

WCLA Board Meeting at Hopper Camp August 9, 2020

Board members present: Don Hopper, Nancy Zeiser, Brian Drain, Debbie Drain, Ellen Wright, Jed Potocar, Dick Stahl, Don Shearer, Al Zeina, Anita Potocar, Jim Hogan, John DonVito

Meeting called to order at 2:04

Reading of minutes: Motion made to waive reading of the minutes by Jed, seconded by Ellen. Passed

Treasurer Report:

Income: Current period: \$2447.96, Expenses: 1055.14 . Checking and Savings accounts total \$12,491.27. Currently 235 members, 20 new members, 21 unpaid (3 unpaid for 2019 & 2020)

Donations: \$100 each to Caroga Chapel and Caroga Arts collective. \$200 to Caroga Fire Department. Pending: \$200 Fulton County Sheriff (Aug), \$100 each to Polar Plunge (Oct.) and Caroga Museum (Apr.)

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report by Anita, seconded by Debbie. Passed.

Fish stocking: Jed said the lake was stocked with \$500 worth of smallmouth bass in the spring and we will Stock \$500 worth of trout in October. This money was allocated last year. Motion made by Jim to allocate \$1500 to the fish fund for next year. Debbie seconded. Passed. Jed also reported due to COVID, ECLPA wasn't able to commit to jointly stocking this year. They will try to resume next year.

Water Testing: CEC and CSLAP reports from last year's testing will be posted on the website, along with the summary Don Hopper gave during the membership ZOOM meeting on June 27. 5 samples for CSLAP testing have been taken this year (every 2 weeks) 3 more to be done.

John made a request that we make it known to the town highway superintendent that because of our water testing data WCLA believes it would be beneficial to lessen the amount of road salt used. John made a motion that a letter is written. Al seconded. Passed. John will write it.

Our Advertisers: We sent a nice note explaining to all advertisers of no charge for the next 2 newsletters. Sorry to say we received no feedback on this gesture.

Welcome Bags: Debbie has put together welcome bags for new residents. She had 15-20 items, including a WCLA key chain, informational pamphlets/booklets from Fulton County and Caroga, menus from some local restaurants, and cards. She has delivered 10 of 12.

A motion was made by Jim to allocate \$100 for the program, seconded by Ellen. Passed.

Activities-2020 reports and 2021 plans: Membership meeting at Caroga Chapel on June 19, 2021. Possible speakers to be invited: Larry Vogt, Scott Horton, Nancy Mueller. Maybe someone to discuss training to become an instructor for the NYS Boating license. Any other ideas or suggestions, please let Don know.

Boat Parade: "Admiral" (new promotion due to the wonderful parade this year!) Dick Stahl reported there were 45 boats this year. 21 were WCLA members. 2021's parade will be on July 4. He needs new signs for next year (and will at the same time ask the vendor about new "Do Not Feed The Ducks" signs.) Next year's theme has yet to be decided but will involve the 100th anniversary of Sherman's. There will be a slight change in the prize structure. Also, this year the judges felt due to the number of boats watching, it was better to move the judging boat and it was difficult to physically hand out the prizes with bobbing boats. To that end, the board discussed the possibility of a dock at Sherman's. We would be willing to donate to its construction cost in exchange for WCLA's exclusive use on Boat Parade Day. CAC will be contacted. Also, we need volunteers to be judges. (No WCLA members).

Flares: Starting inventory 2020 was 225. We passed out 107. Have 118 left. One or two boxes will be purchased for 2021.

Yard Sale: The profit from the yard sale was \$1522.30. Masks and hand sanitizer were available for shoppers. A \$50 gift certificate was given to the Hogans as special thanks for the use of their yard. Thanks to Don Shearer for placing the ad in the Leader-Herald. Special thanks also to Debbie Drain for running it and Ellen Wright and Sharon Johnson for their help. Next year, if we are to continue, we need a volunteer(s) to run it.

BBQ date, Cornhole tournament, and other activities pending.

Newsletter: For the newsletter, Don would like contributions of one sentence endings to "I remember when....." Please send in your memory!

Old Business: John DonVito joined as our new board member to bring our number to our constitutional required 12. We also discussed potentially adding a representative from North Shore. Ideas on who to approach about this are welcome. Let Don know your thoughts.

New Business: We discussed bank account levels and determined keeping a minimum amount of \$5000 a year and continue using the balance for activities, signs, and other needs.

Other proposals and ideas:

Cornhole tournament next year.

Caroga Kids: John would like to see a program where Town children and Summer children could come together and share an activity 3 or 4 times a summer. Some ideas are hiking, bike parade, fishing, etc. John will contact the school for information and input. \$1000 donation was discussed to help fund such a program.

Bridge painting; The graffiti under the RT. 10 bridge between the lakes is an eyesore and contact has been made with DOT to investigate if the painting can happen, the rules and regulations involved, and costs. The board approved to further investigation into the project.

Bike Parade: As discussed, open to all and maybe have the ice cream truck stationed at the end.

Other: For the lake, for the town, for the fire department. Any ideas, please submit.

Jed made a motion to adjourn. Dick seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zeiser, Secretary