

# WOODBEEK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting  
Stressman's Driveway

July 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Jean Stevens-Berry, Kevin Martin, Phil Sliva, Bruce Veldman, Ed Armbruster, Nan Holmes, Scott Hutchison, Kris Ferguson, Wayne King, Jodi Ramos, Kim Simmons, Gloria Gibson, Bob Darvill, Don Hoogerhyde, Roy LaMarte, Ron Trumble, Tom Stressman, Adam Bigelow

Absent: Cathy Schrauben, Colleen O'Herron, Norm Davidson, Kevin Bird, Carol Bird

Called to order at 7:00 by Tom Stressman who welcomed everyone.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Secretary- Minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting was emailed to the board by Kris Ferguson. Bruce motioned to accept the minutes, Don 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Bruce reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Highlights are 208 paid members, which is a record; Total revenue is around \$10,000. Various events canceled, so probably won't change much. Capital expense is the dock at Kindy. We also paid \$250 to remove an unclaimed dock that had been floating the lakes for quite a while. Scott asked if the extra expense for the website is included, and Bruce confirmed that it's included in the administrative expenses. We have Fish Plant (FP) donations of \$4,771, spent \$3,000 last fall to plant Walleye. Have almost \$20,000 in the general fund. Scott motioned to approve, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fish Plant- Adam Bigelow is working with Stoney Creek on the fall fish plant. Waiting for final price and what's available. Don asked if we could get small mouth bass. He asked Adam to check if with enough notice if Stoney Creek could get them and said he would be willing to donate specifically toward that. Bruce said he caught a small mouth recently, which was surprising because they were planted 8-9 years ago.

Lake Quality- Bob Darvill said it was a lousy winter as far as ice. There was a boat fire, but it didn't sink, and Adam said a UTV went thru Half Mile, but they got it out. Bob said PLM did a major lily pad spray last week. He's had over 20 people ask for extra lily pad spray, but they are only allowed to spray a 40x40 area. About 6 people are going to contact PLM directly. It was noted that they may need to get a permit for the additional spray. Most people seem satisfied with the results. Bob reported there was an issue with a white foam appearing on Horseshoe. After talking with homeowners in the area of the foam, he discovered that a guest of someone that lives on the lake brought a fire extinguisher and sprayed the lake. Initially there was concern that if it was an older fire extinguisher, it could contain PFAS, but he found out that the kid worked at a hardware store and recently bought it, so it's the baking soda type. Bob said we have an issue with algae on Horseshoe, think it's from a septic on Stacey. Gloria said a pump & dump is on order, and they were just granted a permit to put in septic. Testing of the algae shows it in acceptable range, Bob recalls it was about 186. The home where it's coming from went from 1 person living there to 4 people, so it increased quickly. Gloria asked if family with corner lot on Horseshoe that grows marijuana has a permit. They were cleansing right into the lake. Bob put it on PLM's shoulders to notify the DNR since they take care of our lakes. Gloria said the smell is terrible. They are required to have a permit and filtration system. Township checked, and it doesn't have a filtration system, still waiting to find out if they have a permit.

Golf Outing- Norm Davidson wasn't in attendance, but it was confirmed that the WCLA Golf Outing will be taking place as scheduled at Candlestone on 08/01/20 at 2:00pm for registration and 3:00pm shotgun.

Boat Launch & Signs- Don Hoogerhyde said the new dock was installed at the Kindy boat launch and thanked Bruce Veldman, Ron Trumble, and Ed Armbruster for their help. Don also purchased a few extra locks because they keep getting dropped in the sand and then don't work. He said there's also a sign at Kindy that needs to be replaced.

Welcome Committee- Nan said she and Teri haven't welcomed anyone due to Covid-19.

Pancake Breakfast- Canceled due to Covid-19.

Annual Dinner- Bruce said things won't get better before annual dinner. Suggested canceling the meeting and having the same Board Members and Lake Reps stay on. Bruce made a motion to cancel the annual meeting and to hold people in the same positions, if willing, for next fiscal year. Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. Nan will let Carolyn know. It was asked if we could still have meeting without food. It was decided in lieu of annual meeting, respect governor's orders. We're doing this as a stop gap.

Monthly Get-Together- Nothing new to report. No Get-Togethers due to Covid-19.

Christmas Party- No discussion

Progressive Kayaking- Canceled due to Covid-19.

Halloween Party- Nan said nothing new. Didn't follow up because everything is on hold due to Covid-19.

Bridge Raising- Scott said it's been delayed due to Covid-19.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

E-Payment Options- Gloria reported that PayPal has been going well. Have had about 25 people use it with no issues. She thanked Scott for his help in getting it set up. Bruce noted that if you make a Fish Plant (FP) contribution, there's an additional small percentage fee. There's a percentage added to dues and percentage added to Fish Plant. Scott said it's based on what you pay, so it makes sense there's an additional percentage fee for FP.

