

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 19th, 2020

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 am by President Lynn Wilbur.

Present: President Lynn Wilbur, Vice President Kelly Pauley, Treasurer Rick Ryan, Secretary John Felicetti, Evelyn Costello, Gene Henry, Rayna Henry, Nancy Hieber, Lynn LeCours, Tom LeCours, Peggy Pahoulis, Sheila Rappazzo

By Proxy: Sue Roach (Lynn LeCours)

Not Present: Fran Buck, Tim Hopkins, Elisa Mussi

Minutes:

A motion to accept April's Board of Directors meeting minutes was made by Kelly Pauley. Gene Henry seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Latest financials through May 13th, 2020 were distributed by Treasurer Rick Ryan prior to the Board meeting.

Rick Ryan reports a good flow of income – much of it received earlier than last year.

A discussion ensued about acquiring new picnic tables for the new pavilion. Per Lynn Wilbur, the tables cost approximately \$200 per unit. Evelyn Costello suggested acquiring 6 tables. Lynn LeCours asked about the impact on revenue of having to hold outside events instead of inside events. Lynn LeCours offered to follow up with the food truck individual scheduled for the Memorial Day event if that event goes well.

A motion to accept the amended Treasurer's Report as of May 13th, 2020 was made by Kelly Pauley. Sheila seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Report of Officers:

Recognition and Appreciation (Lynn Wilbur) - Thank you notes to Frank Gabianelli and Mike Mound for the many donated hours of electrical and building work they donated to the association. Thank you note card to the Roaches for their generous donation. Thank you from me to all you directors who are and have been stepping up, taking on new roles and donating their time to make Cossayuna Lake the best place it can be. Please check your board email contacts. Tim: thop920@gmail.com, Kelly: sydsfun@outlook.com, Peggy: pegp413@gmail.com.

Evelyn Costello volunteered to help write the Thank You notes.

Report of Committees:

Nominating – Rayna Henry:

Rayna polled the present members about their intentions for the upcoming elections:

- Lynn Wilbur is not running for re-election as President but will run for a Board position
- Kelly Pauley is not running for re-election as Vice President and is not running for a position on the Board
- John Felicetti is not running for re-election as Secretary and is not running for a position on the Board
- Lynn Wilbur nominated Evelyn Costello for President; Evelyn accepted the nomination.
- Evelyn Costello nominated Lynn LeCours for Vice President; Lynn accepted the nomination.
- Gene Henry is staying on the Board
- Nancy Hieber is staying on the Board
- Tom LeCours is staying on the Board
- Peggy Pahoulis is staying on the Board
- Sheila Rappazzo is staying on the Board
- Sue Roach is not running for re-election to the Board
- Rick Ryan is staying on as Treasurer
- Rayna Henry is not staying on the Board

Ed Costello has indicated an interest in joining the Board.

Harvesting – General Discussion

- The DEC was contacted to see if the harvesting program violated any COVID-19 restrictions. It does not.
- Greenwich increased its payment to \$5,500 from \$5,000 for Lake Management and Harvesting.
- We have not received Argyle's payment as of yet.
- Rick's LLC will get the beach area harvested with the contributions of 6 members.

Herbicide – Sheila Rappazzo

- A treatment update and map of coverage areas was electronically distributed prior to the meeting.
- Treatment happened on May 7th, per the plan.
- Follow up water samples will be taken as early as the 21st. It may take a while to get the analysis back, due to shipping schedules and the upcoming holiday weekend
- The coverage area this year was cut back due to reduced funding, but 90 acres were treated this year for milfoil and curly leaf pondweed. In a response to a question from

Peggy Pahoulis, Sheila Rappazzo noted that last year approximately 56 acres were treated for milfoil only.

- The first bill for approximately \$33,000 for the herbicide treatment has been received.

CSLAP – Lynn Wilbur

- Lynn Wilbur hopes to get her boat in the water tomorrow
- Testing kits are being sent to the Association, and we hope to begin testing shortly.

Membership – Peggy Pahoulis

- A discussion ensued with regard to treatment of LLC memberships, specifically with regard to harvesting.
- Per Rick Ryan, there are approximately 15 individuals who own shares in the LLC to which Rick belongs.
- A decision was made to allow the 6 members of the LLC to purchase harvesting for the LLC's beach. A more specific conversation regarding tiered (member vs. non-member) pricing will be raised at a future Board meeting.

