

Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association
General Membership Meeting
July 8, 2023

Meeting called to Order at 10:04 am by the President, Lynn LeCours.

Officers and Directors present: President Lynn LeCours, Vice President Peggy Pahoulis, Treasurer Rick Ryan, Tom LeCours, Sheila Rappazzo, Joanne Bonacker, Cheryl Stanford-Smith, Lynn Wilbur, Gene Henry, Tim Hopkins, Bob Reilly, Lynn Jackson, Marie Dumas acting as secretary for this meeting.

Directors present by proxy: Edward Costello, Secretary Anne Marie Caliendo, Karen Ryan

Not present: NA

Guests: John Felicetti for newsletter, data management and the website.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous general membership meeting held August 27, 2022 were approved as read. Approval of the minutes moved by Peggy Pahoulis and seconded by Lisa Zibella. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the 2022 financials was made by Rayna Henry and seconded by Charlie Rappazzo. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Officers

President Lynn LeCours reported that the town of Greenwich confirmed funds in the amount of \$5,000 will be contributed to the CLIA for harvesting. The town of Argyle also confirmed funds for 2023 in the amount of \$8,350 for harvesting.

Report of Committees

Nominations Chair, Joanne Bonacker:

- Thanked directors rolling off including Rick Ryan, Lynn Wilbur, and Ed Costello.
- Slated for Reelection are Lynn Lecours for President, Peggy Pahoulis for Vice President, Anne Marie Caliendo for Secretary and in Director positions Bob Reilly, Cheryl Stanford-Smith and Joanne Bonacker.
- New Board Nominations included Wendy MacPherson as Treasurer, and as Directors Star Schmaler and Lisa Zibella.
- Floor was open for nominations until the end of the meeting. The election meeting is on August 26, 2023.

Membership: Bob Reilly joined the association last year and reported it's the best way to get to know the lake and your neighbors. So please spread the word and ask your neighbors to join the CLIA. To date we have 357 registered members of the CLIA in 200 households and 236 voting members. 35 members are required for a quorum. 40 members present today meeting the requirement for the meeting.

Spillway: Gene Henry reported the lake is a bit high with all the rain but he is regulating it on a regular basis.

Newsletter: John Felicetti reported 165 copies of the newsletter were mailed and 250 sent electronically. That is a big win for the CLIA and cuts down on our costs. Currently we stand at 13 active advertisers. He

asked the membership to appeal to local businesses to be new advertisers. A goal is for the newsletter to be self-funding. He reported that advertising in the newsletter for a year is only \$100.

If you are having difficulty or miss getting the electronic copy of the newsletter, check your spam folder or contact John directly.

Building and Grounds: Tim Hopkins reported and thanked Bob Reilly for staining the front deck and stairs. Most aspects of the building are in good shape but ongoing maintenance of the physical building occurs throughout the season. Tim also said a special thank you to the crew that built the new stairs down to the dock and installed the donated dock from Karen and Peter Moore. The stair crew included Gene Henry, Jeff Jackson, John Felicetti and Tom LeCours. We are very grateful to the Moore's for the dock and have already had members come to events with their boats.

Insurance: Tom LeCours reported we are fully insured

Promotions: Tom LeCours reported that the last sale generated over \$700 for lake management. A member asked for toddler clothing and Tom will check on this and possibly other items. Lynn Wilbur's brother is going to make tumblers and etched coasters, so we will have some new items the next time the store is open.

Website: John Felicetti reported on our success using the website as a way to sign up and pay for events. For the event planners that helps with funding and understanding how many people will attend an event. The website also has the entire Event calendar, an admin page, lake rental forms and applications. The website has much information on lake management and our weed remediation and DEC requirements and water quality. John reported 62% of users get to the site on their phone.

144 property owners have signed up for harvesting to date.

Facebook: No report

Data Base: John Felicetti reported we now have an association database that allows us to more accurately track our members. More importantly, more of the board can access the information. The database is password protected and it is encrypted. We have data security and your information is safe.

Social: Marie Dumas reported that since Memorial Day the social committee has sponsored many successful events including the first evening with the Lakesiders band, Bingo and the 3rd annual Sue Roach memorial boat parade. The bingo evening was a capacity crowd. Not a fundraising event, through donations to the shore beautification project and sales of extras at bingo, contributed over \$400 to the CLIA.

Marie also gave a recap of upcoming July events including the evening band/dancing, the ice cream social, and the next dinner and dancing with the Lakesiders on July 21.

Marie reported the chicken BBQ, our annual fundraiser, is on August 12 this year. She asked members to contribute baskets or ask local establishments for donations.

