Minutes of the August 17, 2019

Barlow Lake Association Meeting

The August 2019 Barlow Lake Association meeting was called to order by Luke Miller with 20 homeowners and 4 officers present.

Current Officers were introduced. The meeting protocol was explained by Mike. During the meetings, members are involved in discussion and are frequently surveyed for their thoughts and opinions so that the board can be better informed. These surveys, which are often in a vote form, are informal. The Board alone is responsible for making the decisions on matters.

Area Captains, event coordinators and volunteers present were recognized and thanked for their service.

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the June 1, 2019 Lake Association meeting were provided to those in attendance.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Don Visser gave the Financial Report noting that to date, income is a bit ahead of last year and our expenses are a tiny bit less than last year. Many thanks to the homeowners who donate above the base $40 membership. Their generosity is very much appreciated.

**Fireworks**

Friday, July 3rd is the tentative date for the 2020 fireworks. $7500 is the budgeted amount. Comments regarding last July’s fireworks show and the start time were both favorable.

**Boat Parade**

Paula Bruinsslot reported that 29 boats and 119 kids participated in the parade this year. Also, after the parade, extra candy was delivered to children who were on the docks watching the parade. This year’s theme was Patriotic and Super Heroes. The parade and participation numbers are growing thanks to the efforts of Paula and her helpers. Next year’s parade date is Saturday, July 4th at 2PM.

**YMCA/Association 2019 Picnic**

The picnic was held on August 3rd from 4 to 7 PM, with food at 6 PM. 140 people (79 adults and 61 kids) attended and had a great time and enjoyed the beautiful weather and fun activities. Thanks to the Y Camp Manitou-Lin who make this fun day possible. As in past years, a donation from the Lake Association will be given to the Y Camp in appreciation. It was noted that children wishing to climb the rock wall or ride the zip line must not wear sandals. Providing additional activities and having a crossing guard on Briggs Road were discussed. It was noted that the Y Camp is the oldest resident on the lake, having been on Barlow Lake for 106 years.

**Fish Program**

Jordan Huizinga reported there is an increase in participation in the fishing contest. The fishing contest continues until the end of Labor Day weekend. Jordan asked to be able to increase the trophy size and tis was agreed upon. Jordan reported that the paperwork is in order and planting Walleye will occur this fall. As there were no entries in last year’s ice fishing contest it was decided to discontinue the contest.

**Newsletter**

Articles and pictures are always needed and Karen Hale encouraged homeowners to provide them. The area captains were thanked for their help in distributing the newsletters. This is a large job made much easier by the help of the area captains.

**Weed Control/Milfoil Update**

The treatment area for Eurasian Milfoil has decreased from 17 acres at the start of the program to now 5 acres. Starry Stonewart is an additional problem and the weed control program is treating for this also. The public hearing for continued funding for the weed control program for the next 5 years will take place on Tuesday, September 12th.

**Old Business**

Copies of the Boater Safety Poster are still available if anyone did not receive their copy.

**New Business/Member Comments**

Mike Keyes was thanked for his help in replacing the old sign board near the Y Camp. There was good discussion on having a ski show and a water safety education program on the lake. Bill Hinton from the Y Camp offered the Y camp meeting room and the shoreline for these programs.

Bill Hinton provided dates to be aware of – the triathlon will be held next year on July 19 and a special camp will be held at the Y next week. It was suggested that Bill provide an article about the Y history and activities for a future newsletter.

Increasing the boat parade budget and the donation amount for the Y Camp picnic was suggested and there was a discussion on raising the membership dues.

Officer elections were held and the current officers were re-elected for an additional 2 years.

Following the election and group discussion, the meeting was closed at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Cunningham

Reminders:

Add columns on the membership form for extra contribution amounts for items like the boat show, boat parade. A line on the form for email addresses.

Send the survey map for the weed control application out or notify earlier for planning. Put it on FB page.

Y Picnic – remind closer to the time about no sandals for zip liners.