Minutes of the June 1, 2019

Barlow Lake Association Meeting

The June 2019 Barlow Lake Association meeting was called to order by Luke Miller with 30 homeowners and 4 officers present.

Current Officers, Area Captains, event chairpersons and volunteers were recognized.

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the August 18, 2018 Lake Association meeting were provided to those in attendance.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Don Visser provide his Financial Report and commented that 90% of the dues received to date have had contributions above and beyond the $40 dues. Don expressed his thanks for the continued support for the Barlow Lake Association.

**Fireworks**

The 2019 fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 6th at 10:15 pm. July 4, 2020 is a Saturday and there was discussion on having the fireworks on Friday the 3rd, or Saturday the 4th. It was decided to request Friday, July 3, 2020.

**Boat Parade**

Paula Bruinsslot reported that 25 boats participated in the 2018 Boat Parade with gifts given to 88 children. A home decorating contest was also held. Paula welcomes any and all who want to participate in the parade but for planning purposes, it would be helpful if she knew ahead of time the number of children to prepare for.

**YMCA/Association 2019 Picnic**

The picnic will be held on August 3rd from 4 to 7 PM, with food at 6 PM. 156 people (97 adults and 59 kids) attended last year’s picnic. The attendance number was down a bit from last year, perhaps due to the very hot weather.

**Fish Program**

Information from Jordan, our Fish Program Chairman, is that fish planting will occur this fall. No one reported catch results for the winter fishing contest. Jordan asks that pictures of catches be submitted to him including a ruler, yardstick to show the length.

**Newsletter**

Karen Hale was recognized and thanked for her great work on this year’s Memorial Day newsletter. The color format and content were greatly appreciated. The next newsletter will be distributed near Labor Day. Articles and family history stories are always encouraged.

**Milfoil Update/Weed Control**

There is sufficient funding for the weed control program to continue an additional year. It is expected that a public hearing will need to be held late in 2019 to continue the funding of the program. The weed control program is working. At the beginning 15 acres of the lake bottom were treated. It’s now under 5 acres that continue with treatment.

**Old Business**

The high-water level of the lake was discussed. Wake boats and the effect on the shoreline was discussed. Luke encouraged boat owners to do their wake surfing in the larger open areas of the lake, not through the Narrows. Copies of the Boater Safety Poster are still available.

**New Business**

Karen Hale provided samples of Barlow Lake shirts, hats, etc. that she will soon have available through an online shop that she is opening.

**Member Comments**

Comments included what fish to plant in the fall, the high water level due to the rains, Orangeville Township’s ban on the use of lake bubblers, and maintaining and use of the Areas sign boards.

Following the group discussion, the meeting was closed at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Cunningham