

PINEWOODS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 30, 2016

Call to order, confirmation of notice of meeting, and quorum confirmation

The annual meeting of Pinewoods Association was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Beth Schultz. Beth noted that the notice of the annual meeting, with an agenda and proxy form, had been sent to all shareholders on June 13, 2016. Bitsy Fitzsimmons and Kate Eubanks reported that 291 of 431 (58 percent) of outstanding shares of the Association were present at the meeting in person or by proxy; Secretary Curt DeVoe confirmed that a quorum existed for the meeting.

Moment of silence for deaths since last annual meeting

Beth Schultz announced a moment of silence in loving memory of Pinewoods members and friends who had passed away since the last annual meeting, including the following: Jennifer Cline, Bob Fitzsimmons, Harman Foster, and Frank Ford.

Celebration of marriages and births

We acknowledged and celebrated the following marriages: Ben Cochran and Adeline Rose Nino; Leslie Taggart DeVoe and Patrick F. Boland III; Robin Link and Ravi Fernando. We also expressed our good wishes and congratulations on the marriage in two weeks of Michael Le Wade and Katie Hughes. We noted and celebrated the following births: Kate Marie Snyder to Emily DeVoe and Nick Snyder; Owen Calder Hoeksema to Coe Will and Craig Hoeksema; Stepan Philip "Styopa" Fakeev to Bryn Will and Dmitry Fakeev; Alexandra Angyus to Lindsay Taggart and Erik Angyus; and Lorenzo Randall Almirall to Joslyn and Nat Almirall.

Approval of minutes of 2015 meeting

Several typographical changes were made to the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting, marked on the attached by Secretary Curt DeVoe. Those minutes, as revised, were approved after motion and second.

New members

Curt DeVoe announced that the Board of Directors had not received any requests for approval of new members, and no one offered any such requests at this meeting. Curt also reminded the members that new members are always welcome and encouraged submissions of new members, through gifts of shares or otherwise, in the coming year.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John DeBeer presented the Treasurer's Report. John reported positive cash flow over the past year. John described the Association as a resort corporation with an annual budget of approximately \$150,000, of which Dining Hall revenues and expenses make up the majority, approximately \$100,000. The Dining Hall served 9880 meals over the past year. The other two principal sources of income of the Association are membership dues and caretaking assessments.

We suffered approximately \$17,000 in tree and other storm damage during the past year. We already recovered approximately \$10,000 from our insurer, and we are in the process of submitting claims for approximately \$2,300 in replacement costs. In the end, we expect to recover everything but our \$5,000 deductible under our insurance policy.

The Association had accounts receivable of approximately \$28,000 as of March; after Beth Schultz sent a persuasive letter, that amount has been reduced to approximately \$4,000. Anne Sloan reported that the spring bills that she, George Wilson, and some others received did not mention any amounts overdue so they were not aware they had any accounts receivable. Curt DeVoe reported that the Board had discussed this with the accountants and they will correct that on future invoices.

There was some discussion about accounts receivable owed by renters and some problems and solutions in billing and collecting from renters. Louisa Lawrence noted that we collect renters' credit card numbers, but we can't charge those cards. Some discussion ensued about making credit card payments easier and dealing with fees on credit card transactions, including adding the fee to the invoice for the convenience of using a card. We also discussed making the property owner (the lessor) responsible for the accounts receivable of their renters. Rockey Flinterman reported that he and Carl Geupel were in the process of unifying renter policies, including payment and collection policies.

Trevor Wade suggested looking at accepting other forms of payment, such as direct (ACH) transfers.

Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Nominating Committee Report and Election New Board Members

Beth Schultz reported that the Nominating Committee had nominated the following as Board Members for the following year, and each had accepted such nomination:

John DeBeer, President

Curt DeVoe, Treasurer

Carl Geupel, Secretary

Upon motion with second, the foregoing were approved and elected as the new Members of the Board, to serve until the 2017 annual meeting. Beth Schultz and Curt DeVoe encouraged all the

members to cultivate and identify good candidates to serve on the board of directors, and to offer their own time and services on the board. Liz Wade suggested including an email reminder on or about February 1 each year to recruit and identify good board candidates. Amanda Geupel suggested encouraging the young(er) people in Pinewoods to attend the annual meeting so they can see how the Association works and also to encourage new members. All of the above were approved by consensus acclamation.

