

WOODBEEK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Camp Greenwood

February 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Jean Stevens-Berry, Jacob Dayringer, Norm Davidson, Kevin Martin, Adam Bigalow, Blake Zylstra, Sam Scott, Teri Scott, Marty Scheel, Kevin Bird, Carol Bird, Phil Sliva, Bruce Veldman, Ed Armbruster, Nan Holmes, Scott Hutchinson, Kris Ferguson, Wayne King, Jodi Ramos

Absent: Tom Stressman, Don Hoogerhyde, Bob Darvill, Gloria Gibson, Ron Trumble, Cathy Schrauben, Roy LaMarte, Colleen O'Herron, Rebecca McIntyre, Sandy Allers

Called to order at 7:00 by Scott Hutchinson who welcomed everyone.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary- Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were emailed to the board by Kris Ferguson. Bruce motioned to accept the minutes, Jean Stevens-Berry seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Bruce reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Highlights are 154 paid members for new fiscal period that started 09/01/2019; Fish Plant (FP) donations of \$1,150, FP expense was \$3,000, FP reserve is \$4,161. Expenditures included PO box, insurance, Christmas party insurance rider of \$100. Kevin Bird motioned to approve, Phil 2nd, motion passed.

Bruce asked if we wanted to renew The Riparian Magazine. We get 5 copies and one copy goes to a rep on each lake with the intention that's it's to be passed to others. It's \$70 for annual subscription. Some reps mentioned they've never seen it get passed around, so reps need to do better. Bruce said the magazine follows new laws, and information about lakes, invasive plants. Kris motioned to renew, Bruce 2nd, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish Plant- Adam Bigelow noted that if ice fishing, be careful, not safe. Looks frozen, but only a couple inches of ice.

Lake Quality- Bob Darvill not in attendance, nothing to report.

Golf Outing- Norm Davidson reported that this will be the 5th year for the WCLA Golf Outing. He talked about the different courses that we've had it at. One of his main concerns is protecting the entry fee. The entry fee has been \$50, which \$30 is for 18 holes and cart, and \$20 goes toward prizes and food. We've always done the last Saturday of July and this year it doesn't work for the local golf courses that we've had it at before. Candlestone and Glen Carry could both do August 1st. For an early tee time, Candlestone wants to raise it to \$35, so fee would go up to \$55. They could do an afternoon tee time for \$30. Glen Carry could also do twilight time for \$30. After discussion of morning tee vs afternoon tee, it was decided to do twilight tee time. Bruce motioned to have it at Candlestone on August 1st with the event starting at 2:30 and 3:00 Shotgun start. Motion passed.

Boat Launch & Signs- Bruce reported for Don Hoogerhyde. Bruce said that the Board had approved \$900 for new dock on Kindy. Existing dock could be repaired, but not worth it. Got a bid for a dock from Schneider's in St. John for \$1,677, it's all aluminum, longer legs. Would be 2 – 10ft sections, part of it would be on land. Would have cross beams, 2 – 3ft bumpers. Bruce motioned on behalf of Don for \$800 additional, Kevin Martin 2nd, motioned passed.

Welcome Committee- Nan reported that Gloria has given her a list of new folks on the lakes. Nan said that she and Terri take a break in the winter, will start welcoming when warmer weather comes.

Pancake Breakfast- Nan said that the Pancake Breakfast has always been the first Saturday of June, so will be June 6th this year. Last year we had it at Camp Concordia, she'd like to bring it back to Camp Greenwood. Nan spoke to Carolyn, Greenwood's cook and who has cooked for the last few years for the breakfast, and Carolyn said she could do that date at Greenwood. Jared confirmed that June 6th is open. Carol Bird motioned to have the breakfast at Camp Greenwood, Bruce 2nd, motion passed.

Annual Dinner- Nan said Annual Dinner is usually last Saturday of August, which is August 29th. Jodi motioned to have the Annual Dinner on August 29 at Camp Greenwood, Bruce 2nd, motion passed. Jake confirmed that the date was available and that we could have the dinner at the camp.

Monthly Get-Together- Nothing new to report.

Christmas Party- Nan spoke with Mike and April Peterson at their new place, Frugthaven Farm, which was previously Klackles Orchard. They said that we could have the WCLA Christmas Party at their place for free, in the Cider Barn in the back. BYOB. Will be Saturday, December 5, 2020. Bruce motioned that we accept their gracious offer, Kris 2nd, motion passed.

Progressive Kayaking- Nan said that we still need host homes. Still need to decide if it's a WCLA sponsored event and if we're charging for participants. In regard to the liability of serving liquor, Kris said that if it's sponsored by WCLA, then they'll want to get an insurance rider for the event. Also, in regard to host homes, most homeowner policies have Host Liquor Liability coverage. If we charge for the event, then it increases the liability because could be considered in the business of selling alcohol. Bruce said not an issue to get the insurance rider. Wayne said that we need a definite cutoff for number of participants, one of the issues previously was that folks rsvp'd after the cutoff, so participants kept increasing. Nan said if she can get host homes, she doesn't know what she's working with in regard to dollars. Since we are going to give money to the host homes starting this year, Wayne said we need to come up with a value to give the host homes. Norm and Wendi Davidson are on board as the final host home and after-party. We have a maybe for Woodbeck. Scott said that we need to come up with a way for committees to request funds for specific requests. He proposed that committees submit in writing a proposal to the board. Nan asked about the money for the breakfast, and Bruce said that's always been in existing budget. Bruce said the Kayak Committee needs to meet and make some decisions to present to the board. Jodi, Carol and Kris said they'd be on the committee. Norm suggested selling bracelets to help with costs. Wayne made a motion that it be a WCLA sponsored event, Phil 2nd, motion passed.

