

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association

Board of Director's Meeting

August 14, 2021 – 9:30 am

In-Person Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by President Evelyn Costello.

Directors Present: President Evelyn Costello, Vice President Lynn LeCours, Treasurer Rick Ryan, Secretary Anne Marie Marrone Caliendo, Joanne Bonacker, Edward Costello, Mary Ferguson, Nancy Hieber, Tom LeCours and Sheila Rappazzo

Directors Not Present: Charlie Cooke, Gene Henry, Tim Hopkins, Peggy Pahoulis, and Lynn Pollock

Directors Present by Proxy: Lynn Wilbur

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of July 31, 2021 was made by Sheila and seconded by Tom. Anne abstained from the vote since she wasn't at the meeting. Remaining Directors accepted the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Nancy and seconded by Sheila. The motion was passed unanimously.

Rick indicated that he was going to send a sub-set of the Treasurers Reports to general membership prior to the August meeting; Nancy will ensure copies of this same one-page year-over-year summary are available to the General Membership at the meeting.

Report of Officers:

N/A

Report of Committees:

Nominating - JoAnne

Joanne shared we're all set. John Felicetti put all info in newsletter. Ballots ready to be printed out. Three tellers (collection and counting) of nominations already identified. Nancy asked whether or not the ballots should be handed out to people getting tickets at check-in. Nancy will know which families only get one vote and will hand out ballots accordingly. Anne indicated she already received three absentee ballots and will send a summary of all ballots received by midnight on August 20th to Evelyn, John F., Nancy and JoAnne Bonacker so they can be provided to the three tellers to include in the ballot counting.

Harvesting – Tim/Evelyn

All looks OK

Herbicide - Sheila

Solitude performed a post-treatment assessment, in which Sheila and Lynn W participated, to identify locations where milfoil should be treated next year. Thought the meeting with Glenn Sullivan went well; he's higher level in company so that's good. The prior project manager left the company. Didn't find huge beds of milfoil but did find scattered beds (no surprise that by the boat launch area there's a collection). If just scattered plants, Solitude report may conclude that there's limited justification for treatment in those areas, as DEC wants treatment in areas where there are large masses of weeds. To help expedite the scheduling of the post-treatment survey, rather than have the company representative trailer his boat to Cossayuna from New Jersey, Lynn W offered to use her boat for the survey. During the process, her prop was damaged due to hitting a rock in the lake. Tom made a recommendation to take a motion to donate \$100 to replace the prop on the Wilber's boat; motion was made by Ed and seconded by JoAnne; all Directors approved.

DEC requires a post-treatment assessment of just the areas treated...DEC says this post-assessment has to be done by August 15th. Hoping for the recommendation/report by September from Solitude; this would be better than the timing in the past. Representative asked about algae treatments (which we haven't done because of cost factors mostly); so we are hopeful that we will get a recommendation from them so we know when and how to properly treat the affected areas. Quite a bit of follow-up with the company once we get their report...we are in need of options to keep our lake healthy.

CSLAP – Lynn W

Present only by proxy. No update.

Lake Management/Education – Lynn W

Lynn reported through her proxy Sheila about possibly adding language to the Lake Management Plan (typically presented at the August General Membership Meeting) which would allow us to add algae treatment to the Plan once we get more information on how it would be best to treat it, what the benefits are, etc.

Membership – Peg

No update.

Spillway – Gene

Gene shared with the Board of Directors prior to the meeting that the spillway is working fine and under control.

Water Chestnuts – Gene

Gene shared with the Board of Directors prior to the meeting that he hopes to have one more day to pick water chestnuts; possibly Wednesday, August 18.

Communications – John

No update.

Buildings and Grounds – Tom

Tom to follow-up with Stone Industries about timing of the rental of the handicapped porta-potty in time for next week's General Membership Meeting and then have it on-site until the Chicken BBQ on August 28, 2021.

New sun shades which were donated are on-site and will be installed as soon as possible. Tom indicated that he had replaced cinderblocks surrounding the charcoal BBQ area to ensure a newer/better base. Improvements continue to be made to the dock area.

Promotions – Tom

Tom reported that the CLIA could expect a donation of about \$600 to be forthcoming. The Directors thanked Tom for his consistent and generous donations throughout the years.

Facebook and Email – Lynn L

Lynn reported all good.

Social – Lynn L

No update.

Insurance – Ed

Ed reported that building replacement under the current policy is maxed at \$250,000 (\$1,000 deductible); the sense is that we are underinsured. Toward that end, Mike Mound has graciously volunteered his time to put an updated price tag on a build-up from ground-up and get us an estimate (initially thought \$500,000). Other updates from Ed:

- Pavilion is estimated at a \$15,000 replacement cost.
- General Liability coverage is currently set at \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million in the aggregate.
- If Board of Directors are sued personally, our policy covers us individually for legal defense costs.
- Harvester insured to \$79,000
- Conveyer insured \$30,000

Multiple attempts by Ed to have a Zoom call with Barbara Bennett have not been responded to. Agreed to do additional follow-up with her and get additional quotes once we can pull together a set of specifications.

Database – Nancy

Nancy shared that there are 298 voting members and 234 households. [*Note – the General Membership Meeting requires a quorum of 15% of voting members which equates to 45 voting members.*]

Harvesting numbers are also up at 176 participants; great news for the lake!

Old or unfinished business

Anne has a work conflict and can't make General Membership Meeting. Lynn L indicated that she would give it a shot to take minutes at the meeting.

Tim went to Al Esposito (lakehouse owner who owns an appliance center) – to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen. One was ordered, but due to delays it won't be here for a few months. Need to purchase a new refrigerator ASAP. Lynn L to work on getting old refrigerators to be hauled away – all four of them. Evelyn to call appliance center to see if there is a floor model which we can purchase sooner (in addition to the one which is being donated).

Through her proxy Sheila, Lynn W would like to offer a motion to donate the CLIA printer to a local church since their printer just dies. Tom made motion; Sheila seconded, all voted in favor.

New business

- Raffles for Love Our Lake Chicken BBQ - Evelyn asked every Board of Director to please contribute at least one basket for the fundraiser. Nancy already put a flyer at one of the post offices. Evelyn to post flyer at Argyle post office. Purchased 200 meals; need to continue promoting the Love our Lake Chicken BBQ fundraiser – Evelyn to connect with John F to update the website since it currently says the advance ticket sales are closed; also need to promote the 50/50.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Evelyn, Anne seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLIA Secretary