

CLCA Special Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Zoom – 8 pm

(called in answer to COVID-19 issues)

Attendance: Allen Farber, Lois Miller, Deb Hoffman, Chris Rohrs, Mary Jablonski, Bob Baker, Ed Fake, Lorrie Mott, Tom, Dick Maider, Merryn Byrnes, Mike Durkee, Marcus Harazin, Paul Corr, Mark Moritz

Allen called the meeting to order at 8:04

President's Remarks: Allen assumes we will conduct our meetings in this manner for the rest of the summer. A Zoom account has been obtained for \$15/mo to allow us to do so. Asked for approval – all approved. Primary reason was for the health issue. Discussion commenced on summer activities and how to handle:

Fireworks:

- Majestic will be able to do the 3rd or 4th for fireworks. Waiting until early June to make decision. \$5516 in fund – Our goal of \$5,000 was reached.
- Most other fireworks are cancelled (Pine Lake). Are we concerned in holding ours that it would draw people? The only advertising is going to be around Canada Lake, but it could get out.
 - Deb Hoffman mentioned James Long puts our information on Caroga website. Suggests we should not put fireworks information on this. Paul Corr mentioned James is not doing the minutes anymore. Town board meeting took website away from James.
 - Paul questioned if Majestic is charging more if we do the 4th (extra\$1000). Allen spoke with Mike Manning and confirmed that the charge would be \$5000.
- Lois thinks the fire department should be able to help keep the road clear during fireworks.
 - Merryn states that fireworks are not public – only for lake residents. Concern that if fire department is involved, it will bring more people. No one should be talking about fireworks to eliminate any issues. We may be setting ourselves up to be cancelled. Do we need town approval to do this? It is possible that they may not authorize it. Fireworks is a strong thing for the membership – so many contribute to it.
 - Marcus feels it is especially important that we hold both fireworks and boat parade. Parking could be an issue along the road. Need to figure out how to handle and provide explicit instructions.
- Allen went through history and saw that boat parade was on 4th and followed by fireworks.

Other Summer Events:

- Picnic – Mike and Mary will not be up likely.
- Ice Cream Social, Waterski Clinic. Allen's inclination is to cancel everything leaving us with fireworks, flares, boat parade and possibly later in summer for waterski clinic if lifeguard is available. Opened discussion for opinions:

- Lois Miller agrees with fireworks and boat parade. Possibly use “cancel for now” in other activities in the case it opens up later in summer. Waterski clinic may be hard due to lifeguards not able to perform as normal.
- Chris Rohrs agrees with Lois and Allen and that we are conforming with state guidelines.
- Paul – most of funding is for party.... We should not have party after.
- Chris thinks that we should keep all the other things on hold until it becomes feasible.
- Lois offered to deliver ice cream by boat to each camp.
- Deb states that the Ladies Luncheon should definitely be cancelled.

Future Meetings:

- Marcus commended Allen for calling this meeting. He had concern about larger meetings.... suggests smaller meetings for committees in person like the Governor holds. Arrange the Town Hall meeting room so that social distancing and PPE is in place. Have people checked and screened at the door.
 - Allen agrees this is worthwhile to talk about. His preference is to do it as Zoom meetings.
 - Lois states that if we did use Town Hall, they may have to sanitize everything and questioned whose responsibility is it that all protocol is followed? Marcus said it is up to the organization using the facility.
 - Mike Durkee suggests we keep open the possibility of holding in-person meetings. Town Board is expecting to move in this way.
 - Allen wants to be sure that a higher authority determines our protocol. Concerned about in person meetings and the possibility of someone getting sick.
 - Chris state that there are protocols out there, but things change daily. Agrees with Marcus and Mike to keep this an open topic.

Boatwash Stewards & Boaters Safety:

- Mike says this is the 20th of May and all that we are speaking of is in mid-July. Need protocols in place at the launch and boatwash to protect stewards and boaters. Campground is not yet open so most boats will launch at West Lake. This is definitely a learning opportunity.
- Mike spoke that they have been in contact with DEC. Boat launch will open this Saturday (5/23). AWI has not yet finalized how they will staff boat launch. Will have availability 12 hours/day on weekend. Social distancing and protocols are similar to state and CDC – 6 ft distance, mask & gloves.
- John Olm has been in contact with AWI and instructing stewards. Should have the press release published ASAP to make boaters aware that new procedures are in place to provide safety to both boaters and stewards.
- Suggested to John that more cones be placed to direct boaters where not to go. Stewards should not be the enforcers of the protocols. If a steward feels uncomfortable with the boater, step away and let the boat go without wash/inspection and note it. Does not serve the prevention of invasive species, but safety is priority.
- Marcus and Mike posted a question who will be available to volunteer but have not received a good response. Will call again but may have to get those available to spend more hours.

