

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association

Board of Director's Meeting

September 18, 2021 – 9:30 am

In-Person Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:32 am by President Evelyn Costello.

Directors Present: President Evelyn Costello, Vice President Lynn LeCours, Secretary Anne Marie Marrone Caliendo, Edward Costello, Gene Henry, Nancy Hieber, Tim Hopkins (left early at 10:10 am), Lynn Jackson, Tom LeCours, Sheila Rappazzo and Karen Ryan.

Directors Not Present: Joanne Bonacker, Mary Ferguson and Treasurer Rick Ryan

Directors Present by Proxy: Peggy Pahoulis (Lynn L. as proxy) and Lynn Wilbur (Sheila as proxy)

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of August 14, 2021 was made by Gene and seconded by Ed. All Board Members voted in favor; motion carries.

Treasurer's Report:

No report.

Report of Officers:

No reports.

Report of Committees:

Discussed that committee assignments need to be made for the ensuing year. With not all directors present, agreed to table this until the October 2021 meeting and have everyone come forward with ideas for what committees they would like to be a part of at next meeting. JoAnne has already expressed her interest in continuing on the Nominating Committee. Attached to these minutes is a summary of each committee's function and the name of the current chair.

Nominating – JoAnne

Absent; no update

Harvesting – Tim/Evelyn

Everything is done; harvester is out of the water. No breakdowns; machine in pretty good shape in part thanks to preventative maintenance which had been done at beginning of the season. Recent repair done to the unit seems to be holding; repair was done well. Couple of harvesting issues:

1. Harvester seat is an uncomfortable design for the user; Tim looking into options which are running about \$500 for a replacement, more ergonomic seat. Evelyn made motion; seconded by Gene to replace the seat. All Board Members voted in favor; motion carries.
2. Machine leans to one side about an inch and a half off; causing the cutting process to be uneven and load more on one side. Tim will work with the person who has worked on harvester in the past to identify potential remedies. Tim to follow-up with Nick Ashline at 518-415-7283 to get assessment and quote.
3. The GPS screen is not entirely readable. Tim to come to next meeting with price for screen replacement. Need some training on how to fully maximize use of the GPS.
4. Harvester drivers complaining about the bubblers in lake – problem navigating around the bubblers without knowing they are there or identifiable. Homeowners need to put flag where the bubblers are so the harvester drivers know they are there and where to avoid so they don't get hit.
5. Need reminder to homeowners to ensure lot numbers are there and visible from shoreline (preferably on or close to the dock).

Recommendation made to set up an informational meeting about harvesting and also include an informational item in the upcoming newsletter. Tim to write up article for newsletter.

Conversation ensued about where the weeds are dumped; Gene and Tim will follow-up to ensure we have the closest location possible to save travel time, gas, and vehicle wear and tear.

Herbicide - Sheila

Still waiting for response from Solitude to get the map of where milfoil is so we can property treat next Spring (inclusive of filing the application to the DEC in advance); Sheila follow-ups but they indicate other priorities are ahead of us and not out of ordinary to not have map at this point in the year. Evelyn to send email to senior representative of Solitude on behalf of the Board to try to push for the map/report. Sheila to provide Anne with copy of the Solitude contract so she can reach out to some

prospective firms to see if they would be interested in quoting on the work and potentially securing our business.

CSLAP – Lynn W

Testing for year is finished and the lake has been markedly improved this year; time will tell whether this is a fluke or if it is a new trend which will continue over time.

Lake Management/Education – Lynn W

No update

Membership – Peg

Nancy reported that there are still 300 members.

Spillway – Gene

Raised spillway as recently as the morning of the meeting to lower the lake level due to all the rain. Plan is to lower lake level on November 1st; in about a week's time it will be at its low level for the season. Lake level lowered to prevent damage to shorelines and so residents can do shoreline repairs if necessary. Gene noted that the concrete was broken up on walkway to spillway. Gene bought some concrete and performed the repair last week.

Water Chestnuts – Gene

Gene asked about potentially chemically treating for water chestnuts; Sheila shared that hand pulling is better than adding more chemicals to the lake. Anne inquired whether relying on manual labor to pull water chestnuts is sustainable or if adding to lake management plan would be a better long-term solution.

Communications – John Felicetti

Over the summer, the top web pages visited (by volume) were: event calendar, online sign-ups, lake reports, forms and applications, lake management, CLIA meeting minutes, chicken dinner and officers and board. Regarding the newsletter, over the past four years the Winter Newsletter has been ready to send out as early as December 12th and as late as January 11th. The main driver of this timing is the availability of the Letter of Notification from the DEC with regard to the proposed treatment plan and the rough timing of the application of the approved herbicides. Last year's Winter Newsletter was 12 pages. Regarding the ad program, all 13 advertisers from the summer issue are still active for the Winter Newsletter. John will spend time in the coming months soliciting for additional new advertisers; Evelyn indicated she has someone who does power washing who is likely going to become a new advertiser.

Buildings and Grounds – Tom

Gene to get excavator to get the tree encroaching on the road removed. Dock will be removed shortly. Water will be turned off to building after the chili cook-off on October 9th. Tom to look at option to purchase handicapped porta potty and then just have a company come to service it routinely. Board discussed options for having an existing space within the Clubhouse become a new handicapped bathroom. Anne reminded Board Members that her husband Joe (an architect) would be looking at the space this weekend to assess, as committed from a prior Board Meeting. She recommended that the Board wait until we better understand the scope of the work before moving forward to obtain quotes.

Promotions – Tom

Will run again next Spring.

Facebook and Email – Lynn L

Will promote next two events (Halloween Bash and Chili Cook-Off) on Facebook and via email blast.

Social – Lynn L

Halloween Bash and Chili Cook-Off are final two events of the season.

Insurance – Ed

Ed provided outline to Board indicating current annual premium of \$9,948 and the proposed annual premium of \$10,458. The proposed increase will enhance the building replacement cost from \$250,000 to \$370,000 (an amount estimated by Mike Mound to be the current cost to replace the building “in-kind”). The annual increase of premium is \$652, but since the policy runs April to April, the pro-rata increase from now through April 2022 is \$395. Ed shared the various benefits of paying for this increased premium: (1) enhanced coverage - \$395 more covers us for \$120,000 of additional coverage; (2) increased premium is only 3.82% more than currently paying; (3) additional coverage is 32.43% more than we currently have on the building; and (4) properly estimating a replacement cost for the building provides the CLIA with flexibility to replace the existing building in a manner that is most appropriate for the situation at the time. Ed requested that a senior representative of the insurance company be available to speak with the Board via a video conference to answer any questions which exist about the current policy.

Gene made a motion to recommend paying the additional amount to increase the building replacement cost; 10 voted in support, 2 voted against; discussion ensued;

motion carries. Ed to work with the insurance company to secure the additional coverage.

Database – Nancy

Will update Board of Directors contact information and share that information with the Board. Nancy indicated that she will be retiring from the Board at one point and indicated she'd like to begin to train her replacement. Anne asked Nancy to summarize her job duties so it can be determined if Anne and Lynn J can share the job going forward.

Old or unfinished business

None

New business

None

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

Upcoming meetings all at 9:30 am at the CLIA Clubhouse in person unless otherwise noted:

- October 23, 2021
- May 28, 2022
- June 25, 2022
- July 23, 2022
- August 27, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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