



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

ATTENDANCE:

Michelle Pratt –President, Scott Snyder- Perusse-Vice President, Penni MacEleney-Treasurer, MaryAnn Philo-Secretary, Jerry Crane-Emeritus, Deb Herath – Emeritus, Linda Champagnay, 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 7:03 pm

The June 14th meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Police Chief Kevin Bishop, Harbormaster made a presentation. There is increased activity on the lake this year, and public safety is a big concern of everyone, including Lake Management Commission and the Southwick Police. A training program has been implemented to instruct the Police Officers in boat safety, so there will be more officers available to patrol the lake, which will help increase police presence. Many officers have volunteered to help, so the hours will increase, with varying patrol times until 11pm. The travel lanes at the sand bar on Middle Pond will be tightened by slightly moving the existing buoys. There is a concern because swimmers are going into the boating travel lanes at the Old Town Beach area. They want to put up signs to notify the swimmers of the danger, and possibly a buoy. The State of MA and LMC control the cost of launching a boat, and it was raised slightly this year. There has been a big effort to ensure boat and public safety on all the ponds for the good of the community.

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.

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 involves 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. One is a full featured, user friendly membership management system which involves a cost per month, and the other choice is a free package, which isn't as user friendly or powerful. Both are cloud based so would be accessible to anyone with internet. Rick has set up trial sessions for these programs, so some board members can test them, and a decision will be made at the September meeting as to which is the best package for CRC.

Babb's will be open until the end of August, and entrance for CRC members has been going smoothly. The ability to access the beach has benefitted CRC membership.

John Wilson was able to do a drone video of the lake. This could be edited with a narrative or story added, and sold as a fund raiser for CRC in the future.

CRC is planning a themed monthly photo contest, where the winning photo will go on a calendar to be sold at the end of the year. This will hopefully increase our visibility and maybe increase participation. Sharon, John and Tammy, Sandy and Linda will help with this.

Michelle will try to have the Lake Management MA Lake and Pond Information Package presentation at the next meeting. We are also looking into having presentations about the weeds in/around the lake, the Farmington River Canal, and the eagles around the lake.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm