Minutes of the August 19, 2017

Barlow Lake Association Meeting

The August 2017 Barlow Lake Association meeting was called to order by Mike Cunningham with 13 homeowners and 3 officers present.

Current Officers and event chairmen and volunteers were recognized. Mary Lou Johnson was thanked for being the Boat Parade Chairman for 13 years. She and her husband Jim would like for someone else to do the boat parade and to put the buoys in and out of the lake each year. Paula Bruinsslot expressed an interest in the boat parade and Roger Offringa volunteered to take care of the buoys.

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the June 3, 2017 Lake Association meeting were provided to those in attendance.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Don Visser gave the Financial Report noting that to date income from dues is up compared to last year. 65% of those who paid dues paid over and above the $40 dues fee. Don expressed appreciation for peoples’ generosity.

**Fireworks**

The schedule for the 2018 Fireworks was discussed. July 4th 2018 will be on a Wednesday next year. The day to have fireworks was discussed with the options being the Saturday before the 4th which is June 30th or the Saturday after the 4th which is July 7th. A vote was taken and having the fireworks on June 30th was preferred. Earl Krol will be contacted to know our date preference so that he can make the arrangements.

**Boat Parade**

The 2017 Boat Parade was a great success. 21 boats participated in the parade. The theme was Patriotic and also Fantasy Vacation Destination. Next year’s boat parade is tentatively set for Saturday, June 30th at 2PM. The theme will be Patriotic plus a second theme yet to be determined. All who participated in the parade and all who watched from the shore were thanked for being there!

**YMCA/Association 2017 Picnic**

The picnic was held on August 5th from 4 to 7 PM, with food at 6 PM. 196 people (117 adults and 77 kids) attended and had a great time. A special thank you to Donna Cook and Deb Mousseau for handling the registration table during the event. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the activities that were available and also enjoyed the delicious food. Thanks to the Y Camp Manitou-Lin who make this fun day possible.

**Fish Program**

Jordan Huizinga is our new Fish Program Chairman. The fishing contest continues until the end of Labor Day weekend and Jordan should be contacted to report the size of fish caught.

**Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be distributed near Labor Day. Articles, pictures, ideas are all appreciated. The Directory Addendum will be in the newsletter noting changes made since the spring publication. The Patterson family history contribution to the spring newsletter was well received. Ron Cook agreed to provide the Cook family history for the Labor Day newsletter.

The spring newsletter was printed in color at a cost of $900. The majority of people who attended the meeting liked having the newsletter in color and wanted it to continue. Karen Hale would like to help with the newsletter. Area Captains are needed in Areas 3 and 5. Roger Offringa volunteered that his wife, Deb Offringa, would be an Area 5 Captain.

**Milfoil Update**

The weed control program continues for Eruasican Milfoil and Starry Stonewart. Reminders of scheduled weed control application dates will be emailed to members.

**Old Business**

Copies of the Boater Safety Poster that was printed last year are still available if anyone did not receive their copy. Barb mentioned that there are a few pieces of mail have been returned undeliverable and the members were asked to check to see if they could provide current addresses.

**New Business**

Mike mentioned that the Warning Sign in the narrows is in a state of disrepair. The current sign is 36” x 48”. A smaller sign, 24” x 36” could be printed on boat sides for about $175. The larger sign would cost about $300. The group was unanimously in favor of the larger sign. Mike will handle the arrangements and installation of the new sign.

Mike also stated that this is the day for officer elections. While the current board is willing to continue, all members present were encouraged to run for an office. The current board was re-elected for an additional two year term.

**Member Comments**

Karen Hale expressed a desire to produce the newsletter. Her background is in print and graphics.

She is also interested in creating a Barlow Lake logo and using it for t-shirts.

Barb brought in two sample Barlow Lake t-shirts purchased from Nature Walk studio next to the Sandbar restaurant. Wearmylake.com also sells Barlow Lake t-shirts.

The stump in the water at the narrows was discussed. It was decided that the owner of the property (Y Camp) should be involved in discussions on its removal. Several in the audience felt that having it there helped to slow boat traffic down.

Large boat wakes causing shoreline erosion.

Following the group discussion, the meeting was closed at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Cunningham