

# Minutes

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2025

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6:00 p.m.

Virtual - Google Meet

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## Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 13, 2025

### Call to Order – President Chris S.

### Discussion on Continuing Virtual Meetings

It was decided that virtual meetings work well for Board meetings, so they will continue.

### Attendance

- President Chris Schneider
- Vice President Scott Ross
- Treasurer Marlys Dunne
- Secretary Shelley Lindau
- Communications Director Natasha Zarich
- Member at Large Trena Morrison
- Member at Large Craig Anderson
- Member Rochell Hernandez

### Annual Meeting

With the annual meeting in April, it was suggested the Board meet more often in the coming month. There was a consensus to continue with virtual meetings on Google Meet, which limits the time to one hour. The board reviewed the slideshow Natasha created for last year's annual meeting. It was agreed to tweak it for this year.

### Natasha requested that all information be provided to her by March 31.

- Marlys will provide the budget information
- Shelley will provide the event information
- Rochelle will provide the membership information
- Board members were asked to consider who should be added to the contributor's slide.

### Renewal of Board Terms/Positions up for election:

- President – Chris Schneider
- Secretary – Shelley Lindau
- Communications Director – Natasha Zarich
- Member at Large – Dennis Kammerer
- Member at Large – Rochelle Hernandez

### Approval of Minutes (January 8, January 30, and February 5, 2025)

Natasha made a motion, Craig seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Vote in New Members

There were no new members to vote in.

### **Treasurer Update – Marlys D.**

- Checkbook balance: \$8,069
- Scott still needs to get Marlys the information on donations to the Shafer fire victims totaling \$350
- There were two \$500 checks from Edward Jones and a smaller miscellaneous donation
- The Club will pay out for the scholarship
- \$642 for food donation still in the checking account
- Approximately \$315 in expenses for the Celebration of the Lakes
- After these adjustments, the checkbook balance will be \$7,427
- Marlys needs new check blanks. The bank quoted over \$100, so she will look online for a cheaper option.
- Marlys will be filing the 2024 tax return.

### **Adopt a Senior Account**

- Balance: \$4,512
- No recent activity except for bank fees and miscellaneous interest
- Upcoming expenses: new flyers and supplies

### **Celebration of the Lakes ATV Raffle Sales**

- Kids Pro was #1 in ticket sales, GNC was #2
- Net profit from all sales was approx. \$8,100
- GNC sold 24% of tickets: \$1,951 + last year's \$1,730

### **Update on High School Scholarship**

- Deadline is early April
- Last year, the Club was late in receiving applications
- Previously discussed increasing to two \$500 scholarships
- Consensus was to keep it at one

### **Coffee Pot Sales Revenue**

Patty will provide an update at the next meeting. The steam event is scheduled for Saturday, June 21.

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### **Merchandise Inventory/Sales**

Natasha will separate coffee pot sales from merchandise sales once she regains access to the Square app.

### **Celebration of the Lakes**

Marlys reported that the Dunnes used two propane tanks during the celebration. The Board approved reimbursing one tank (approx. \$32).

### **Sponsorships – Harmony in the Park and Parades**

It was decided:

- Participate in both parades
- Donate as a sponsor to Harmony in the Park
- Decision pending on whether to have a booth or just do the parade

**Thank You Cards**

“Thank you” cards need to be sent to YRN donors and sponsors.  
Shelley has the cards and requested a list be compiled.

**Fire Department Donation**

The Center City Fire Department requested a presentation.  
Suggestion: Use the Annual Club Meeting PowerPoint.

**Communications Update – Natasha Z.**

- Facebook followers: 1,016 (increased during Celebration of the Lakes)
- Rochell is considering starting a blog to boost membership
- Discussion on posting to the Chisago Lakes Community Page

**Adopt a Senior Update**

- Marlys is working on scheduling a committee meeting
- Exploring a spring fishing/boating event through the Let's Go Fishing program
- Currently eight matches
- Meeting with the Chisago Lakes Achievement Center to discuss collaboration

**Chisago Lakes Yellow Ribbon Disbandment**

- YRN is disbanding
- Possibility of donating surplus items to GNC
- Marlys has a contact in Chisago City for more information

**Zion Church Community Meal – Monday, March 24, 2025**

Plenty of volunteers have signed up.

**Adopt a Highway – Sunday, May 4, 2025**

Discussion included:

- A friendly competition
- Hosting a barbecue to make the event fun

**Ki Chi and Karl Oskar Parades**

The Club will participate in both.

**Chisago Lakes Triathlon – July 26–27**

- Marlys will meet with the new organizers and the Sheriff's Department
- Goal: address last year's issues
- She will request \$1,500 for GNC volunteers

**Miscellaneous Discussion (coffee pots)**

Craig will gather information on leftover coffee pots.

A decision needs to be made regarding their use or sale.

It was noted the original fundraising goal has been met, so no need to donate back at this time.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- **Board Meeting:** March 20, 2025 – to plan the annual meeting
- **Annual Membership Meeting:** April 10, 2025
- **Board Meeting:** May 8, 2025

### **Adjournment**

The Google Meet board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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### **Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 20, 2025**

#### **Call to Order – President Chris S.**

#### **Attendance:**

- President: Chris Schneider
- Vice President: Scott Ross
- Secretary: Shelley Lindau
- Communications Director: Natasha Zarich
- Member: Rochell Hernandez

#### **Discussion focused on the upcoming annual meeting (April 10):**

- Pizza (with water and/or pop) will be served again
- Rochelle offered to make cookies
- It was agreed not to use a sound system

#### **Questions to engage members:**

- Is the Club meeting your needs?
- What would you like to see done differently?
- What do you want to see more of, and why?
- Why did you join?
- What does the Club mean to you? How would you like to be involved?
- How do you see the future of the Club?

#### **It was decided not to send out a separate agenda.**

The agenda will be part of Natasha's PowerPoint presentation.

#### **Meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.**

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### **Meeting Minutes – Thursday, April 3, 2025**

#### **Call to Order – President Chris S.**

#### **Attendance:**

- President: Chris Schneider
- Vice President: Scott Ross
- Treasurer: Marlys Dunne
- Secretary: Shelley Lindau
- Communications Director: Natasha Zarich
- Member at Large: Rochell Hernandez
- Member at Large: Dana Helm

**Annual Meeting discussion**

Scott initially planned to order pizza from Pizza Pub, but the group decided to support Pizza Man instead, as they help sponsor the food drive. Scott will also provide plates, napkins, and water.

**PowerPoint review & action items:**

- Rochell will forward new member applications to Shelley, Scott, and Natasha
- Chris will send Natasha goals for next year
- Shelley will compile a list of members who joined last year and the current membership count
- Shelley and/or Chris will speak with Dennis to confirm interest in remaining on the Board; Chris Dubose is also interested
- Marlys will send budget numbers to Natasha for inclusion in the slideshow
- A scholarship committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 17
- Someone needs to follow up on the possibility of selling coffee pots at the June steam event (Muni lot use and permits)
- Coordination with Craig and Patti is needed for coffee pot sales at the annual meeting. Marlys will bring banners
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**Engagement during the meeting:**

Some questions from the March 20 meeting will be added to a slide to encourage conversation during the pizza party.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Shelley Lindau**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Lindau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*"Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors club, through its resources and diverse membership, contributes to the needs and wellbeing of our communities through acts of kindness."*