Camp Greenwood- Ed Armbruster reported that, including capital fundraising, the camp needs to raise \$1,000,000 by the end of 2021. Fundraising has been slow. Hired a fundraiser, and they've applied for many grants, but have received lots of excuses (Covid-19, camp doesn't meet requirements). If camp isn't saved, then its likely developers move in and build. Bruce asked how many houses could be on there. Ed said that just along Woodbeck there could be 15, 2 on Banks, and several on the point. Bruce said we should go to the township and ensure zoning rules require that **only** the houses that get built on the lake get access to the lakes and ensure "back lotters" **do not get** access to the lake. We don't want a big marina with hundreds of "back lotter" boats. Don said we need to go to zoning board. Tom said he's dealt with Oakfield, and it could be challenging. Best thing to do would be to attend a township meeting and bring it up. Bruce said we need to do it now. Ron thought it was already that way on Horseshoe. Roy said it could be in place already, but a developer could get it changed. They could get a zoning variance too. Tom to look at Oakfield zoning laws and if something doesn't look right, will bring up to Supervisor. Don asked Ed if he thinks they're doing anything to make it viable. Ed said they're doing an on-line auction. He wants to get the auction information out to the folks on the lake. Ed's email is on the list and they can reach out to him if questions. He's on Camp Greenwood's board, which meets the second Friday of every month. Scott suggested that Gloria send an email to residents with Access Kent and show how much will go away if we don't keep it. Tom said they've struggled for years, owners (Presbyterian Church) don't want to keep it going, it's only a matter of time before it goes away. Ed said that not including the capital fundraising, the camp needs around \$700K to purchase the camp from the Presbytery. Bruce said some people may feel it's throwing money down a hole. Bruce asked if there's a way to make a pledge to Greenwood Ministries, payable only when Greenwood Ministries certifies that it has reached a certain level of contributions/pledges? Ed asked how easy is it to collect commitments? Scott said they may have statistics on collecting. Bob said they've been struggling. Ed acknowledged

they've been barely in the black the past few years. He said stuff has canceled due to Covid-19, but they've gotten donations from regulars.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Camp Concordia Boat Launch- Regarding liability for Camp Concordia. Bruce has tried to reach out to our insurance agent at Lightwood Group, but he's not responding. Camp wants us to have a rider for damage from members. Roy said we don't have a contract with the camp, and we aren't a boating association we wouldn't want to take on liability of members that use the launch. It was mentioned that there have been some challenges with access to the launch. Don asked if we looked at how the problem is addressed at other lakes. It was asked if auto insurance would cover. Individuals boating insurance should cover their selves. Don made a couple of suggestions of other places where a boat launch could be placed, mentioned we could ask the A-frame house if we could lease property from them or negotiating with Greenwood to buy property. It was asked what brought up the insurance discussion, and the response was there was a boat fire at the launch. No property damage occurred, but it brought up the issue. Scott said a boat should be covered under auto until in the water. Jean motioned to table the conversation to next meeting after Bruce hears back from Preston at Lightwood, Jodi 2<sup>nd</sup>, motioned passed.

Boat and Jet Ski Issues- Tom asked how is the association expected to police boats on the water? Complaints about this are his biggest pet peeve. He said its part of the life style of living on a lake. We aren't boat police and we can't do anything. When he gets calls, he suggests that people take videos, pictures, and report it to the Sherriff's department, their number is 616.632.6100. Don said they were out here 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Tom said he asked them to make a pass thru. It's often friends of people that live on the lake. Bob asked if in the past were they hired? Tom said it's complaint based. Ron said that he's been told our lakes are easier than other lakes. Tom said we can have more controls if they come more often, and if you're drinking you could go to jail, or get tickets for other offenses. Kris asked about having them come on a schedule, and Tom said there's an event charge if we request they come on a schedule. Gloria has noted to contact the Sherriff's Dept if members have a complaint. She's posted it on Facebook and in the Waterline. We don't want to offend our members, so have to be respectful.

WCLA Debit Card- Bruce said we now have a debit card for the WCLA. A credit card was also automatically issued, but we don't need a credit card and won't be using it.

New Website- Gloria said that we now have a new website design. She thanked Scott for all of his help designing it and getting it set up. She said she's been having fun adding stuff. Has been many years coming. Covid-19 came and nothing better to do, so it got done. It's \$180 for 1 year on Go Daddy. Marty shut down the old one, it's now canceled.

Beavers- Bruce said there are 2 beavers in pond north of bridge. Contacted John Ross and we need to get a permit again. They can be seen early in the morning. We can get a permit, need help locating where dens are. Ed is waiting for call from DNR. Tree down on Thomas. About August they start doing a bunch more damage.

New Owners- Gloria said there are a couple of lots on Banks with new owners, and she has their information. Discussed other new people. Gloria said she has everyone but Tyler Sheperd, which someone noted that he's been there a couple of years. Gloria to check. She also reminded folks to let her know when we have new people on the lakes. Horseshoe house still on the market.

8:05 Ron motioned to adjourn, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

## **Future Meetings and Events:**

-  Pancake Breakfast – Canceled
-  Progressive Kayaking – Canceled

-  Golf Event – Saturday, August 1, 2020, Candlestone, event starts at 2:00 with 3:00 shotgun start
-  Annual Meeting – Canceled
-  Camp Greenwood Workadays – Saturday, October 17 is Fall Cleanup
-  Halloween Party - Canceled
-  Christmas Party – Saturday, December 5, 2020, Frugthaven Farm Cider Barn
-  Cookie Exchange – Location and date TBD

**Board Meetings:**

-  Monday, September 09, 2019, 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, Stressman’s driveway
-  Monday, September 14, 2020, 7:00 pm, Stressman’s driveway