

Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association
Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 29, 2019

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Kathy Mrazik

II. Roll Call

Present: Kathy Mrazik, Andy Giordino, Lina Marunas, Ed Sullivan, Robert Browne, Cheryl Corey, David Judd, Jeremy Chicano, Laurie Greco, Cindy Cayer

Members: Michael Mrazik, Bill Olmstead, Bruce Corey, Susan Chase, Kimberly Belval, Mark Sussman, Mike Martone.

Guests: Debbie Golden, (Liaison to the Town Council); Barbara Palmieri

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 2019 meeting were approved as posted on the website. Motion by Andy Giordino, Rob Browne second. Motion carried.

IV. CDC

Laurie Greco reported that both Dock2Dock events, held on June 20 North Lake and June 27 South Lake, were successful. The North Lake had 16 docks participating and the South lake had 9 participating.

Laurie thanked Susan Chase for sponsoring the last Kayak Club event.

Laurie announced the following events:

Kayak Club, August 11, at Kate Healey's House, 148 East Street

Picnic, Grove Beach, August 25

Kayak Club, September 8, Sue Browne's House, 24 Birch Street.

Fire Pit Party, September 14, Corey's House, 40 Pratte Lane

The CDC is considering a boat parade for the end of the season.

V. Treasurer's Report

David Judd presented the June 2019 Treasurer's report.

VI. Environmental & Safety

Solitude inspected the lake on July 24, 2019. We are waiting for report and date for weed treatment, if needed. Residents on South Lake, near Birch report weeds, tape grass and algae.

Algae has been reported on both lakes. Rob Browne reported that the algae is a result of the warm water temperature.

Rob Browne gave an update on the dams citing that the Central Ave Dam was vandalized causing sand and debris to get in the valve area and the College Place Dam is 114 years old and in need of repair. He indicated that the College Place Dam valve is difficult to open and WLCT will not open for drawdown until repairs made. WLCT owns the lakes and dams and HLIA manages the property. HLIA has a lease with WLCT for use and management of the lakes.

Kathy Mrazik read a letter from the WCLT President, Tom Tella, indicating that \$116,000 is available for some of the repairs/studies on the dams. The funds are “leftover” from a project grant on Cedar Lake.

Mark Possidento, Town Engineer, has agreed to meet with the HLIA at the August meeting.

The Dam Committee will meet before the August meeting.

Bill Olmstead, who works in commercial septic valves, has received a print of the North Lake valve and will evaluate and provide some information to the Dam Committee.

Bruce Corey asked if the HLIA or the WLCT has insurance to fix the vandalized Central Avenue Dam. Lina Marunas reported that both organizations carry liability insurance. WLCT owns the dams and had looked into coverage for the vandalization.

Safety – There were several notifications of quiet time violations.

Debbie Golden, liaison to Town Council was present at the meeting. She offered to look for grant funds to help the Lake Association.

VI. Correspondence

The second dues letter was sent on July 5, 2019. Some memberships have been received. A third letter will be sent in mid-August.

John Sharek has a key to the Dam and a backpack that is used for weed spraying that he wants to turn over to the HLIA. President Mrazik will take both the items.

Kathy Mrazik reported that Len Mecca sent a note that he is moving from the area.

VII. Old Business

The nominating committee has been formed. Serving are Susan Chase, Sharon Anderson from the membership, Cheryl Corey, Andy Giordino from the Board, and Kathy Mrazik, President. Two board member terms are expiring.

Weed Information PowerPoint - Susan Chase put together a document to explain weed treatment. Kathy Mrazik will send to the Board members for final review. Once final, the document will be posted on the web and a link sent to members. Kim Belval offered to post it on the Facebook page. Thanks to Susan for this work.

VIII. New Business

Kathy Mrazik is meeting with Harry Platt of KEEP Insurance Agency to renew the General Liability policy that renews in August. The HLIA maintains insurance coverage for a Bond (for handling funds), Directors & Officers Insurance, and General Liability.

There is a concern that the catch basin on Lake/Birch has not been cleared and runoff is entering the South Lake. Mark Sussman noted the area is filled with sediment. Lina Marunas reported that this is a special catch basin. Over 30% of the water that runs-off into the lake runs through this basin. A grant was completed in 2015 that replaced the basin. Debbie Golden said she will check with the town regarding the cleaning of the basin.

IX. Adjournment

Andy Giordino made a motion to adjourn. Jeremy Chicano seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cindy Cayer. Posted to the website pending approval at the next regular meeting.