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Duncan Lawrence reported for Building and Grounds Committee (Duncan, Hugh Lawrence, John Fink, Chris Robinson): the committee spent only \$6000 of its \$9500 budget (not counting the amounts reimbursed by insurance after the storm at the end of 2015). Expenditures including painting; trimming and cutting trees; and grading the road and slanting it to the north to improve drainage off the road and decrease flooding on the south (lake) side of the road. Duncan reported that Jean Lawrence had done an amazing job of spreading pine needles on the paths to decrease their maintenance, and that new gutters also had resulted in decreased maintenance issues and costs. The electronic rodent repellers had decreased the number of holes to patch and repair, and he has seen fewer chipmunks and mice in and around the dining hall and other buildings. Issues for next year: purchasing a used versus new raft; painting and replacing the roof over the mailboxes; the usual paint, screen repair and replacement etc.; and repairing and putting windows, including more regular and frequent inspections. Duncan then led a discussion and consideration of the costs and benefits of placing speed bumps on the road. Bill Baker charged \$600 for two speed bumps this summer, which seems to have cut down on the number of complaints about speeding cars, and the road seems pretty smooth this year. Duncan suggested that a bumpy road may be as good or better than speed bumps at reducing vehicle speeds. A straw poll revealed a strong preference among the members present for a smooth road with good speed bumps (rather than either a bumpy road with no speed bumps – no one stated a preference for a smooth road with no speed bumps).

Duncan explained the options, including costs, to replace the raft – new versus used, etc. The committee will continue to look for a good used raft, which will be almost as useful as a new one but much cheaper. The committee will try to replace the raft before next summer. John DeBeer suggested asking for contributions from members.

Dining hall repairs: a new ramp was installed on the west side; the floor needs to be refinished in the next 3-5 years – the first bid was \$8000 – the committee will pursue other bids. John Fink reported screens had been replaced on the doors and the committee is looking for larger handles.

Duncan requested a budget for the next year of \$9500. Approved upon motion and second.

Memorial Fund – Anne Sloan reported – Karen Will and Mary Highberger also on the committee. (Beth Schultz encouraged anyone else with an interest to participate.) The Memorial Fund Committee is looking for two benches to be placed at the main entrance to the dining hall,

near the play house, and also is considering 2 more benches at the library and painting the library door to match the existing table and chairs. The Memorial Fund financed the new ramp at the west end of the dining hall.

Library Committee – Lucy Cochran. The library has a new sign and new sign out/check out sheets. Lucy said paper backs do not need to be returned – there is not enough room for all of them. The Finks donated a table and chairs. Anne Sloan and Beth Schultz sorted through books with able assistance from Levi (Kathy Piehl's grandson), but more sorting remains to be done and volunteers are welcome and appreciated. The committee encourages members to keep contributing books, but please focus on books that are likely to be read and used (don't just dump your old books with no value). Mona Baumgartel offered to contribute bird books and Lucy Cochran confirmed the library has a section on birds.

Archives Committee – Frank Cochran not much progress in the past year but he will work with the new board to make more progress in the coming year. Curt DeVoe reported on updating the Association's share records.

Family Trees – Mona Baumgartel requested updates and also nicknames.

Dining Hall Committee – Louisa Lawrence. The DH has served 5425 meals as of this past week, compared to 5352 at this time last summer. Louisa expressed her thanks to members who turn in their meal forms promptly. She also reminded the members to check only the meals actually eaten and also to include mailing addresses for invoices. If you want your bill sent via email, please request by email to tsmith@smithassocmi.com, and include your email address. Erik Geupel reported we can also do this via the Association website. Anne Sloan reminded us to be sure to indicate how many adults and how many children on the forms. Louisa reported that Kathy Piehl is doing a great job managing the amount of food. Louisa reminded us to contribute to the tip fund, and to provide all contributions directly to Kathy Piehl (especially cash, which is an acceptable form of donation).

