

Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association
General Meeting, March 25, 2019

- I. Call to Order: President Mrazik called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Board members present: Robert Browne, Cindy Cayer, Jeremy Chicano, Cheryl Corey, Laurie Greco, David Judd, Kathy Mrazik, Ed Sullivan, Lina Marunas, Judy Miceli, Noreo Gabriel
Absent: Andrew Giordiano
Guests: Chuck Miceli
- III. Approval of Minutes of February 2019 meeting that were posted on the website. Motion to approve minutes made by Noreo Gabriel. Seconded by Cheryl Corey. Motion passed. Judy Miceli and Lina Marunas abstained.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Judd presented the treasurer's report for January & February 2019. He highlighted the following:
The report also includes a report of cash in accounts as of 2/28/19 and a listing of the March activity to date.
Under Cash Disbursements the item Insurance is the Insurance Bond. Also under Cash Disbursements is a payment of \$4,055.00 to U.S. Insurance for the D&O Insurance. Due to payment/banking errors, this amount reflects 3 payments. Reimbursement has been made for two of the payments.

Dave reported that a \$75,000.00, Six (6) month CD was purchased at Webster Bank. The interest rate is 2.47%.

Dave indicated that he will include budget information with the next month's report.
- V. Community Development Committee
Chairperson Laurie Greco reported that the CDC committee met on March 16, 2019. The following events have been planned:
Kayak Club: 6/2 – College Place; 6/23 – Josette Whipple, Pratt Lane; 7/14 – Susan Chase, Birch Street; 8/4 – Kate Healey, East Street; 9/8 – Sue Brown, Birch Street.
Dock to Dock: 7/20 North Lake with 7/21 rain date. South Lake date to be determined depending on identifying a chairperson for the event.
Tie-Ups: 6/14 North Lake (rain date 6/15); 7/11 South Lake (rain date /12).
Trivia Party: 10/19 or 10/26 and 2/29/20.
Other events in consideration/planning: 8/25 Picnic at Grove Beach; Movie Night TBD; Pot Luck/Music Party at Mrazik's; 12/21 Holiday Party at Miceli's.

The CDC suggested selling glasses/cups etched with Hitchcock logo/name. The Board was favorable. If possible, samples will be available at the April Open House.
- VI. Environmental and Safety
 - a. Solitude Contract – Kathy Mrazik reported that the contract was signed and sent to

Solitude. Kathy will contact Solitude to schedule an April inspection and to check on the status of the DEEP Permits.

b. Valve/Dam Committee – Rob Browne reported that Mike Martone will join the Committee. He is seeking information on ways to repair the Dams and reports that they are DEEP Dams. Fixing the dams requires a complete lake drawdown or a build a barrier to isolate the dam during the repairs. The DEEP will require a vault for the each of the valves. The project is complicated and expensive.
Rob Browne will schedule a walk for Board Members to view the dams.

Cindy Cayer reported that the Causeway Dam valve was exposed this afternoon. She also noted algae in the water by the Causeway. Rob Browne indicated that the cold-water algae is common this time of year.

She also reported that the trees cut near the Causeway have not been cleared. Jeremy Chicano agreed to talk to the town about removal.

During the CDC meeting, Kate Healy suggested a neighborhood cleanup noting garbage on the roadside. Rob Browne reported that this usually gets cleaned up when the town sweeps the streets. However, the town is using less salt/sand on the roads and may not be doing a spring clean-up. Lina Marunas asked if the drains had been cleaned. Lina and Kathy Mrazik will discuss clean-up and sweeping with the town officials.

c. Dam Inspection

Mark Possidento was contacted about completing the CT DEEP required dam inspections again this year. Mark Possidento indicated that he will send a quote in late summer for the inspections.

VII. Correspondence

Kathy Mrazik sent a notice of the Open House to the Wolcott News.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Post card was mailed to 296 households notifying residents that they will be notified of membership and boat registration by email. To date, only 5 people have updated or confirmed email addresses.
- b. Membership Drive and Email Registration – Cindy Cayer shared drafts of the Newsletter, email and membership form. These items will be ready to email and post on the website for April 1st. Lina Marunas will activate the PayPal account.

Residents who have joined the HLIA last year but do not have an email on record, will receive a print copy of the information during the second week of April.

Residents who have not paid dues in the past, and do not have emails will receive a printed copy of the second dues letter. Residents who have emails on file and have not paid dues for 2019-20 will receive the second dues letter by email.

- c. Open House – April 29, 6:00 p.m.

Tee Shirts will be available for sale. Board members will have name tags. CDC will have information on upcoming events.

IX. New Business

- a. Connecticut Federation of Lakes meeting is May 19, 2019. When the agenda for the meeting is available, Kathy Mrazik will circulate to see if members are interested in attending.
- b. Office Supply funding in the budget – Kathy Mrazik requested that those who use personal ink cartridges and paper be reimbursed for expenses. Members agreed and will include an office supply line in the next budget.
- c.

X. General Membership

Chuck Miceli suggested that the HLIA website be made available for mobile devices. He also suggested that the website contain a tab for local community news/info. Items such as services offered by lake residents, activities happening, information on what lake members involvement in community activities, etc. He also suggested that membership be highlighted on the front page of the website.

XI. Announcements

Kathy Mrazik thanked Laurie Greco for compiling/composing information on the dangers of feeding wildlife, particularly swans, on the lake. Laurie is working on the information for residents. This will be emailed to residents after the membership drive email has been sent.

Land Trust Meeting update – Rob Browne reported that the WCLT spent much time discussing the dam and valve replacement issues. WCLT is working on a membership drive.

Mattatuck Beach – The town has indicated that it will take charge of opening the gate at Mattatuck Beach this year. Lina Marunas and Kathy Mrazik will discuss this issue with town officials.

- XII. Adjournment: Laurie Greco made a motion to adjourn. Judy Miceli seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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