

MINUTES OF THE 95TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE PINEWOODS ASSOCIATION
Saturday, July 26, 2014

The 95th Annual Meeting of Pinewoods Association was called to order at 10:00AM by President Phil Will in the Pinewoods Dining Hall.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of beloved, deceased members, Marcia Calvin and Judy Bishop.

We observed with joy the marriages of Joslyn Lawrence and Nate Almirall and of Andrew Bennett and Maggie Gray. We also celebrated the births of Daniel Lawrence and Magnus John to John Hoey and Lisa Olason on July 29, 2013; Ava to Stephanie and Koorosh Davoodian on November 19, 2013; and Vincent to Chris and Amy Johnston on November 2, 2013.

It was noted that President Will mailed the Notice of Meeting and proxy forms to all shareholders on April 7 of this year.

Bitsy Fitzsimmons read the results of the roll call for the Annual Meeting: 273 shares were shown to be present at the Meeting, giving us a ~~forum~~^{quorum} of 63%, thereby allowing the Meeting to proceed.

The Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were approved with one amendment: that the marriage of Blair Cochran and Chris Guttridge be noted in the Minutes of 2013.

David Greenleaf and Emily Greenleaf were accepted for membership in the Association by unanimous consent.

The Treasurer's Report, presented by Treasurer, Louisa Lawrence, was ~~presented and~~^g approved by a majority. Louisa noted that we lost \$1900 in the preceding year. Frank Cochran asked for the Treasurer's assistance in dealing with late Dining Hall payments. The Association's annual budget may be viewed online.

Committee Reports:

- a. Nominating Committee: On behalf of Sharkey Fink of the Nominating Committee, President Will made it known that the new Association Board member, who had been invited and who had accepted the invitation, is John DeBeer.
- b. Memorial Fund: Ann Sloan indicated that gifts had been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of both Judy Bishop and Marcia Calvin.

c. Dining Hall Committee: Bitsy Fitzsimmons and Kate Eubanks noted that in comparison to this time last year, the Dining Hall is short 450 meals. Bitsy and Kate also reminded members not to forget to pay into the Tip Fund for the Dining Hall Staff on their departure from Camp. They then called Kathy Piehl and her staff into the Hall where Kathy introduced everyone.

Appreciation was expressed by a standing and stomping ovation

d. Buildings and Grounds: Duncan Lawrence gave a detailed report, indicating that this year the Association paid for staining the Dining Hall exterior, new fencing at the entrance and along Old Stage Road, repair for the well, a new ice cream freezer, a back ramp and septic tank for the Dining Hall, installation of the generator, and a second-hand computer for Kathy. Next year's plans include window repair work and new gutters for the Dining Hall as well as the possibilities for a new fan, more air-conditioners, and a new washer and dryer. Duncan also discussed the tennis court, noting that we had gotten by for many years with regular painting and maintenance, but that now it was apparent that the courts needed new posts and that despite his own attempts at spraying, mold was settling into the courts. Ed Babcock will attempt to rectify this problem with a power wash. A new grill for Kathy is also needed at the tennis courts site. Bitsy Fitzsimmons and Kate Eubanks will paint the backboards at the tennis court. With only \$800-\$700 allotted to the tennis courts, Duncan believes it will be difficult to bring the courts back into good repair. He asked for a motion to approve of a Buildings and Grounds budget for the forthcoming year of \$10,000. The motion passed.

e. Higgins Lake Foundation: It was reported that the Higgins Lake Foundation continues to address the issue of swimmers' itch and Eurasian milfoil in the lake. The new boat wash is proving successful in keeping boats from bringing zebra mussels into the lake. Better signage makes the boat wash more visible. Jeanne Lawrence noted that the Foundation has just won a national award. Information regarding the Foundation is readily available online. We agreed collectively that as a community, Pinewoods could share swimmers' itch remedies among themselves.

f. HLPOA/HLPAC: Frank Cochran indicated that although this group had "various acrimonious matters" to discuss, primarily concerning the lake level and the dam, he felt he could praise the group for their work on the boat wash and the milfoil projects as well as for their work in resolving the road endings issue. Frank anticipated another difficult issue for this group, namely, establishing the definition of a member, considering that riparians should have equal votes.

g. Roscommon County Community Foundation: With over seven million dollars in assets, the Roscommon County Community Foundation, has made great strides, according to Kathy Lawrence, especially in the construction of its new library, in literacy programs, in Habitat for Humanity, in schools and scholarships, in setting up Food Boxes, and in its programs for the elderly.

h. Library Committee: Lucy Cochran reported that the Pinewoods Library is definitely open. She explained that it works on the honors system and that donations of books are welcome. Many

new children's books have arrived as well as a new table and chairs for children from the Wattenbargers. The Library is now looking for a filing cabinet for use in storing the Pinewoods archives. For a new section in the Library, members of Pinewoods are asked to contribute materials related to the history, environment, and culture of Michigan, Higgins Lake, and Pinewoods. The Library committee also hopes to make contact information about local organizations and places more readily available.