Beth Schultz reported that Kathy has revised her previous retirement plans and thoughts – she has indicated she will continue to run the DH unless and until she cannot perform her duties. Beth asked Kathy and the rest of the DH staff to join the meeting and thanked them for their service and dedication – and the members gave them a standing ovation

HLPOA – Nick Dewey reported on a dramatic reduction in the incidence of swimmer's itch and the parasite that causes it. Nick reported there are two groups pursuing different strategies: the Scion group, which captures and moves mergansers to Lake Huron, and the Gerrish Township group which has a permit to harass and kill the mergansers on and around Higgins Lake. Nick reported that the Gerrish Township group does not operate in Lyons Township, and there has been a very significant decrease in the percentage of snails carrying the swimmer's itch parasite (down from 3% to 0.3 %). Nick asked the members to report merganser sightings to HLPOA - Liz Wade will provide their contact information via email. Liz Wade and Rocky Flinterman

advised the members to keep an eye on the developing problem of invasive mud snails, and to expect big changes next year.

Nick Dewey then reported that MSU recently issued its 86 page report on lake levels, and U of M recently released their own 20 page draft report. Both reports are available at HLPOA, and Nick reported both reports already are being tainted by allegations of bias and other controversy. These reports focus on the effects of lowering the water level but Nick noted there is a legal requirement to maintain the current lake level, and solving the lake level problem in one location tends to result in creating a lake level problem downstream or upstream.

HLPOA has formed committees to consider Higgins Lake ecology, lake levels, and numbers and sizes of marinas and resulting boat traffic. The biologist/ecologist who spoke at the HLPOA annual meeting highlighted continuing problems with septic systems and fertilizers, and suggested we may all need sewers at some point. Rockey Flinterman commented that the septic system issue has been around for 60 years. Frank Cochran said Roger Rasmussen is an expert on this topic.

Phil Will announced that HLPOA has requested that each cottage designate only one representative to receive notices from HLPOA and act on behalf of the cottage. Nick Dewey clarified that each property has only one vote with HLPOA, so asking for a single property representative does not reduce the voting power of cottages with multiple owners, as some had thought. Jane Hoey reminded the members that cottages in Pinewoods get their HLPOA dues statements from Pinewoods Association's accountants, so individuals who receive statements from HLPOA should not pay those separately. Upon motion and second, the members authorized the Association's Board of Directors to request and collect the name and contact information for each cottage's HLPOA representative. The members were asked to provide that information to new Association Secretary, Carl Geupel.

Someone reported that the Higgins Lake Foundation asks all Higgins Lake property owners to turn off or turn down their lights each Tuesday night to reduce light pollution. No motion accompanied this news, which was for information only.

Roscommon County Community Foundation – Cathy Lawrence – grants are significantly up this year. Sarah Morley McCrory just joined the board of directors and is very involved in the efforts to reduce human trafficking. Cathy has distributed to each table in the DH information on current and future projects and initiatives.

Jean Lawrence reported for the **Fire and Safety Committee**. The recent emergency run by emergency vehicles in Pinewoods was only for training. Call 911 in an emergency – 911 service has significantly improved, and this includes cell phones. Use life jackets, even on SUPs (stand up paddle boards). Thanks to Mary Highberger for upgrading/replacing the elements and instructions for the AED device in the DH. When storms hit, get inside – Pinewoods is full of many dead and dying trees and branches that can become safety hazards during storms. The

Township insurance rating was lowered to a “7” several years ago, which should have resulted in lower rates for insurance. Some property owners have convinced their insurers to lower the rating to 6 and even 5. Check with your insurance agent to confirm or obtain a rate break based on this improved safety rating.

Rockey Flinterman reminded the members that anyone born after 1978 is required to have a boater safety certification card to operate any power boat, and the certification must be in the boat. Check the Michigan Secretary of State website for details.

Communications – Beth Schultz described the several elements of our communications to and among members, including Liz Wade’s email blasts, Erik Geupel’s posting of items on the Association’s website, and Kristen Larkin’s Pinewoods publications. Liz Wade reminded the members to continue to update the membership list and contact information. Liz also reported that Paul Brown III is looking for identification of some old photos – look for an email with a link soon. Erik Geupel reported that the website has links to past annual meeting minutes and other important information, including fire danger updates, and encouraged the members to check the website regularly.

