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Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman S. Young called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members Present: Chairman S. Young, First Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, Second Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo, J. Ginnetty, V. Young, B. Piepho, J. Pinkos, M. Digirolamo

Absent Members: C. Read, D. Lathrop, J. Curren, Treasurer B. Woerner, R. Johnson, J. Munno, B. Rogers, R. Mitchell, and B. Waslenko

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by J. Forlenzo, to approve the Lake Lillinonah July 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced Rebekah White and George Walker, Friends of the Lake.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young stated that he was contacted by the Executive Director of the Candlewood Lake Authority. The Executive Director reported to Chairman S. Young that there is a period of transition with their patrol and the reorganization of their Standard Operating Procedures. He asked Chairman S. Young for some advice and Chairman S. Young gave general information. Chairman S. Young also stated that he was contacted by Mayor Pete Bass of New Milford in regards to a Scribner's error on a document that was sent to LLA, via regular mail. This document states the recalling of the appointment of marine patrol officers and assistants. This is due to a community member having an issue with one of the LLA patrol officers and his son holding these positions. Chairman S. Young reported that both of these employees are doing a wonderful job for LLA. Information requested was how LLA advertises for these positions and the review process for one to become a patrol member. Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi will meet with the Town Council to discuss.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young reported that LLA member; V. Young had a tree fall on his property due to the hurricane. As the tree is on First Light Property, V. Young asked how to properly deal with this situation. B. Wood directed using the Immediate Action Request for tree, dock or debris removal form. Chairman S. Young stated that the weed removal vendor removed 26 bags, (260 gallons) of water chestnuts during the last week of July.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: First Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti stated that he spoke with the New Milford Selectman regarding the issue with garbage on the shore area. Since the call, the area has been cleaned up.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Second Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo stated that Newtown has approved the LLA patrol officers and assistants. Regarding the AIS Stamp Grants, Chairman J. Forlenzo stated that he spoke with someone at the Bureau of Outdoor/Recreation Boating Division. He also stated that he was unable to reach a person from the Boating Division and will wait for a reply to find out if there are any possibilities for LLA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In Treasurer B. Woerner's absence, Chairman S. Young stated that insurance policies were received today from the Underwriters.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Vacancies-** Southbury-1

Chairman S. Young stated that there is an individual from Southbury interested in becoming a member of LLA. He also stated that he left a message for this individual.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Discussion of large wake boats and water sport etiquette** – G. Walker, Friends of the Lake, stated that several neighbors have reported complaints regarding wake boats and other boats that naturally create large waves very close to the dock, shore and boats. A neighbor that recently moved to Lillinonah Drive sent out an email that part of his sea wall, made up of maki blocks, are starting to move this year. He believes this is a direct result of these large boats. Suggestions were to provide education on this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: This agenda item was discussed under Chairman's Report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: M. Digirolamo stated that he has been in touch with State Representative, Steve Harding regarding the AIS Stamp. The Bill for the \$25,000 Grant adjourned due to COVID and will probably resume in January. In discussion with M. Digirolamo, S. Harding stated that he would be happy to review LLA's proposals to acquire funding. M. Digirolamo and S. Harding will view weeds and invasive species in the lake via G. Walker's boat. Chairman S. Young stated he is also concerned about the algae blooms.

R. White, FOTL, stated that she send photos to DEEP of the algae blooms in the lake.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty stated that he continues to perform maintenance on the website and Call-Em-All. He also stated that the lake level was very well managed during the storm.

BOATING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: First Chairman S. Schifillitti gave the members an overview of the Marine Patrol Report for the month of July 2020 as follows:

Patrol Activities:

Currently there are 11 active officers and 8 active assistants for 2020. All three Lake Lillinonah Authority furnished marine patrol boats are in service and available. A total of 589 man-hours were patrolled in July. There were 10 patrol shifts that ended early due to rain/thunderstorms. Patrol had 110 contacts with vessels camper/swimmers which resulted in 3 written warnings; 53 verbal warning; 24 inspections; and 17 request to vacate due to trespass or equipment violations. Patrol had 36 documented boater assists including a sinking vessel. Approximately 640 gallons was used during the reporting period.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: No report was given.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: No other items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.