Halloween Party- Nan said that she's had a number of people ask if we were going to do the Halloween party again. She explained that the last time we had costs for DJ and taco bar, and it was held at Brookside Golf Course. The Decker's had a lot of Halloween decorations. We charged a fee. Nan asked if we wanted to do it again with some changes, and if she should check what dates are available. Carol asked if we could reserve a date and vote on at next meeting. Needs more discussion. Bruce motioned to table to next meeting, Jodi 2nd, motion passed.

Bridge Raising- Scott reported that a survey was emailed or mailed to all members. Good response, received 150 completed surveys out of 240. Vast majority approve raising it. Have commitments of \$170,000 out of the \$300,000 that's the estimated cost to raise it. Others are willing to commit more. Met with attorney Timothy J. Orlebeke of Orlebeke Mackraz PC to discuss next steps. He suggested forming an LLC to protect the association. Tim also suggested setting up a meeting with the county, himself, a couple of committee reps and Oakfield Township. First step was contacting the Kent County Road Commission (KCRC), which they said will need to meet with Oakfield Township. Wayne Harrel (KCRC Deputy Managing Director, Engineering) took it upon himself to meet with Greg Dean, Oakfield Township Supervisor on his own. Per Wayne H. Greg was responsive to the bridge raising, but not willing to use township money. He's willing to be the vehicle to move funds from the fundraiser monies to the township to KCRC. Wayne H. requested that Greg get in touch with Jeff Knapp, Supervisor at Spencer Township and to submit their formal approval of moving forward to the KCRC and then Wayne H. would take it to their committee for approval to be involved in the project. Wayne is asking for some survey results # in favor of and numbers not in favor of, so that he can take it to their board that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Wayne H. (KCRC Deputy Managing Director, Engineering),

also called and spoke with someone at Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), formally known as The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), to make sure they wouldn't have a problem with raising the bridge. Wayne indicated that the person he spoke to said they would be in favor of raising the bridge because it supports the "Right to Navigate" initiative. Anticipating cost to be \$300,000 or less. It's not to say that Kent County won't go in on it, as eventually KCRC would have to make repairs to it anyway. Wayne spoke to them about raising it 3ft. KCRC is going by previous quote and doubling everything to make sure county is protected. Would be a 1-2 year project. Kris asked where money would come from to defend a suit if someone tried to stop the bridge raising. Wayne said it's why we need townships approvals.

OLD BUSINESS:

E-Payment Options- Scott reported that we have Pay Pal set up as a membership payment option, would be \$1.77 additional for dues for use of the service. It's set up, but still needs to be tested. Jake made a motion to proceed with Pay Pal for testing and the service, Jodi 2nd it, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Funds- Scott made a proposal than any committee that would like to have access to funds, put a written request to the President to present to the board. Bruce 2nd, motion passed.



Camp Greenwood- Ed Armbruster was asked to join the Camp Greenwood Board as a liaison between the camp and the board. He said the Presbyterian Church has set the end of 2021 to get funds for the camp to remain a camp, otherwise it goes to open market. The camp needs to raise \$1,000,000 for land and improvements. The Board has hired a professional fund raiser to raise funds. The Camp is looking to lake residents to help with fund raising. Also, AmazonSmile is a way to raise money. When purchasing from Amazon, can select a charity and Amazon donates .5%. Doesn't raise the cost of a purchase, it comes from Amazon. He asked if the WCLA Board is ok with helping to get the word out. Marty said for the AmazonSmile, that you have to set it up thru both your phone and computer. To donate thru AmazonSmile, select "Greenwood Ministries Association" or go to the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-3213014> and this will automatically select "Greenwood Ministries Association". Jake, Camp Greenwood Director, said that fundraising started February 1st. The Dailey News is going to write a story. The press is coming on the Saturday, May 16 workday. He said we're unique with having the 5 lakes, the wildlife, unique and rare plants, goal is to keep it as is. Capital Campaign and Camping Brochures are on the tables. Jake said that he started as a camp counselor 8 years ago, and never thought he'd be a director, and now there are campers that are now counselors. He's talked to other camps and there's some where the communities don't always like having the camps there, sometimes there's animosity. He said he's thankful for the relationship between the camp and lake residents and said it's special. Scott requested a write up of Amazon Smile to let lake residents know.






Camp Greenwood Workdays- Camp Spring workdays are Saturday, April 18 and Saturday, May 16, would appreciate anyone that can come out and help. October 17 is fall cleanup.

Membership Request- Blake Zylstra said that he bought a sliver of land on Horseshoe and sent in his money for membership. Was initially denied by Tom, but Tom said that Blake could present to Board for approval. Blake said that there was a boundary survey and he's already received his tax assessment from Oakfield charging him for weed control. Wayne motioned to let him be a member, Bruce 2nd, motion passed.





8:05 Bruce motioned to adjourn, Marty 2nd, motion passed.

Future Meetings and Events:

-  Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, June 6, 2020
-  Progressive Kayaking – Saturday, July 18, 2020

-  Golf Event – Saturday, August 1, 2020, Candlestone, event starts at 2:30 with 3:00 Shotgun start
-  Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 29, 2020, Camp Greenwood
-  Halloween Party - Tabled
-  Christmas Party – Saturday, December 5, 2020, Frugthaven Farm Cider Barn
-  Cookie Exchange – Location and date TBD

Board Meetings:

-  Monday, September 9, 2020, 7:00 Camp Greenwood
-  Monday, February 10, 2020, 7:00 Camp Greenwood
-  Monday, April 13, 2020, 7:00 Camp Greenwood – Canceled due to Stay At Home Executive Order
-  Monday, July 13, 2020, 7:00 pm, **location TBD**