Trails – Larry Bennett reported that Howie Schultz has been doing most of the work on the trails, including cutting branches and clearing leaves. Larry urged more use of the trails to help maintain them. Larry asked Duncan Lawrence about the status of the sign marking the tennis court and mailbox trail head at the road, Duncan reported he had removed the replaced the sign. Hugh asked if one of the trails to/from Artemis had been closed, and Howie reported that was a “skid” trail used to remove fallen trees and was not intended to be a permanent trail and so had been left to deteriorate. John Fink thanked Howie for all his work and dedication and all applauded.

Old Business – Beth Schultz reminded the members that each cottage has a copy of Pinewoods policies and general information in a blue folder with the Pinewoods logo on the front. Beth encouraged the members to be familiar with that information and said she would be updating and supplementing that information soon. There was some discussion of the continuing deterioration of and difficulties in maintaining the tennis courts, and also of some interest in repairing and improving the paddle tennis court on the Will property. Curt DeVoe, George Wilson, and Amanda Geupel agreed to work on these issues. Duncan Lawrence suggested talking to Cottage Grove and Lakeside to get ideas about resurfacing and maintaining the courts.

Cottage policies and guidelines: Beth Schultz reminded the membership of the policies and guidelines for all cottages, contained in a blue folder with the label “Pinewoods Association Information,” copies of which were distributed to all cottages. Beth reminded all cottage owners and members of the Association to be familiar with and follow the policies and guidelines, and to ensure that any renters also are familiar with and follow same.

New Business –

Beth Schultz announced the creation of a Centennial Celebration Committee, led by Lily Fink Harrington and assisted by Amanda Geupel and Alex Eubanks. Beth asked for other volunteers and ideas. Some discussion ensued about the proper year to celebrate 100 years – the cottages now in Pinewoods left Cottage Grove in 1919 and began constructing the dining hall, but the dining hall was not completed and opened and the Association was not officially formed and registered with the Michigan Secretary of State until 1920. Beth instructed the committee to consider whether to celebrate our centennial in 2019, 2020, or both. Bitsy Fitzsimmons suggested re-creating some old photographs with either the same people pictured in those old photos or with the original peoples' descendants. Ann Taylor said the “oldest generation in camp” used to write a history of their times in Pinewoods, and that has not been done since 1987 so it would be good for the current “oldest generation” to write their history. Ann offered to make the book, and Beth Schultz offered to assist.

Hugh Lawrence reported that for the past 20 years or so of spring preparations and cleanup, Ed and his crews have been using leaf blowers rather than rakes to remove leaves and debris from around cottages and also from cottage roof areas. Over the years, leaves have collected and piled up around driveways, garages, and cottages. Ed is available to haul leaves and debris away on an individual contract basis – talk to Ed if you would like him to do this for you. Erik Geupel asked the Board to explore adding this additional leaf removal and hauling to Ed's regular duties, to be covered by the caretaking dues.

Duncan Lawrence and Jean Lawrence noted changes to the woods and forests in and around Pinewoods, with more deciduous trees and fewer pine trees – and more cars.

President's Report – Beth Schultz read the report she prepared on July 4. A copy is attached.

Annual resolution approving all board actions during previous year: Upon motion and second, the members present approved a resolution approving all actions of the Board of Directors for the previous year, including language required by the Association's bank, as follows:

Resolved, that all acts done, actions taken, contracts entered into, and all other matters and things done or performed by the members of the Board of Directors of the Association, individually and/or collectively, in the performance of their duties as Board Members or the business of the Association, hereby be ratified;

Be it further resolved, that the stockholders, in order to further the purpose of the Association, hereby authorize the Board of Directors to expend and commit during the year such amounts that they may find necessary and proper to conduct efficient and legal operation of the Dining Hall through a period between the Annual Meeting and the next Annual Meeting; also such amounts as they may find necessary and proper for maintenance, including, but not limited to, the emergency repairs for all Association property, not to exceed a total of \$5,000;

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Directors is authorized to manage all necessary accounts with Chemical Bank, or such other bank as the Board may select from time to time, and to execute all resolutions and provide all information required by such bank for this purpose.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be approved by or discussed with the membership, the 2016 annual meeting of the Association was adjourned.