Spillway – Gene Henry

- Gene Henry monitors the water level on an almost daily basis and is keeping the water level at or below the spillway board

Newsletter – Lynn Wilbur

- The target date for delivery of the next newsletter is June 11th, given the notification requirements for the General Membership meeting.
- A discussion ensued about saving costs in future newsletters. No specific recommendations were made.
- Gene Henry suggested posting a membership recruiting sign on the road at the corners of the lake.
- A poll was taken about sending the next 2 newsletters to members only or everyone on the perimeter of the lake. A majority of polled members favored sending the next 2 newsletters out to the broader population.

Building and Grounds – Tom LeCours

- Frank Gabianelli and Tom LeCours opened the building last week. The refrigerator has not been plugged in yet.
- Frank Gabianelli had \$200 left over from the Roaches' donation for the building of the pavilion. Tom LeCours recommended using the \$200 plus and additional \$240 for loam and sod for the pavilion area. The Board agreed that Tom LeCours will make the decision regarding installation.
- Per Tom LeCours, John Ryan reported that the weed whacker does not work. Tom will follow up with John as per Gene Henry, we have a new electric weed whacker.
- We have not had the water tested yet for the pavilion.

- Wi-Fi will be installed on Friday.

Insurance – General Discussion

- Rick Ryan paid the latest insurance bill.
- Rick Ryan made the suggestion to evaluate new / different insurance carriers.
- The trailer for the harvester is not registered; per Lynn Wilbur, we are in process of getting the registration.

Promotions – Tom LeCours

- The Online store is open and is going very well.

Website – John Felicetti

- A year over year report of top website page views for the period March 1 – May 13 was electronically distributed prior to the meeting.
- Overall, website usage has increased for the period with notable increases in the home page, Newsletter Archives and the Herbicide page. The Events Calendar page usage remained essentially flat.

Ad Programs – John Felicetti

- The Spring 2020 Newsletter contained 20 Merchant Ads and 2 Classified Ads.
- After the Spring issue, 8 Merchant Ad programs expired. Renewal notices for these 8 businesses for the Summer 2020 issue were mailed April 15th; 6 of the 8 expired subscriptions were renewed.
- John is projecting 18 Merchant Ads for the Summer 2020 issue. At this time, there are no pending Classified Ads. A reminder email to the membership would be helpful; ads can be purchased online or via the USPS.

Facebook / Email Blasts – Kelly Pauley

- Will send out email blasts regarding classified ads and upcoming events

Data – Nancy Hieber:

Prior to the meeting, Nancy distributed the following information:

As of today, May 19th:

- Number of current voting members = 226
- Number of current voting households = 185
- Number of harvesting participants = 133
- Number of households donating to lake management = 120

Replies to Membership directory:

- 91 households want to be listed

- 24 households do not want to be listed
- 70 did not reply

Replies to paper/email/web for newsletter delivery:

- 67 member households want email/web
- 58 member households want paper
- 60 member households did not reply
- 3 non-members requested changing to email

Status of Newsletter print:

Original newsletter mailing of 493 has been reduced to 420, saving \$1.54 x 73 totaling 112.42 per issue.

Social – Lynn LeCours:

- Tractor Supply has the picnic tables discussed earlier in the meeting; we will get pricing shortly.
- A discussion ensued regarding setting out a donation jar for picnic table purchase.

Fundraising – Evelyn Costello:

- The Poker Race has been postponed indefinitely.
- We should start the MEGA 50/50 on Sunday.
- Lynn LeCours mentioned that Tim Hopkins talked about getting a vehicle (golf cart or similar) for a raffle item. Lynn LeCours mentioned a raffle wheelbarrow filled with gifts.
- Lynn LeCours and Evelyn Costello will brainstorm ideas for a raffle with the goal of advertising this in the newsletter.

Education – Lynn Wilbur:

- The Boater Safety course will likely be held either outside or by Zoom. Peggy Pahoulis will follow up with the instructor.
- Prior to the meeting, Lynn Wilbur sent an email to the Board with educational webinar information from the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS).

Water Chestnut Removal – Gene Henry

- Targeting a date in June and July for water chestnut picking.
- A discussion ensued about the possibility of having a weekend removal date, but the driving factor is the availability of the harvester to pick up the picked water chestnuts.

Other Committee Reports:

- None

Old or Unfinished Business:

- Lynn Wilbur will distribute the last 5-year plan for the Association for review as the first step in developing a new 5-year plan.

New Business:

- Kelly Pauley mentioned the possibility of a “drive-in” event by boat. Tom LeCours offered his dock as a possible venue.
- Lynn Wilbur is getting info on “Ring of Fire” as a possible community and fund-raising event.

Meeting Adjournment. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Pauley. Gene Henry seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



John Felicetti, Secretary