i. Fire and Safety: Jeanne Lawrence thanked Ed Babcock on behalf of the Association for removing leaves from the Camp during the year. In the interests of fire protection, she noted that he also removes branches that have fallen on the roads following storms and keeps Old Stage Road plus four major roads into the cottages plowed during the winter. Kate Eubanks discussed the dangers of firework lanterns which drift over the lake and may land on our properties. She recommended that all cottages be especially alert for these ready-made disasters on July 4. We should all know where our hoses are and where the hoses of neighboring cottages are. Kate also reminded us that all cottages need to keep their smoke detectors current, changing batteries regularly.

j. Defibrillator: As a result of a minor episode of vandalism in the Dining Hall this summer, the defibrillator has been located in the safety of the library. Anne Cass explained that it is visible and accessible there. However, the new Board of Directors must decide if this is the best place for the defibrillator to be stored permanently, given that the Dining Hall must be locked at night. A sheet of instructions on the use of the defibrillator should be on every Dining Hall table and/or in every cottage. Anne also once again demonstrated the use of the defibrillator for all of us.

k. Communications:

i. *Pinewords*: After seven good years of editing and designing *Pinewords*, Stephanie Fitzgerald is resigning from this position. She was given a round of applause in thanks for her good work. Kristen Larkin has agreed to be the editor for the foreseeable future.

ii. Directory: Burr Loomis has kept the Pinewoods' Directory up-to-date. Ann Loomis will be sending out new copies, reflecting changes soon. Hugh Lawrence asked whether the Pinewoods website was up and running. It is up, but whether it is running is questionable. Rip Loomis, following the Annual Meeting, indicated to the Secretary, that he will be able to update our website in the following year.

Old Business:

Tennis Court Maintenance: Discussion ensued on the resurfacing of the tennis court, based on Duncan Lawrence's remarks and an email sent the day before the Annual Meeting to everyone in the Association by Gracie Flintermann, who had volunteered at the 2013 Annual Meeting to look into this subject. Grace received estimates from several Michigan firms for this project, ranging from \$10,000 to \$17,000. She has also made a video of the courts in the interests of creating a campaign for raising funds for resurfacing the courts. A lively discussion ensued which also raised the issue of maintaining the paddle-tennis courts at the Wills' cottage. Curt DeVoe recommended that a Courts Committee be formed which would focus on maintenance for both

the tennis and the paddle-tennis courts. Gracie, Curt, Duncan, and George Wilson will serve on this committee. Buildings and Grounds will continue to budget money for the courts' maintenance.

New Business:

a. Creation of a Finance and Audit Committee: Frank Cochran moved the following: "That the membership authorize the President to create a Finance Committee to assist in review of the books, accounts, and financial procedures and perform such other functions related to the financial health of Pinewoods Association as the Board may deem proper to delegate." Jane Hoey seconded. The motion was passed. In ensuing discussion, we noted that it would be imperative to have a diverse membership on this committee, including those with institutional memories as well as younger members of the Association.

b. Pinewoods Policies for Renters: President Will presented a three-page document for approval by the Association regarding a diversity of critical issues: campfires, fires, a motor craft wake zone, the Dining Hall, Dining Hall billing, dogs, firearms, noise, trash, vehicles, tip fund procedure, and the storage of boats, trailers, and motor vehicles. Discussion regarding this document boiled over until Frank Cochran recommended that the motion be tabled. This was seconded by Jane Hoey, thereby putting an end to discussion. Many people felt that the issues in the document are very crucial, with much more time to sort them through being necessary. Many also recognized that these policies pertained to the entire Association, not just to renters.

President Will delivered a thoughtful annual report, considering Pinewoods Association in relation to our long geological and environmental history and movingly describing the fragility and wonder of our Association and of our lake over the course of this history.

A motion was made and passed to authorize the Board to spend up to \$5000 for unanticipated expenses.

Kate Eubanks moved the ratification of past actions, to effect: "The membership hereby ratifies all actions taken, 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.

The invitation to everyone in Camp to attend the all-Pinewoods Party on Sunday, July 27 to celebrate Kathy Piehl's 25 years as Pinewoods' Dining Hall Manager was reiterated. Each cottage has been asked to bring a bottle of wine (or beer or soft drinks) as well as an appetizer to the gathering. Many members of Pinewoods have been involved in making this a very special evening. Kathy will be presented at the party with a check from the Association for \$1000 from the Memorial Fund, a scrapbook of photographs, and a silver pendant in the shape of a pine tree on a silver chain.

A movement to adjourn was ~~moved~~ ^{seconded} and approved.