Prepared and submitted by Curt DeVoe, Secretary (as updated and revised as of August 1, 2017)

PINEWOODS PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2016

Beth Schultz

It is the Fourth of July in Lawrence, Kansas: a deep, green day, with a slight chill, unusual for this time of year in this place. In mid-June, it had already hit the 100s here, and yet now it feels like early spring. But my thoughts are not in Kansas on this day; as I write, they are with all of you in Pinewoods. The Pinewoods Fourth of July parade, usually starts in the East end of Camp and meanders along the path, gathering celebrants, cottage-by-cottage, in their red, white, and blue patriotic gear, with their boom boxes, sparklers, and horns. Our cottage gang, coming up at the West end of Camp, always joins in last, but we hear the rest of you coming along the path, and we are ready to join in the hoot and holler, singing “God Bless America” or “America the Beautiful” all the way to our annual picnic behind the Dining Hall. This event always seemed to me to begin the summer, bringing us all together, glad and grateful, celebrating our nation as well as our Pinewoods community.

It's the Pinewoods community which I'd like to focus on now. We are 21 cottages strong, with each cottage overflowing with generations. We come from many states in the Union and some foreign countries, with former members and friends coming from many more. We belong to diverse religions (or none at all), have multiple opinions on politics and culture, and myriad interests. We have a diversity of preferences when it comes to food—and I presume sports and music as well. But the fact is that we also all choose to spend a portion of our summers here in Roscommon County, Gerrish township, on the northern shore of Higgins Lake. We choose to return to our old cottages (though some are newer than others) summer after summer. They are so comfortable, so familiar, and imbued with so many memories. And 20 times a week or so we also choose to eat our meals together in this capacious Dining Hall. We might choose to be here for a diversity of reasons—family, friends, memories—but the fact is that we are here as a community.

As a community, we hold much in common, including our cherished lake and forests, our paths and trails, our shared activities, the possibilities for solitude and celebration, in addition to our

communal eating place, our capacious and beloved Dining Hall. However, I have realized during this past year, as your Pinewoods President, that what is held in common necessitates careful attention from all of us as individuals. I think that previously I did not fully recognize or appreciate the work which so many others had done over many years, and are doing to keep our Pinewoods community safe and sound, lively and lovely. Pinewoods is not a playground; it is a vibrant and creative way of life that necessitates the attention, energy, and time of all of us. Although each of us spends only a fraction of the year here, during the remainder of the year the wind continues to blow, ice accumulates, and there is a possibility for lightning to strike, for trees to shatter—metaphorically and actually as happened on Christmas Eve day this past year. As each of us goes to and from the Dining Hall, anticipating every meal, every ice-cream cone; as we drive carefully over the bumps on Old Stage Road, or head down to the dock with a good novel, we might keep in mind that someone has to keep a diversity of ice-cream flavors in stock, has to keep the bumps smoothed down, has to put in the docks. Although we are fortunate to have splendid people to help us with these projects, members of the Pinewoods community have to arrange for contracts, designate projects, make payments, do what needs doing throughout the year so that our leisure during the summer can then be guaranteed. Minimally, each of us needs to be sure our Dining Hall bills are paid and on time. If it takes a community to raise a child, it takes every individual in a community to keep a community flourishing.

I am grateful to many people for having revealed to me again and again the importance of the Pinewoods community and its power for good when it works together: my team—John DeBeer, your next president; Curt DeVore, your next treasurer; Lauris Wade of the Nominating Committee; Liz Wade, for always being ready to contact the entire Pinewoods community; Kristen Larkin for *Pinewords* which keeps us together through the year; Mary Highberger for running countless errands and keeping the defibrillator alive and well. Let's look forward now to Pinewoods' First Centennial and beyond.

As approved at 2016 annual meeting
Curt DeVoe, Secretary

**PINEWOODS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES for ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 26, 2015**

The 96th Annual Meeting of Pinewoods Association was called to order at 10:00AM by President Louisa Lawrence in the Pinewoods Dining Hall.

