that homeowners use a barrier to keep ashes and fertilizer from running into the water. It's posted in the Waterline. Bob is pleased with PLM, they are doing a good job with treatment and testing.

Fish Plant- Jeff Webster said the fishplant (FP) went good this fall. He'll get some pictures to Gloria. Walleye were a good size, they were supposed to be 5"-8" inches, but they looked bigger, Bluegills were 4-6". There were roughly 2,000 of each type of fish. Fish plant was planted in October as previous years. The Spring plant has been discontinued. The reason is two-fold - One is just one trip for the hatchery and the other is the fish we planted got fed all summer and grew without being ate by predators. Same number of fish just a better rate of survival due to them being healthier/bigger

Welcome Committee: Nan said the Welcome Committee purchased 15 kooze's from Rebecca at \$6.00 each for a total of \$90.00. These are given as part of the welcome packet to new families. Have already welcomed one family.

Waterline: Gloria reminded everyone that the Waterline will be coming out in March. She reminded Tom that she needs his president letter. She showed the brochure that new people are given, and said that she needs to place an order for more. She gave price list and Tom approved getting a quantity of 250 for \$227.

Boat Launch- Don said new “No Wake” signs will be put up at the two channels before ice goes down. He asked about the Kindy boat launch dock, and if interested in improvements. He said there aren’t bumpers, and would we want them added. Tom said people may be interested, but we need a cost. Wayne asked about putting in 2 docks, one on each side. He may even donate a dock for that. He said would be nicer to have place to tie up. Don to get a number. Craig reported that this past year was really pleasant at Camp Concordia boat launch and thanked everyone.

Apparel: Gloria met Lynn & Steve Monroe who have a cottage on Banks Lake, and they own a T-shirt shop in Lansing. They did a drawing at the Christmas Party with t-shirts as the prizes, and they were really nice. Mainly do wholesale but can also host web stores. They said they could do a WCLA website so that people could order from the site, rather than Gloria having to keep inventory in her garage. The website is <https://stores.inksoft.com/ih20w>. They showed samples. Currently have created a logo but will be updating. They have 17 items available so far, ranging from t-shirts, sweatshirts and towels and prices range from \$10-\$35. They’re unisex style, because it’s harder to sell lady sizes. Will take about a week to get or could deliver if Steve and Lynn come to the lake. Asking for the Associations support. Tom said we’re all for sending folks on the water to their site. Would want to make sure it has our traditional logo of “WCLA Five Lakes One Community” as well. Lynn said that shouldn’t be a problem. Marty made a motion to move our business to them, Kris 2nd, motion passed.

Camp Greenwood update: Jacob Dayringer, Director of Camp Greenwood, said the Presbyterian Church would lease land to the Greenwood non-profit, which is what Jacob is part of. The non-profit can lease it for 3 years. He passed around a map that showed places in green-available to lease; places in red-to sell; yellow-full price. Half price shown in green, based on 2019 appraisal and survey. Believe it will be around \$2,000,000. Norm asked if that includes full price. In 2016, the appraisal was \$1,600,000. If the non-profit can’t raise money, then the church will sell to highest bidder. Water wells on property will get dealt with during the 3 years. It was asked how funds were going to be raised, Jake said there will be a capital campaign. It was asked if another church could buy it, and he responded that he foresees it being non-denominational. He thanked us for our community, he loves it here.

Bridge Update- Wayne spoke to Tom Byle, Associate Dir of Engineering, Kent County Road Commission suggesting that we were aiming to raise the bridge 4 feet. If raised to 4 feet, they’d have to re-engineer everything. Took what we sent in 2010 to raise 3 feet, which may be a less expensive option. 4 feet is bigger cost, if we can get it squared up. Currently it’s 41”. Norm asked if the bottom could be widened. Wayne said they would take the bridge, lift, raise base and put bridge back. The Association would have to clean out some rocks, that’s not something the county would do. If we go higher, could be up to \$500,000. County will get the cost projected. Wayne said that a letter needs to be in writing from Kent County giving us an estimated quote so we can submit to Twp asking Twp to set up an Assessment District similar to the existing District used for Weed Control.

Party Committees:

Golf Outing- Scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2019. Nothing to report.

Progressive Kayaking- Nothing to report

Annual Breakfast- Breakfast to be held at Camp Concordia on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Would still like Greenwood’s cook, Caroline, to be the cook, and approve the kitchen. Jacob, to check with Caroline, and confirm.

Halloween Party- This was a fun event, but somewhat costly. Won’t be an annual party.

Annual Meeting- Nothing new to report.

Christmas Party- Nothing new to report
Cookie Exchange- Nothing new to report.

Old Business-

New Business- Ron Trumble wasn't in attendance, but asked Norm to bring up having other summer events. Suggested a concert type event at the Thomas Lake sandbar, next to Norm's boat launch and shed. Something like Elvis on Woodbeck or like the Stressman's, but a concert with a band. Tom said the WCLA doesn't donate to the Elvis event, or the food for the Kayak event. We don't want to get into the politics of donating to have a concert on the lake, but then others have personal events where they invite the lake, but they pay for it their selves. If it's open to the public, then we can't use lake association money. Nan listed the events that we do, and said it's getting bigger. She sometimes goes out of pocket before being reimbursed. It's been brought to her attention to do a Social Fund Budget. It was discussed ways to make more funds. Maybe by upping dues or putting a donation jar at events. Was discussed raising dues from \$35 to \$40. It's been a long time since they were increased, and with the additional events, this may be the time to do it. It was discussed giving the Kayak hosts money for the food and drink they provide. Wayne and Don both said that as hosts, it's nice to do it, and they don't mind not getting money. If wanted to open to lake, there's a lot of different things, don't want to see a lot of expenses coming out of association funds to do. It was asked about the Halloween party. Tom said it was too costly of an event. Wayne said he'd like to see a raise in dues to \$50 by 2020, Jeff Webster 2nd it. More discussion. There could be expenses for the bridge raising. Kevin asked what the timeline looks like on the bridge raising. Wayne said it won't be very fast, maybe 2 years. Previously homeowners were given option by Twp to pay over 3 years and Kent County Road Commission was crediting WCLA \$30,000 for deck repairs (milling & repaving), because they were going to be doing roadwork back then. Motion to raise to \$50 didn't pass. Bob asked what percentage of members paid dues, Gloria said it's about 80-85%. Kris made a motion to raise dues to \$40 by 2020, Wayne 2nd it, motion passed, with Don voting against. Tom said the \$5.00 increase will go into the general fund, and there will be a budget created for social events like the kayak, cookie exchange, etc.

Don motioned to adjourn, Jodi 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:16.