**Lake Lake Rec Meeting Minutes                                                  Date: 2-4-2021**

Start: 7:30pm                Finish: 8:58pm

**“Being a politician is a poor profession. Being a public servant is a noble one.”**

**– Herbert Hoover (1929-1933)**

**Old Business**

1.Motion to approve minutes for January 2021 was unanimously approved.

2. Mike Lynch Lake Chair advised- Kurt from maintenance constructed very solid movable kayak racks, costing $180 each, fits 6-8 kayaks each per x 12 racks. To place at beach 1, 2, & 3

3. Mike Lynch Lake Chair advised that (2) 25ft Dock Sections have been ordered with delivery early March along with (2) finger docks, to increase stability at Clubhouse docks. New spaces will be multi-use (P/M/R) to adjust for demand from registration - boat day info is in Feb Newsletter.

4. A Boat Certification Safety Course scheduled for Sunday March 7 is in the Feb newsletter and open to all. WML residents pay $10 less than others. All social distancing at the clubhouse location. It is a great course. Registration info is in the newsletter. Current Covid restrictions will apply.

5. Nomination for candidates for Certificate of Appreciation Awards for friends of the lake. Ed Clark nominates Joanne Machalaba & Steven Koenigsberg, Mike Lynch nominates Gerry Primavera. Joanne Machalaba nominates Gerry Primavera, Steve Koenigsburg & John Kullman. Unanimously voted for Joanne Machalaba, all other motions and candidate votes to follow in the March 2021 Lake meeting.

6. Joanne Machalaba announced the Highlands Council has approved funding up to $175,000 to support watershed/lake management planning in Rockaway Township. The high level plan is to conduct a watershed assessment of the surrounding areas of the 11 lakes in the Township. This will result in prioritized actions and costs. Create a sub-committee to identify WML grant needs and determine best way to seek funding. Princeton Hydro is involved with the Highlands Council and will be a good source of information and guidance for us.

**New Business:**

1.Mike Lynch presented two board motions: Solitude Lake Management checking our lake / weed algae control $36,000 same as 2020 from line 521.01 and Princeton Hydro consultants $15,500 from line 522.18. Motions were 2nded & both passed unanimously.

2. Boat day registration process procedures etc for three days 9am start, social distancing masks etc possible ballroom available?  Volunteers needed from appx 8am each day for three consecutive weeks. March 13, 20, 27) **Send an email to the lake chair to volunteer.** Possible boat launch for trout day may be needed as well? Also allowing fence use and land racks and two dock inserts.

3. Fishing items discussed, i.e. managing Carp, promote catch and release for all fish except Carp & Trout. Carp containers to dispose of Carp on all three beach locations. Questions / discussing regarding netting & bow hunting as an option. Advised NJDEP must be asked for verification & confirmation along with possible town ordinances.  Discussion how to humanely kill the carp.

4. Winter lake use was discussed and confirmed use is at the individual's own risk. Signage is at all 3 beaches.

5. Princeton Hydro responded to questions submitted by the Lake Committee in December They were forthcoming with their answers regarding an assortment of lake questions such as fish. ecosystem, Carp, fish study etc. Answers to be shared soon with the community. Fish survey progress / request will be continuing to move forward 1-3 months. Possible competitive quotes will be pursued to find the best entity to perform the study and to define the scope to be more of a fish ecosystem vs water quality.

6. Mike Lynch presented a review of the Safety & Compliance sub-committee of the Lake and Security Committees with a focus on how to better enforce rules & regulations, specifically those related to safety.

A short list includes: Check badges, encourage people take a picture to always have it with you; Watercraft must be registered and have a POA sticker; towing knee boarders must have a spotter in the boat; children under 12 must wear a life vest; swimming a safe distance from land or boats. The rule of no motor boats on the lake after 10 pm was discussed and thought to be reasonable for noise reasons, but not for quiet use such as fishing.

Again, a focus on safety related rules and regulations is the priority.

How to handle violations was discussed. An idea is to have a four strike enforcement ranging from phone call, to written letter to monetary fine. Talk of a possible disciplinary board to be made available to defend violations to be announced. This process also to be put into place for all common properties as well.

Before any further action, a summary of rules to be enforced, clear communication to the community, etc. This will be developed by the Security and Lake Committees and ultimately the POA Board.

7. A discussion to install “free egress” gates at Beach 1,2,3, would enable residents to be on the lake after Security goes off duty and to exit the beach/dock area. It was also recommended by some to lock the gates later, ie. 11:30 pm.

8. Discussion regarding a three strike enforcement policy to assist in enforcing recurring “Top Safety” violations would include: For a first offense you would receive a strike along with a verbal warning. For the second offense you would receive another strike along with a fine along with a formal telephone call. For the third offense you would receive a third strike along with a possible graduated fine and formal written letter. Any subsequent violations dealt with accordingly.

9. Mike Lynch in closing stated he would “bring this discussion talking points back to Scott Desort from Security Committee with the understanding we create 5-10 of the most important safety related systemic lake issues to focus on enforcing with the new three strikes and you’re fined enforcement policy.

10. Discussion regarding placing safety lines and/or throw bags at common properties such as beach 1, 2 & 3 was discussed. It was mentioned that a social media video on how to remove yourself from once fallen in the ice is extremely beneficial to view. Suggestion to carry ice picks to pull yourself out of an ice hole also helps, Possibly advertise how throw bags etc on shoreline are helpful to save lives. Possibly publish some newsletter articles over winter months with pics so residents can find, buy and implement any of these devices to help as anything is better than nothing.

11. Motion to adjourn 8:58pm

Attending:

Michael Lynch, Ed Clark, Joanne Machalaba, Michael Freedman, Pat Degnan, Jarret Zellea, Barry Silbiger, Michael Kilgallen, John O'Conner, Charlie Bogusat, Jason Ripke, Alan Zenkert, Rick Sedivec, Scott Rothbart, Tom Alameda, Christine Mastricano, Jim Dean, Susan Grobeski, Peter Hestevold, Bill ?, Mary Dunn, Patrizia Trento, 1973\*\*\*\*735

Submitted by: Michael Lynch-Chair

Approved by: Joanne Machalaba-OIC