

MINUTES

Board Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Chisago Town Hall



Call to Order - President Chris S. called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Attendance:

President Chris Schneider
Vice-President Scott Ross
Secretary Shelley Lindau
Treasurer Marlys Dunne
Communication Director Natasha Zarich
Member at Large Chris Dubose
Member at Large Dana Helm

Discussion on Meeting Structure

It was decided to not formally approve minutes since it was not required by the Bylaws. There was discussion on making the meetings less formal and more entertaining. There were comments on making sure to stick to the agenda, doing quicker updates on past events, limiting guest talking time, rearranging Natasha's update to coincide with discussion on upcoming Club events, keeping the Ice Breaker at the beginning of the meetings, and the importance of the membership letter and mentorship. There was also discussion on whether visuals should be used at the meeting, and it was decided that would be cumbersome but to continue using them for the annual meeting. It was decided that name tags were needed, and Marlys will get the sticky tags. Dana will send out the Welcome Letter to all new members in 2025. Jessie, Caryss, and Rochell will need to talk about the Membership Committee. There was discussion on getting new members to co-lead events with an experienced Club member

Vote in New Members Cole Anderson, Joanne Sellner, Lori Fredricksen

Marly made motion, Chris D. seconded to vote in new members Cole Anderson, Joanne Sellner, Lori Fredricksen. All Ayes. Motion carried. Shelley will mentor Joanne, Scott will mentor Cole, and Lori will likely be mentored by her son, Freddy.

Treasurer Update – Marlys D.

Marlys provided a quick update. She reported that there was currently \$15,256 in the checkbook. After outstanding expenses clear, there will be approximately \$14,600.

Adopt a Senior Update – Marlys D.

There was currently \$4,491. Outstanding expense was approximately \$22 for supplies that were used for a July 4th craft made for seniors. There are folders and flyers that need printed. Folders will need to be stocked with updated information from the Adopt a Senior Committee's partners. There are potentially 2-3 seniors. Beth was looking for a temporary backup to visit her senior. Shelley contacted new member Kathy P. who was to be getting in contact with Beth. Dana, who is Kathy's mentor, will reach out to Kathy. The AaS will have a root beer float for the seniors at Parmly during the Ki Chi parade. Christa has received permission from Parmly to put up the tent. Cost will be coming from the AaS budget. There was a discussion on putting the hotline calls directly into voice mail. Shelley will work on that and may need Scott's help. A person from the County reached out to the AaS about helping someone with weeding and light housekeeping. Marlys has received the release. AgeWell wants to have a board-to-board meeting. It was suggested to schedule it for 7 p.m. after the next CLGNC Board meeting. The Achievement Center is still moving forward with a senior program. It was suggested to have the application for AaS volunteers at club meetings.

Membership Committee Update.

Dana talked about getting the Welcome Letter to new members and decided to send it to all people who are new in 2025. There were questions on how to add someone to group me on the web, and it was acknowledged it was hard to help people get connected at Club meetings since there is limited connection ability.

Recap of Past Events

- Coffee Pot Steam Event June 21. Scott still needs to count money. The Club received a \$100 donation, and approximately \$100 was made on the dunk tank. Not much water was sold so the leftovers will be used at the parades. Dana shared a comment she received from another member who indicated they were not comfortable with members drinking at the event.
- Zion Community Meal June 23

Upcoming Club Events

- Karl Oskar Parade July 12. The sun for the float was located but the noodles for the rays have not been located. Chris S. said he will find more and paint them if necessary. Chris D.'s trailer will be used. Shawn D. was able to get the Food Shelf to donate shopping carts. There was conversation on the carts being difficult to push on the roads, so it was decided to put them on the trailer. Meeting place will be at 2:30 p.m. at Maggies as in past years.
- Chisago Lakes Triathlon July 26-27. Marlys reported they were still short three pontoons and three – four kayaks. Freddy had offered his boat so someone will follow up with him. Meeting time is 6:15 a.m. Sunday, and everyone is to meet at the public landing. There will be maps for kayakers. The Dunnes signed up with AJ and Grant to set out the buoys on Thursday evening around five-ish. Event organizers are struggling to find lifeguards. Natasha to post something on Facebook for lifeguards from 6:30 -8 a.m. for \$200. Chris D. asked her to make the post shareable.
- Harmony in the Park Non-profit Day July 16. Craig and Patti A. have offered to do the booth. Scott R. will speak.
- Ki Chi Parade August 17. More to come.
- Shafer Bank Robbery September 13. Chris D. will not be available so another banker is needed. It was decided to form a committee. There was discussion on changing the script for the 75th anniversary of the bank robbery. Marlys will get the script to Shelley. The Sheriff is looking for real guns. Chris S. may have a lead on someone who has a vehicle to use as the getaway car.

Merchandise Sales

Scott will see if the woman who does our merchandising can be at the next Club meeting. It was suggested she come early for merchandise sales. The Club members will need to be informed if that is the case.

Coffee Pot Replica Overstock Sales

There are about 40 left in inventory. Chris D. will keep some at his office and meet people by appointment if they would like to purchase.

Club Logo on Mugs.

Marlys informed the board that Derrik Olson is able to sell mugs with the Club logo on it for about \$15-20 each at a minimum of 40. She will ask Derrik for a sample to bring to the next Club meeting and take orders.

Purchase of Family Pathways Food

Scott shared his conversation with someone at Family Pathways who was concerned about the Club being "iffy" in their donations. It was noted there were still items for the Food Shelf at Chris S.'s and this will be combined with whatever food donations are received at the upcoming parade. Chris and Marlys will set up a date to bring it all to the Food Shelf and will try to do so within a week of the parade. Marlys noted she still needed to get the yellow donation slip from Jessie.

Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation Big Idea Grant

Chris D. informed the Board applications for the grant were being accepted from August 1 to September 14. Grants will be awarded on October 23. Marlys indicated there is still a potential on an application with the Achievement Center.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Compost Site. There is an opportunity to volunteer at the Compost Site on Wednesday and Saturdays. The Club was approached to see if they wanted to partner with Cub Scouts and would be allowed to put a donation jar out. It was decided to put it on the next Club meeting agenda for volunteers. No donation jar would be put out since it was not a Club event.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Sponsorship Letters. Marlys informed the Board that the fire departments recommended the Club get the sponsorship letters to them soon, and said it was best to get in front of them at a meeting. She has the letter on the shared drive that needs to be updated with what the Club has done in the previous year.
- Comfort Keepers. Marlys shared information on the new Senior Home Care business that had made a recommendation that the Club send someone to the Chisago County Vets Coffee Talk. Chris S. offered to attend and do a presentation on the Club. It was suggested to contact Tim C. since he was a veteran. It was noted that a lot of them are seniors and may want to participate in the Adopt a Senior Program. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 9-10 a.m.
- Laminator. Natasha talked about the need for a laminator. She will look into the costs get quotes, and send them to Board for approval
- Business cards. The Club is in need of more business cards. Many will be needed for the Holiday Mugs.

Upcoming Meeting

- Membership Meeting August 14, 2025
- Board Meeting September 11, 2025

Adjourn

Meeting concluded at 7:34 p.m.

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