

Minutes of the August 15, 2020
Barlow Lake Association Meeting

The August 2020 Barlow Lake Association meeting was held outdoors at the Willem Discovery Center at YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin. The meeting was called to order by Mike Cunningham with 15 homeowners and 3 officers present. Luke Miller could not attend due to a family emergency.

Current Officers, Area Captains and event volunteers were recognized and thanked for their service.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 6, 2020 Lake Association meeting were provided to those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Don Visser provided the Financial Report and thanked everyone for paying their dues and for donating over and above the \$40 dues amount. The donations for fireworks and the fish fund exceeded last year's donations. The Lake Association's bank balance is holding steady with last year's balance.

Fireworks

Favorable comments were heard on this year's fireworks show, held on Saturday, July 4th. The budgeted amount of \$7,500 was affirmed. The 1st choice date for the 2021 fireworks show is Saturday, July 3rd. 2nd choice is Sunday, July 4th. Earl Krol will contact the fireworks people to firm up the date and details.

Boat Parade

Paula Bruinsslot reported that 20 boats and 99 kids participated in the July 4th 2020 parade. A trophy was awarded to the Potgeter/Overmire/Harmon group for their floating steam engine entry in the parade. As the participation is growing each year, Paula was granted an increase in her budget to cover the costs for the trophy, candy and goodies given to children 12 and under. Next year's parade will be held on the same date as the fireworks, hopefully July 3rd at 2PM.

YMCA/Association 2020 Picnic

The picnic was postponed and then cancelled this year due to social distancing guidelines. Also cancelled was the ski show that had been planned for the picnic date as well. The Lake Association normally contributes \$500 to the Y Camp Scholarship Fund in thanks for the picnic. This year, it was decided to donate \$500 again in appreciation to the Y Camp for allowing the Lake Association to hold its 2 meetings outdoors at the Camp and also in appreciation for the Y Camp being our good neighbors on Barlow Lake.

Fish Program

Jordan Huizinga, our Fish Captain was not at the meeting this time. Pictures of fish catches can be emailed to Jordan at jordanh@vanmanen.com.

Newsletter

Articles and pictures are always needed for the newsletter. Family history stories of generations on the lake are especially encouraged.

Weed Control/Milfoil Update

The lake has had 2 weed control applications this summer. The acreage requiring treatment is quite small proving the weed control program is working.

Old Business

Copies of the Boater Safety Poster are still available. The County Sheriff continues to monitor lake usage from strategic points on the roads around the lake.

New Business/Member Comments

Member discussion included wake boats and shoreline erosion. Everyone is encouraged to be “wake aware.” Swim raft locations and placement on the lake were discussed. Please be courteous to your Barlow Lake neighbors. Discussion on an outdoor movie night held on the water in front of the Y Camp was also discussed. Ryan Asbury and Paula Bruinsslot discussed making a calendar with Barlow Lake pictures as a possible fund raiser for the lake.

Following the group discussion, the meeting was closed at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Cunningham