

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting October 24, 2023



Meeting called to Order at 6:07 pm by the President, Lynn LeCours.

Officers and Directors present: President Lynn LeCours, Vice President Peggy Pahoulis, Kathy Gaughran (serving as Interim Secretary), Rick Ryan (serving as Interim Treasurer), JoAnne Bonacker, Gene Henry, Tom LeCours, Sheila Rappazzo, Bob Reilly, Karen Ryan Cheryl Stanford-Smith, Lisa Zibella

Directors present by proxy: None

Directors and Officers not present: Marie Dumas, Lynn Jackson, Star Schmalzer, Tim Hopkins

Guests: None

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting held September 19, 2023 moved by Gene Henry and seconded by Bob Reilly. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Ryan presented Treasurer's report. Gene Henry questioned location of \$300 "Cash on Hand". Tom LeCours will follow-up with Tim Hopkins. \$119,254.39 in Treasury account, approximately \$750 in returns coming in. Rather than keeping \$41,000 in checking, the Board is investing in bonds staggered in 4–8 week intervals. These will eventually mature on a weekly basis. Cheryl Stanford-Smith moved to accept the treasurers report and seconded by Peg Pahoulis. The motion passed.

Report of Officers:

President, Lynn LeCours: Lynn will speak with Bob Henke at Town of Argyle regarding change to verbiage of contract harvesting to Lake Management.

Report of Committees

Membership: Bob Reilly will send out revised Rental Agreement

Spillway: Tom LeCours checked the lake level and raised the dam guillotine gate to lower the level. Unsure if Lake Management Plan states must lower the lake level by November 1st (?) before lake freezes.

Addendum – As per Sheila Rappazzo's review of the Lake Management Plan, there is no specific date, only before lake freezes.

Newsletter: It was noted that Spring, Summer and Winter newsletters were sent out, but no Fall newsletter in recent years. President Lynn LeCours suggested bringing back Fall newsletter.

Addendum – as per review of past history of newsletters, the number of newsletters varies from 2 to 4. Apparently it is up to the discretion of the Board President.

Building and Grounds: Lights in closet installed. Tom LeCours, Jeff Jackson and Charlie Rappazzo winterized and closed the building.

Insurance: Status Quo

Promotions: \$500 donated from Waltons

Website/FB/Database: No update

Social: Planning the 70th Anniversary Celebration for June 29th. Skip and Ann Gifford will help with historical information. Karen Ryan suggests theme of 70's dance night. Karen is looking for DJ, Board will need tickets in advance as the capacity for CLIA building is 120 people. Peg Pahoulis will handle cash sales for members that don't want to buy tickets online. Board discussed possibly buying new table and chairs based on investments with bonds. John Felicetti painted the building floor.

Fundraising: No update

Education: Lynn Jackson attended the Invasive Species Conference. Lynn Jackson will coordinate a Zoom call with a member of the Lake Luzerne Board of Directors as well as Sheila Rappazzo to further explore water testing performed by Clarkson University.

Lake Management: No update

Harvesting: Gene Henry spoke to Carrie Woerner on 10/23 regarding a grant to purchase another harvester. Carrie will get back to Gene with decision. Discussion regarding 2 harvesters, but TBD on grant. Campbell Farm has agreed to take weeds again next year. Gene also has another farm a few miles down if needed. Gene suggested the board give Campbell Farm a thank you gift card for dinner at the Anvil.

Herbicide: Sheila Rappazzo reported the north end of the lake has thick and heavy milfoil. It should be treated again next year at no charge as per contract. The rest of the lake looked good except for pockets at Pratt's point and Baldwin's cove which were not treated. Pond and Lake Connection will include in the permit application to DEC potential areas for treatment for Niald, so we have options if we have a massive overgrowth of Niald again next year.

Water Chestnut Pull: Gene Henry will schedule 4 dates for next year to pull chestnuts. He will also reach out to Pratt's Point HOA to discuss their joining in the water chestnut pull.

CSLAP: No Update.

Email Blasts: Going smoothly, no bounce backs. Karen Ryan suggested sending an email for the Fall newsletter rather than hardcopy and posting newsletter in the post office.

Old or Unfinished Business: Cheryl Stanford-Smith reported estimates –
Mike Mound concrete slab, no details: \$4,900.

Kenny Thomas \$11,150

24x40 12 inch deep concrete, crushed stone, rebar, smooth surface sealed with grit, cut slab to prevent cracking. Includes ramp

New Business: Tables and chairs will be discussed at next meeting Membership fee – should it be increased...not at this time, it was increased a couple of years ago.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 7:41 by Sheila Rappazzo, second by Cheryl Stanford-Smith