- Marcus mentioned that the town was supportive and put it in the budget. Spent 1.5 hours with Scott Horton to explain history. Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) has online training available. There has been some turnover with the terrestrial invasive species – may be an opportunity to provide virtual presentations on this.
- New Highway Supervisor may give opportunity for training in the case they need to do any abatement. Good thought to be able to inform the residents here.
- Boat launch traffic has been high. State opened, then closed, then opened again making things a bit confusing. Signage questions. Agreed press release needs to go out ASAP.
- Allen asked if any resolution on PPE for volunteers.
 - Mike said that they are covered.
- Portapotties off limits? Not known yet.
 - Marcus noted that most of those kinds of facilities are closed in other parts. He will find out and report back.

Summer Calendar:

- Allen shared the summer calendar that was sent to ECHO.
 - Chris suggested that all items other than the flares, fireworks and boat parade should be stated as ON HOLD.
 - Mark stated we have time because the ECHO is going to be printed the 3rd week in June.
 - Allen then presented the version of only the events that would be on hold and it was agreed to post this.

Guest speakers/presentations for members:

- Marcus suggested that we have guest speakers to do presentations for our members.
 - Allen approached Lois to be chair of committee to find alternatives (like Beaver Sprite, Paul Smith).
 - Lois declined but suggested Kristen Franz who would chair starting in July.

Donations:

- Allen brought up donations to food bank. Looking for someone to take this on.
 - Chris thinks we should wait on this and go with Kristen.
 - Mike Manning suggested doing a charitable contribution. \$2500 is available for this.
 - Paul mentioned that there will be other expenditures that we will not be using and give it to people who can use it.
 - Lois asked if there is a local foodbank. North Bush church would accept food and donation.
 - Mary will check with other churches to see what is most needed. There is a homeless shelter and Mary will check on this.
 - Chris mentioned giving \$1000 now and more later. Chris would like to find out who services the Caroga Lake area.
 - Marcus wondered about the Fire Department – being that they have construction and it would help us all.

- Canada Lake Store donated bags of food and did it through the Wheelerville School. Merryn thought the school and North Bush church would have the best information available of where it is most needed.
- Marcus votes to allocate locally or whatever organization can provide it the best.
- Paul mentioned that we are saving conservatively \$3,000. We have nearly \$7,700 in cash without the usual expenditures. Agrees with Allen to give more sooner than later since it is needed now. Give \$1,000 to several organizations.
- Mark Moritz motioned to put out \$3,000, Lois seconded. All approved.
- Mary is going to firm up research and make recommendation. Preference is to be as local as possible. Write a press release when money is given.
- Ed asked about fire department - \$100 was sent. Marcus thinks we should send more since it benefits us all. All agreed.
- Chris feels we should give more than \$100 to fire department which should be separate from the \$3,000.
- Mike asked if there is a capital campaign that we could contribute to. There is a building fund.
- Lois made motion to contribute \$500, Ed seconded. All were in favor.

Directory:

- Allen feels we should send by mail. \$900 needed to do so. Will cost \$2.40 for each directory to send first class mail.
 - Lois made a motion that directory is mailed. All were in favor.
 - Lorrie asked if there is a pickup possibility to cut cost. Lois mentioned too many issues with that.
 - Allen will do mailing with Merryn giving address mailing labels. Mary and Deb will help as well.
 - Chris states the directory is going well. Ad sales are good and its going together very well.
 - Paul states we are in good shape financially for the directory mailing with the ad sales and publishing budget.
 - Mike and Marcus are contributing information in invasive work.

Summer Visitation Guidelines:

- Guidelines for summer visitation were shared by Allen and sent to all.
 - People need to self-isolate for 14 days when they visit.
 - Importance of protecting store. Merryn mentioned the store is the social hub and they are trying to figure the best ways to handle this.
 - Include links to the store's website to help people to understand what they are doing. It is posted on CLCA website. It is changing but presently, store is closed to public because store is too small to allow people in.
 - Hours are 8 am to 8 pm. There are two windows, one on the porch and one on the café side. Social distancing tape outside with cones to direct people.

Encouraging calling in first to have it be ready and to use store accounts to eliminate the use of money and cards.

- Heather is quarantining currently and will be baking. There will only be regular and iced coffee and baked goods, sandwich, and ice cream orders. Short small orders (5 items or less) at the window.
- Need to get this information to the residents. Gasoline is being sold at both dock and pump. They do have a delivery option but would rather keep it to those concerned about coming to pick it up.
- Store website is new (launched early because of this). Online order form on the site, has pictures of the current shelving, coolers, and freezers. There is also a virtual page on the CLCA website showing the products. Online order form here is in the beginning phase. You can email, call, text, use website to place your order. Allen would like to coordinate with Merryn for the two websites. Merryn thinks it should have one place since it is hard to update in two. Facebook has the most current status. Allen thinks a link to the store would be the best way.
- There were no objections to putting up Allen's guidelines.
- Mary wondered if medical facilities as well as testing should be noted. Marcus could give Fulton County Public Health Nursing Department a call for information. Think it is logical to seek help from your primary caregiver first. Allen asked Marcus to provide the info.

Nominations:

- Allen still looking for someone to be President Elect. Should have this resolved by June 20.
- Lois will call the nominating committee together.

Allen thanked everyone for joining and the meeting concluded at 9:30 pm.