



General Membership Meeting
11:00 am 6/4/2023
The Community Center

In attendance: Joe McGraw, Frank Kane, John Foff, Alison McHale, Maggie Mariotti – Quorum was met

CALL TO ORDER:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Statement – Joe McGraw had a moment of silence in memory of Susan Cummings.
- Joe discussed the Riparian Zones - replanting – Burning ordinances – “red flag notices” from the state when conditions are dry – pets need to be leashed – excess lighting impacts the wildlife – also reduces the ability to see the stars – Speed Limit needs to be adhered to
- Joe McGraw introduced the board
- Joe said that the roads will be done early June
- Jerilyn Gutner spoke to the membership about the trash trucks – We know have 3 companies in and out of the lake – IF we only had ONE company, there will be less damage to the roads. If we embrace “Eastern”, we could manage the pickups to our advantage ie; no trucks while roads are being worked on. We will continue to look at this as an option and revisit it in September
- Jerilyn also discussed an initial contribution to help with damage to the roads with construction vehicles when a member is building – one time fee – we could consider that as an option – there is an initiation fee in place now that is called a “buy in” which is essentially the same thing

Financials – Frank Kane

- Budget
- AR, Balance Sheet, Check Detail, P&L
- Questions were asked about members in arrears – without calling out names, Frank said that he had made progress on the list and the rest will be sent to the magistrate or liens put on the properties.
- Question about renting the beach house. – only members can rent – not open to the public
- Dee Hennemuth asked about the generator – the women’s club has \$2,590.00, in account now – she said they have another \$2,000.00 available – if the place is rented, a power outage would be problematic. I will look up the latest quotes for the September meeting

Land & Lakes – John Foff/Joe McGraw

- Unclaimed Boats - If owners are known, send notice of disposal
- Commons Surveyed and Documented. Encroachments must be corrected. Board will send notification letters/email and take appropriate action on behalf of members. If you remove a survey spike from the surveyed areas, it is a federal violation.
- Tent Spikes to be driven on all Pin Markings to verify Club Owned Property
- The Club will be installing a Stop Sign on Lavis Road. Please note this safety improvement
- Speed Limit is 15 MPH. Be Sure to Notify Family, Guest, Contractors and any visiting.

Special Guest- PA Fish and Game Commission – WCO David Raulfs

- Joe Spitzer introduced David Raulfs, a Water Conservation Officer with the Pa Fish and Boat Commission. Mr Raulfs did a terrific presentation delineating rules and regulations for fishing and boating safety. Booklets were passed out to the members. You need a fishing license in Pa on all Commonwealth waters

if over 16 years old. Life jackets are required on all kayaks and boats – at all times. Life jackets need to be attached to the paddleboards and whistles are a legal requirement.

- Pat Ianetta asked if there are “free fishing days” in Pa? Yes – July 4th , Labor Day and Memorial Day
- There is a “class A or B” fishing license – it covers everybody in the community – look at Class B designation on the website
- Question was asked about fish stocking – we now spend 15k a year to treat invasive weed species – North American pond weed – does Mr Raulfs have any suggestions? Educate the community on invasive species entering lakes via Bait Buckets. AS to “stocking” – it can benefit the lake if it is done well - habitat improvements help to increase fish populations.
- Are streams part of the Boat Commission? Yes – same as wetlands or marshes
- Malorganite is a natural fertilizer
- Recommendation on tree planting. Trees Planting not saplings. Ruth is going to focus on indigenous plants for the September planting sale
- Frank Capocci is working with the community to remove dead trees on the shoreline. If there is a question, please get in contact with Frank
- Debris, docks, boats and barrels. Please dispose of all debris responsibly.
- The beavers have been active – we hired a certified beaver specialist who caught one beaver but there may be another active one now
- 8 Commons have been surveyed – we are working on the rest as the budget allows. If there is a closed Commons, we are not planning on opening more right now

Woman’s Club - Maurie Rafalko/ Maura Farr – Alison McHale read the report

- Pickle Ball / Basketball Court – the court has been repaved and the lines for both basketball and pickleball will be finished
- 6/16 Fishing Derby * 6/24 Ice Cream Truck * and other activities throughout the summer
- Alison reported on the Women’s Club – they are looking for a treasurer
- Clean UP was successful with Peter Cosgrove leading the project
- Flower barrels will be installed – looking for volunteers to help plant and water
- Softball Sundays at 6:00pm – come join!
- The club has \$2,000.00 available for generator fund
- The newsletter was launched by Jerilyn Gutner
- Please consider donating a prize for the fishing derby

Roads – Brian Churi

- Roads – Tar n Chip – Scheduled from to Tar n Chip from S-turn to ballfield.
- S-Turn Project - Reuther Bowen – New contract submitted
- John Hill is working to clean up the Weir

Security/Miscellaneous - Maggie

- New Bulletin Board have been installed
- Installation of Mailboxes for all Members as well as parcel boxes have been installed
- Definitive agreement allows for access to Moosic Lakes Ince parcels of land via our roads. The Board Needs a vote as to whether the membership wants the board to pursue the potential purchase of the Glenn. This will impact dues but will be a cherished asset for generation to enjoy.
- We have the ability to make an offer on purchasing the Glen – we will approach Moosic Lakes Inc to buy the Glen and the “swamp”. Dues could go up to \$1,000.00 if we mortgaged the land against the beach house
- There was a vote on whether or not the Board can persue the conversation – the vote was unanimous to go ahead with the exploration
- Henry Gutner made the first motion

- Dee Hennemuth seconded the motion
- John Cowley is the person who will negotiate as Moosic Lake Inc's agent
- There is "Farm security" in Pa – we need to look at all options
- There are 62 parcels left for purchase via Moosic Lakes Inc
- Matt McDonald – wires are hanging near his property – it was suggested that he contact PPL
- Stickers for boats, docks and cars were distributed
- Wristbands were distributed to members.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00