Births and Deaths

Several moments of silence were observed in memory of those beloved Pinewoods members who had died in the past year:

Sharkey Fink
John Baumgartel
Rip Taggart
Judith Foster
Vreni Bennett
Liz Cochran
Sam Highberger

We also acknowledged and celebrated the births of Calder Bulleit Baumgartel on June 30, 2015 to Heather and Luke Baumgartel and of Declan Coghlin on August 25, 2015 to Miceail and Alyssa Dilworth Coghlin.

Notice of Meeting

It was noted that President Lawrence mailed the Notice of Meeting and proxy forms to all shareholders on June 25 of this year. Bitsy Fitzsimmons read the results of the roll call for the Annual Meeting: 210 shares were shown to be present at the Meeting, giving us a quorum of 61.5%.

Minutes

The Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were approved with one amendment: that the word "forum" in the fifth paragraph be changed to "quorum."

New Members

Ashley Dilworth and Alyssa Dilworth Coghlin were nominated and approved for membership in the Association by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report, presented by President Lawrence, was approved by a majority. She noted that our total income for 2014 was \$137,152.22, down \$16,237.20 from the previous year. The total expenses for 2014-2015 were \$140,186.21 (down \$15,201.80 from 2013). The net income for the year was \$3033.99. The meal count for last year was our lowest in years, and it is a great relief that it is up this year. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved and accepted.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

In the absence of Phil Will, President Lawrence, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved that Curt DeVoe be accepted as the Secretary and new member of the Pinewoods Board of Directors. Curt's nomination was accepted with acclaim.

Memorial Fund

Ani Sloan indicated that her report was both "sad and happy." "Sad" because of the loss of so many beloved members of Pinewoods, but "happy" because the Memorial Fund has been made the richer. She noted that a very handsome ramp has been constructed between the Dining Hall's east door and the library porch which should facilitate access to the Dining Hall for those with walking disabilities as well as encourage use of the library.

Library Committee

Lucy Cochran, chair of the Library Committee, applauded the new ramp. She also noted that a new file cabinet had been added to the library to be used by an Archives Committee. She explained that so many books have recently been contributed that she had been weeding them. She expressed her gratitude for contributions of books in good condition.

Archives Committee

Frank Cochran, along with Mary Highberger and Beth Schultz, have spent many hours organizing the Pinewoods Archives, in an attempt to tell a consecutive and consequential Pinewoods story. In addition to shares, the archives will contain previous minutes and files as well as Pinewoods histories. He encouraged people to submit past Pinewoods documents to him or to the library so that they might be added to our archives.

Family Trees

Mona Baumgartel, who has worked assiduously to compile and to keep track of changes in Pinewoods' families and geneologies, asks that we 1) submit nicknames to her so that she may record them along with more formal names, and 2) identify a person from each cottage who could ascertain that the information she is preparing is correct for the families in that cottage.

Dining Hall

Bitsy Fitzsimmons and Kate Eubanks indicated that the number of meals in the Dining Hall at the end of July, 2015 is much higher than it was at this time last year. Last year as July 25, we had served 4856 meals, whereas by July 26 of this year, the meal count was up to 5352, an increase of 496 meals. Kate expressed special concern that people remember the Tip Fund. Bitsy and Kate then called for Cathy Piehl to come forth and introduce her staff. They were greeted with applause.

Building and Grounds

Duncan Lawrence reported that \$9300 was spent during the past year, much of it on the Dining Hall in repairing doors, the second floor, windows, and screens and in rebuilding an access to the second floor. The tennis court was also power-washed (a project which lasted a week) and its posts re-set. Thanks to Duncan who washed the Dining Hall's windows himself. The Dining Hall's largest problem this year seems to be chipmunks.

Duncan asks for \$9600 for the forthcoming year. He expects that the Dining Hall will continue to demand more work--on painting and puttting the windows, on new gutters, on staining the exterior, and on handles for the upstairs. He also envisions costs for road and raft repairs. Frank Cochran recommended that gravel might be used on individual cottage roads. Duncan will investigate this latter possibility.

Duncan asked for a motion to approve that the Building and Grounds Committee be allowed to spend \$9500 in the following year. The motion was made, and a vote taken with the motion approved.

