Minutes of the June 2, 2018

Barlow Lake Association Meeting

The June 2018 Barlow Lake Association meeting was called to order by Luke Miller with 32 homeowners and 3 officers present. Don Visser is recuperating at home following surgery.

Current Officers, event chairpersons and volunteers were recognized. Paula Bruinsslot is arranging the Boat Parade and Roger Offringa has put out the buoys and purchased one replacement buoy. Ruth Hubbard is no longer able to be the Captain for Area 3. Two people have volunteered to be Area 3 Captains

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the August 19, 2017 Lake Association meeting were provided to those in attendance.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mike summarized Don Visser’s Financial Report noting that the bank balance is about $1700 more compared to last year due to increased efforts at collecting dues.

**Fireworks**

The fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 7th at 10:15 pm. Earl Krol gave the Fireworks report stating that the permit is coming. The Lake Association has been paying $6500 since 2013 for their fireworks show and this provides about 246 shells. Discussion on increasing the fireworks spending followed and it was decided that starting this year, the Lake Association would increase its funding for fireworks by $1000. Also discussed was the date for the 2019 fireworks and Saturday, July 6th was chosen as the preferred date.

**Boat Parade**

Paula Bruinsslot reported that gifts for children age 12 and under have been purchased. The theme for this year is the Olympics or Patriotic. New this year will be a home/yard decorating contest with a prize awarded to the best decorated home using this year’s themes. Line up will be in Turtle Cove around 1:45 pm.

**YMCA/Association 2018 Picnic**

The picnic will be held on August 4th from 4 to 7 PM, with food at 6 PM. 196 people (116 adults and 80 kids) attended last year’s picnic – we’re hoping to break 200 this year.

**Fish Program**

Jordan Huizinga our new Fish Program Chairman discussed plans for fish planting this year. We have historically planted twice the amount of Walleye recommended by the DNR. Jordan’s recommendation is to wait one year before planting more fish. Jordan suggested that developing/maintaining the near shore habitat is the best thing we can do for the fish in Barlow Lake.

**Newsletter**

Karen Hale was recognized for her work on this year’s Memorial Day newsletter. The color format and content were appreciated. The cost of the color printing was discussed and also obtaining bids from multiple printers in the future. More historical stories and pictures are requested for future newsletters. The next newsletter will be distributed near Labor Day.

**Milfoil Update/Weed Control**

There is sufficient funding for the weed control program to continue an additional 2 years. It is expected that a public hearing will need to be held late in 2019 to continue the funding of the program.

**Old Business**

The new red “Danger” sign has been installed in the narrows area. Copies of the Boater Safety Poster which was printed last year are still available.

**New Business**

The Barlow Lake sign board at the Y Camp needs to be repaired. Mike estimates that he can do the repair for around $100. The Tri Del Sol triathlon is set for Sunday July 15th – watch out for swimmers, bikers and runners.

**Member Comments**

A comment was made that the amount of garbage – bottles, cans etc. floating in the lake has increased dramatically. Shoreline erosion and ways to stop it, high water levels, wake surfing, and boater safety were discussed.

Following the group discussion, the meeting was closed at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Cunningham