

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL

March 18, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on March 18th at 7:30 PM at the home of Jean and Paul Lewis.

Present were:

Janet Andersen, President

Peter Gross, Vice President and Two Lake Club representative

John Lemke, Treasurer, and Lake Waccabuc Association representative

Jean Lewis, Secretary

Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Association representative

Kevin Karl, Lake Oscaleta Association and Long Pond Preserve Trails

Tim Kennedy, South Shore Association representative

Paul Lewis, Lake Preservation Committee

President Janet Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. She welcomed the attendees and thanked Jean and Paul Lewis for again hosting the meeting.

By-Laws Review Peter Gross presented his recommendations after reviewing the 3LC By-Laws. Officers are currently term limited: following discussion the Board requested that Peter draft changes to eliminate term limits for Officers. Peter noted that the By-laws called for Audit and Nominating Committees. The board agreed to designate itself as the Nominating Committee and asked Peter to draft a motion to that effect. The Board, in a motion made by Jean Lewis and seconded by Kevin Karl, appointed Jan Andersen, Lou Feeney, and John Lemke to the Audit Committee. We also discussed the membership provision. The board will review the draft revisions and, if agreed, will recommend to members that they be adopted at the Annual Meeting. Jan thanked Peter for his careful review and valuable recommendations.

Federal and State Tax Returns must be filed by May 15th. Lou Feeney entered 3LC transactions into quickbooks and those were reviewed by Jan as part of the annual financial review. Lou then prepared the required IRS 990 and NYS forms. The financial statements and tax forms were circulated to board members for review. The board had no questions, and agreed that John Lemke could file the 3LC returns as presented.

Lake Management Plan Update Jan Andersen reported that Michael Martin has not delivered the Lake Management Plan he was contracted to deliver in December and had promised earlier this year. With the delay, it is hard to plan to implementation any plan actions this year. Since Michael is planning to present our plan at an upcoming meeting of NYS FOLA (Federation of Lake Associations), the Board directed Jan to inform Michael that he must deliver the plan to our Board for review by April 1 in order to make his presentation at FOLA. We agreed not to schedule a public meeting for the community until the plan content is available and reviewed by the board.

3LC turns 50! Jan reminded the board that 3LC will have its 50th anniversary in 2020. She proposed to the board that, as a way of celebrating this, we contact long time residents for their recollections and photos, and the Board endorsed this idea. Jean Lewis volunteered to reach out to "long timers", to record and transcribe interviews, and to collect and scan any old photos they are willing to share.

LONG POND PRESERVE

- Last year, residents of Tarry-a-Bit removed part of a stone wall on Preserve property and developed a path over which they drove vehicles between Tarry-a-bit and the Waccabuc Country Club. Paul Lewis and John Lemke will survey the damage this spring and contact the person responsible to have him restore the wall.
- **Police Patrol** John Lemke reported on police patrol efforts at Long Pond Preserve. He stated that in 2017 we hired local police through the Town police department, and the cost was approximately \$3,000. In 2018, at police request, we hired the police as independent contractors and obtained Workers Compensation insurance. While the 2018 cost was similar to the 2017 cost, scheduling officers was more difficult. John noted that there were fewer lake trespassers last year which might have been because of the police presence, a heavy algae bloom for much of the year, and removal of the rope swing. For 2019, we expect to hire officers through the Town as in 2017, and John hopes to begin patrols on Memorial Day Weekend. Jan thanked John for his effective efforts to enforce Preserve Rules, which serve to prevent invasive plants and animals from entering Lake Waccabuc.
- Lewisboro Land Trust has scheduled a walk on the Preserve for June 23rd. It will be led by Jan Andersen and Paul Lewis.
- Jan reported that the Mile-a-Minute weevils introduced for the last two years appeared to be a partial control of the highly invasive Mile-a-Minute plant on the Preserve, so she has ordered more as discussed and budgeted at our January board meeting.
- Jan will organize a work day to inspect and repair tree tubes installed during the "Trees For Tribs" effort.

40 Old Pond Road A house located at 40 Old Pond Road has been sold and will come before the Planning Board for permission to renovate. Jan cannot take a role as both chair of the Planning Board and President of the Three Lakes Council, so she opted to recuse herself from Three Lake Council's activities on this application. Paul Lewis and Ron Tetelman offered to represent the Three Lakes Council's interests.

2019 Plant Survey Jan confirmed that the Solitude team will conduct a plant survey on just Lake Waccabuc this year and received authorization to sign the contract.

FOLA Conference Jan is organizing a Regional FOLA Conference at China Pond in Kent on June 14. Topics include harmful algal blooms, invasive species, and lakeshore plantings.

Beaver Activity Jan thanked the beaver crew for recently removing beaver debris in the Oscaleta/ Waccabuc channel and continuing to ensure the channel is passible.

Website Jan reported that the website base had been updated at a cost of \$200.

Next Meeting The Board will meet prior to the Annual Meeting at a date to be announced.

Adjournment Upon a motion by Ron Tetelman, seconded by Peter Gross, and unanimously approved by those present, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary