



**CRC MEETING MINUTES  
7-14-20 BOARD MEETING (ZOOM & in person)**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Michelle Pratt –President, Scott Snyder- Perusse-Vice President, Penni MacEleney-Treasurer  
MaryAnn Philo-Secretary, Deb Herath – Emeritus, Sharon Jones-Hospitality, Sandy McDowell-  
Hospitality, Linda Champagney, Ginny Graves, Ron Greene, Kevin Maloney, Rick Seaman

**Absent:** Jerry Crane – Emeritus, Beth Thomas

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

2020 Meetings Schedule: August 11, September 8, October 13

**DISCUSSION:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

The June 18<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting Minutes were approved as amended

Penni reviewed the treasurers report. There is \$18,915.83 in checking, \$1,779.06 in savings and \$31,666.53 in the investment account. Last statement showed a loss of \$3,204.00 in the investment account which is managed by Bill Miller of Commonwealth Investment Management Group. Penni will contact Bill and get back to the board regarding the type of accounts the money is invested in, so a decision can be made if an adjustment is needed. We've been getting several membership forms returned even though we didn't do a membership drive this year. 28 people have joined and paid by paypal for a total of \$1,700. Some people haven't received membership forms and this could be because they are sent to 'or current resident' so they don't get forwarded to people who don't reside here year round. We are not doing a membership drive this year, but did send out information on Facebook, and the free admission to Babb's Beach has encouraged people to join.

Rick is going to head up a database committee, along with Deb Herath & Paul Yocum and Jerry Patria that will look into getting the correct database for CRC membership. The committee has to know what information needs to be collected, who needs access to update or run reports,

and security levels in order to evaluate the software available and make an educated decision as to what's needed. Rick will send out a survey/questionnaire to the board members listing some of the parameters needed for software selection, to get feedback from everyone in order to move the process forward. We are planning to purchase the software in the fall and have it up and running for our Spring 2021 start.

We are in Phase 3 of the COVID-19 regulations which still requires social distancing while on the lakes and boat ramps. The Lake Management Committee has put up low clearance signs on the tunnels. LMC had the Police Dive team clean out the debris at the bottom of the lake in and near the tunnels both on North and South Pond. The dive team volunteered their time, so Deb will send a thank you note. Police Chief Kevin Bishop is retiring so LMC and CRC should invite the new Chief to attend a meeting and give a talk so they become familiar with our organizations and concerns.

Scott, Kelly and Michelle looked at the canal. Scott, along with a few others should be able clean up the canal in a few hours, especially since the lake is so low this year. It is LMC's responsibility, but CRC has always done a clean up to help. The lake is losing a lot of buoys because boats are hitting them. There needs to be more patrols on the lakes especially on weekends. CRC will suggest to Chief Bishop that lake patrolling be part of an officers weekly schedule. Increased patrols will make the lake safer.

We need to get a system for CRC membership to obtain free entry into Babb's Beach. Michelle, Ginny and Jerry worked on a process that will resolve some of the issues. When people join or renew membership, CRC will send a letter explaining the process to get free entry, including what identification and documentation a member needs to have in order to gain entry. Ginny and Penni will be in charge of this which applies to non-Suffield residents.

There were 2 different T shirt sales that benefited CRC over July 4th weekend. Al Procoft designed a shirt about the parade and MaryAnn Philo did a Congamond Lake flag shirt. There's a variety of CRC and Lake apparel on the Stitches By Me website, and 20% of sales go to CRC.

CRC is planning a themed monthly photo contest, like sunset, sunrise, lake activities etc. A winning photo from each theme will be selected that will go on a calendar to be sold at the end of the year. Scott, Kelly, and Sharon will help with this.

Meeting Adjourned 7:01