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~~Eric Geupel~~, commenting on the work of our generator, said that it was tested monthly and had monthly oil changes. It went off once in 2014 and worked, indicating that it is functioning well. He also noted that the generator has the capacity to re-check itself. [A week following the Annual Meeting, on August 3, a severe storm caused power to go out throughout Pinewoods; the generator worked beautifully, with Cathy Piehl serving dinner and breakfast, and people staying in the Dining Hall late at night with lights glowing to talk and to play cards and board games. Many came to the Hall in the morning for water.]

Higgins Lake Property Owners Association

Liz Will reported that the HLPOA now allows one vote per lake-front property. She noted that Nick Dewey was very instrumental in bringing the HLPOA to this significant decision. She stressed the fact that each Pinewoods cottage needs to notify HLPOA who its voting member is. Pinewoods will now ask for each cottage's payment in the Fall rather than the Spring.

Liz also spoke at length about the conflict between two groups on the Lake concerned about the swimmers' itch problem. They have, she reported, unfortunately been working at cross purposes. She believes that the problem is coming closer to being resolved as a result of our understanding the relationship between the Lake's snails and merganser geese, but remains concerned that money is being squandered uselessly.

Roscommon County Foundation

The Foundation is doing well and making a difference in the County, reported Kathy Lawrence. As a result of several successful grants, the Foundation now has raised seven million dollars.

Fire and Safety

Jean Lawrence encouraged us all to call 911 immediately in the event of any emergency. Mary Highberger also encouraged us to put our medical information on the SMART 911 website. Jean also urged us to check our fire extinguishers regularly, noting that they only work at the outset of a fire. The defibrilator in the Dining Hall, which is never locked, may be used at any time. (Beth Schultz and John DeBeer checked it following the Annual Meeting, and indeed it is in good working condition.) The emergency number for fibrilation problems is 989-275-0911.

Communications

Pinewords

Everyone expressed gratitude to Kristen Larkin for doing a wonderful job with *Pinewords*.

Directory

Burr Loomis hopes that everyone will let him or Phil Will know of changes in addresses and phone numbers.

Trails

According to Howie Schultz, unlike most things, when it comes to our trails, "the more you use them the better they are."

Old Business

Tennis Courts

John Fink noted that there have been four bids made on repairing the tennis courts. He suggested that people who are interested in the courts should come together to support them. He hopes that someone will come forward in this regard. We have made no progress on integrating a discussion of paddle-tennis, pickle ball and tennis courts.

Policies for Cottage Use

In response to the motion at last year's Meeting to table discussion of these policies, Beth Schultz once more brought them forward for discussion, noting that these policies were a set of guidelines for the Pinewoods Association, which had been endorsed by the community not as by-laws but as guidelines whereby we might spend our time together in peace and harmony. She strongly suggested the importance of sharing the new policies detailing the importance of fire safety with renters, but noted that everyone should heed them. Discussion ensued regarding time-limits for fireworks, and a decision was made that they might be displayed until eleven o'clock throughout the summer with an exception made for the Fourth of July celebration when they might be displayed until midnight on that night as well as the two nights preceding and the two nights following. The new policies regarding fire and fireworks were accepted, and it was agreed that Beth should present each cottage with a copy in a folder of Pinewoods Policies.

New Business

Centenary Celebration for Pinewoods

Everyone was enthusiastic to begin to contemplate this significant and celebratory event. Bitsy Fitzsimmons mentioned that both the *Rainbow* and the E.B. Taggart cottage will be celebrating their 100 anniversaries. It was immediately suggested that Eric Geupel put out a the Pinewoods website and that Kristen Larsen put a spot in *Pinewords* about this exciting forthcoming event. George Wilson recommended that a committee be formed to plan the event.

President's Report

President Lawrence explained that Pinewoods helps her find her "inner child and that she loves Pinewoods wholeheartedly.

A resolution authorizing the Board to spend up to \$5000 in unanticipated expenses was made and approved.

Kate Eubanks moved the ratification of past actions, to effect: "The membership hereby ratifies all actions, contracts entered into, and other matters performed during the past year by members

of the Board, either individually or collectively, in the performance of duties on behalf of the Corporation." This was passed unanimously.

A movement to adjourn was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Schultz, Secretary (on behalf of John DeBeer)