Fundraising: Reports on fundraising were included in various reports from other committees.

Education: Lynn Jackson reported that she is taking over education from outgoing director, Lynn Wilbur. She also reported she is donating \$160 to the lake management fund in honor of her dad from Hula Hoop fitness classes. In the future she plans on scheduling a class called Healthy Living for Brain and Body sponsored by the Alzheimer's assoc. Lynn gave highlights of the water safety course held at the fire house. Did you know the #1 cause of kids drowning is parents on their phone.

Lynn J reported that the AED is installed in the clubhouse and there will be a training in the future. Thank you to Jeff Jackson for purchasing and installing this lifesaving piece of equipment. As a result of the discussion on the AED a member at the meeting inquired if the AED could be used outside of CLIA events. In response, Cheryl Smith mentioned the first responders around the lake are very immediate. It's the ambulance around the lake takes a bit longer. Someone asked about how immediate emergency help can come on the lake so a robust discussion ensued.

Harvesting: Gene Henry reported that harvesting started 2 days later this year as a result of mechanical issues with the harvester and the truck. Finished first round and now on second round finished end of July. Asked people to be sure the harvester can see your harvesting numbers. We are now able to bring our weeds to Campbell's farm and maple syrup location. Gene reported how grateful we are to them for allowing us to do this. Please consider buying your maple syrup and maple candy from them. So far the harvesting team has pulled 84 loads of weeds from the lake.

Herbicide: Sheila Rappazzo reported that the CLIA has switched companies from SOLitude to The Pond & Lake Connection. So far, the process was easier and we are pleased with the treatment. This year we treated 70 acres for milfoil, and an additional 60 for curly leaf pondweed. We have a 3-year contract and a guarantee for the next 3 years with the new treatment plan. The new company will re-treat the area already treated if the milfoil returns. We are hopeful this will work very well. Took 3 weeks for the weeds to die down and you can see the difference already in treated areas. Feedback from the harvester is there is a difference. We still have some of the bushy weed, nyads, which is native so we can't treat it. There is a lot of elodeas which is also a native and it's considered a good weed.

CSLAP: Lynn Wilbur reported that CSLAP is a state wide lake assessment program. We are testing every 2 weeks and collect samples sent to a state lab. We have a great team of volunteers working this program. Provides us information on how our lake is improving year over year. All the info is on the website and we have made steady progress over the past 30 years.

Lake Management: We are trying to get a fish survey again so we can see what fish we have and not have. Native weeds in the south end include broad leaf pond weed that is returning. That is a good thing. Lake management plan needs to be looked at the election meeting and we need to establish a new committee to review our progress, paperwork and how lake management works.

A member asked how we monitor blue green algae blooms. While we have not had much of an issue the last years, you can find information on this on the website. We are a nutrient rich lake and we are working on bringing that down. If the water appears soupy green go to the middle of the lake to swim. We also have septic systems that need to be upgraded to help cut this down. While we are a state lake, we do not receive support from the state to manage the lake.

A member asked about run off from farms and animals and if there was something we could do about it. While there are fewer farms around the lake there is still some run off and septic that are not the latest technology. We get surveys done every year and get permission from the DEC. We are operating under the regulations established by the DEC for water remediation. Please tell your friends and neighbors we are operating under the law. Everyone on the lake and downstream gets a letter of notification.

Water Chestnut: Gene Henry reported that the next Water chestnut pull is , July 17 at 10am. So far, the biggest area is by Pratts Point. Please come and volunteer. The seeds can survive in the mud for 5 to 8 years so will take us years to eradicate them.

Email Blasts: Karen Ryan was not present at the meeting but Lynn LeCours thanked her for a fabulous job with emails.

Old or Unfinished Business:

A member asked if there was still a grant for upgrading septic. Lynn LeCours recommended speaking with Bob Henke, Argyle town supervisor. There was also a member question on how Air B&Bs around the lake are regulated? The Board has discussed pulling together some safety tips for renters. The towns of Greenwich and Argyle do not have regulations in place for Air B&B renters but there are regulations being developed by the town of Greenwich

Nominations for the 2023/24 slate of officers and directors was closed. The slate was motioned by Lynn Wilbur and seconded by Cheryl Smith. The motion was approved by the members.

New Business:

Lynn Lecours reported the CLIA has started a memory garden by the flagpole. A small evergreen tree was planted to honor those we lost this past year who contributed to our lake community. She requested members let her know if they have suggestions for continuing to honor members who contribute to our lakeside community.

Marie Dumas reported on the new project for renovating our shoreline with planting and a beach. She asked members to consider donating to this project and helping with the renovation day to be scheduled in the fall.

Adjournment: at 11:29