



**CRC MEETING MINUTES
10-12-21 BOARD MEETING - BRASS RAIL & ZOOM**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Pratt –President, Scott Snyder-Perusse-Vice President, MaryAnn Philo-Secretary, Kevin Maloney-Treasurer, Deb Herath–Emeritus, Jerry Crane-Emeritus, Sharon Jones-Hospitality, Sandy McDowell-Hospitality, Beth Thomas

Absent: Linda Champagney, Ginny Graves, Penni McEleney, Rick Seaman

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm

Michelle announced that there will be a brief life celebration at the General Meeting for Tom Despard, and a celebration for the successful CRC membership drive in 2021.

Elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer will take place at the General Meeting. Michelle and Scott are running unopposed. There were 4 applicants for treasurer, and 2 have decided not to run. Will Steinka and Mike Orszulak have submitted resumes to the board, and both will speak prior to the vote at the general meeting. CRC has many open positions, and the candidates have expressed interest in helping in other areas if they are not chosen for treasurer. Membership, Golf Tournament, and Fundraising all need Chairpersons.

The golf tournament was a huge success. There were foursomes at all 18 holes and 13 additional people attended the dinner. There were 40 raffle prizes that totaled over \$2000.00 in value which made over \$950.00, approximately \$3000 in sponsorship, and \$2000 in memorial contributions. There were 6711.00 in expenses, and the profit for CRC from the tournament is 6,894.00

The September meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Kevin will give the treasurer's report at the General Meeting. Refer to the General Meeting minutes for information

Deb will give the Lake Management update at the General Meeting. Refer to the General Meeting minutes for information

Police Chief and Harbormaster Robert Landis sent an email update. Refer to the General Meeting Minutes for details.

The Suffield 350 anniversary parade was last Saturday and was fun and successful. The Southwick 250 parade and events are this weekend. If anyone wants to participate, please contact Michelle.

Sharon and Sandy gave the Christmas Party update, scheduled for Friday, December 3rd at the Brass Rail, and the tickets will cost 35.00. The board voted to have Sam Chevalier and one other person provide the entertainment. There will be a PayPal link to purchase tickets on the CRC website, and the board will be given tickets to sell.

The meeting format for next year will be both in person and ZOOM because it increased participation. Michelle will discuss this at the General Meeting.

There will be a trivia game and pizza to end our year. If anyone has ideas for topics at meetings, please contact Michelle. The canal, eagle and fish and game presentations were popular.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

10-12-21 GENERAL MEETING BRASS RAIL & ZOOM

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

There was a brief celebration in memory of CRC member Tom Despard.

CRC had a great membership drive in 2021 and raised more than \$9000.00.

The CRC Golf Tournament was a huge success. Steve Braginsky donated photography and took pictures and supplied the pictures which will be posted on the CRC website. For details on the tournament refer to the Board Meeting minutes.

Kevin gave the treasurers report. There is \$5200.10 in checking, \$16,785.55 in savings and \$46,647.78 in the investment account. This information reflects some of the golf tournament proceeds.

Police Chief and Harbormaster Bob Landis sent an email update. The Chief has received a grant for a

loaner life vest program which will be at the boat ramps to loan people life vests who want to use the lake but are not prepared with the proper equipment.

Deb gave the Lake Management Committee (LMC) update. There are new signs on the town pier that state no fishing, boating, or swimming is allowed under the pier. The reason the lake was shut down over Labor Day was because one half to one million gallons of water was going over the weir gates, and there was no place for it to go, so it was starting to back up. LMC is investigating the cost to replace the weir gate, which is about 40 years old, and they are working with the state to try to get funds to dredge this area. Southwick is using salt instead of sand on the roads in the winter for safety, and LMC is testing for salt levels in the water to make sure this doesn't affect the lake water, which may take another year to determine. Residents should contact LMC if they suspect invasive weeds are on or near their property, so they can be evaluated, and a decision can be made for proper removal if needed.

The vote for President and Vice President took place. Michelle Pratt and Scott Snyder-Perusse will remain in their positions for the next term. The board will review the bylaws which haven't been updated since 2007 and determine what positions need to be filled and describe them, and then open it up to the membership to hopefully fill those positions.

Will Steinka and Mike Orszulak addressed the membership about their interest and qualifications to be Treasurer of CRC. A vote took place and Mike Orszulak was elected Treasurer of CRC.

Deb reviewed the events for the Southwick 250 Anniversary celebration.

CRC's annual Christmas Party will take place at the Brass Rail on Friday, December 3rd from 6-10:30 PM. Tickets will be \$35.00/person for dinner and dancing, with music provided by Sam Chevalier. Event and ticket purchase information will be posted on the CRC website.

Everyone agreed that hybrid meetings are important and make it easier to attend meetings. There were 24 attendees in person and 19 attended via ZOOM.

Michelle organized a fun trivia game that was played by members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm