



**CRC MEETING MINUTES
8-11-20 BOARD MEETING ZOOM**

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: Ron Greene, Beth Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2020 Meetings Schedule: September 8, October 13

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm

The June 14th meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended

Police Chief Bishop is going to make a presentation at the next General Meeting. Many Police Officers have volunteered to patrol the lake which should help to increase police presence on the lake promoting safety.

Penni reviewed the treasurers report. There is \$19,535.83 in checking, \$1,779.14 in savings and \$32,942.54 in the investment account. Penni spoke to Bill Miller of Commonwealth Investment Management Group. He said our funds are invested conservatively, and patience is a virtue...hopefully the funds will increase in the future. He is willing to attend a meeting if requested to review our investments. Bill said we have received about 4% a year since opening the account. Penni will print out some of the reports for review, and a decision about a meeting with Commonwealth will be made.

Rick and the database management software search team have reviewed about 30 different available packages to determine if they meet the needs of CRC, which requires about 35 needed features. Most were eliminated due to cost, complexity, or CRC needs. The list was narrowed to 6 software packages which were extensively reviewed, and the team is now considering 2 packages that suit the needs of CRC. Breeze is a user friendly, full featured membership management system that is accessed from the cloud. It makes it easy to compile data, send personalized emails, letters, text messages, and it also handles events and keeps lists of volunteers. Transfer of excel data to this system is free, and it

includes phone and email support. The cost is \$50/mo, but it's less expensive than most software available. The other choice is a free package, Google Sheets, which is an excel spread sheet in the cloud available to anyone with internet. It isn't as user friendly or as powerful as Breeze, and this program allows only view or updating. An extra cost allows for email and mail merge, but not text messages. CRC needs to determine if the components of Breeze are required, or if Google Sheets is adequate. There will be a fair amount of work involved to get the data ready to be transferred to the database. Rick has set up trial sessions for both software packages, allowing board members to test them, so a decision can be made at the September meeting as to which is the best package for CRC.

Deb said Lake Management Committee is working with the police department to replace the buoys that have been dislodged. The police presence on the lake will be increased because traffic courts are not in session, so this should help with safety issues.

Ginny reported that Babb's will be open until the end of August, and entrance for CRC members has been going smoothly.

CRC is planning a themed monthly photo contest that will go on a calendar to be sold at the end of the year. Sharon, John and Tammy will help with this.

Michelle will try to have the Lake Management MA Lake and Pond Information Package presentation at the next meeting

Michelle was contacted about doing something in memory of Bob Asselin, who was involved in CRC, and organized the golf tournaments to save the North Pond Land. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

CRC is planning to organize a CRC golf tournament fundraiser for Fall 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55pm