

Mount Kemble Lake Country Club

Annual Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2016

Dave Clark called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. He began by welcoming new Country Club members.

Dave asked for any additions or amendments to the minutes from the 2015 annual meeting notes, and no changes were made. The minutes were approved.

Social Chair, Wendy Hamilton, thanked those who volunteered for the TGIFs, Road Cleanups, Parties, etc. throughout the year. She appreciates all those who lend a hand.

She noted that the summer parties were well attended and the Halloween adult party was a success, which will take place again this coming October yet volunteers are still needed. Something new this past year was the Paint and Sip party, which was a success and anyone interested will have a chance to experience this in the Fall. Some members who had never attended a party at the clubhouse came and enjoyed the event. The Pot Luck TGIF was popular and easy for those involved. Wendy mentioned that they outsourced for larger parties last year due to the number of volunteers and time. A catering service was used which affects the cost of the event. Some of the children's parties did not occur this past year due to the fact that some of the kids are too old for the parties and there were not enough young children planning to attend. Wendy welcomed any ideas or suggestions for the future and she is looking forward to hearing new ideas. One new idea was "Drinks with Dogs" or "Yappy Hour" where drinks would be served on the deck of the clubhouse and residents could bring their dogs.

Wendy also mentioned that bear sightings have been occurring in the neighborhood. She mentioned that the Division of Wildlife was contacted and Kevin Sullivan was going to be sending out an email giving suggestions of what you should do if you see a bear and ways to stop them from getting into your garbage.

One member mentioned that Rubinetti disposal pick up comes very early in the morning and most people are placing their garbage out at night. One person suggested that we ask Rubinetti to change the time of garbage pick up for later in the day.

Rick Barrett made a presentation regarding the phone message everyone received regarding the refurbishing of all 3 water tanks. It has been 20 years since the last time this work took place. The workers are spot cleaning the outside, cleaning the interior, welding, and recoating the inside of the tanks. Rick explained that this involves emptying the vertical tanks, but there would be no interruption in water to our homes. The two vertical tanks hold 10,000 gallons of water and the one horizontal tank holds 20,000 gallons of water. It will take approximately two weeks for each tank to be cleaned since the coating needs to be set in order to place the water back inside. By state law, Agra must test the water and this process will spread throughout a month's time. Rick asked that residences be mindful about watering or using sprinklers and this type of watering

should be done after 8pm and before 6am. The cleaning of the water tanks will begin on Monday, June 20th, 2016.

Ruth Chaney, who is in charge of the beaches and docks, said that she has encountered several people using the lake who are not residents and who do not have a badge. These people are taking residents boats out on the lake to fish at 6am. Ruth cautioned residents to not tell friends to come to the lake without a resident accompanying them and a badge must be worn by all guests. Ruth also suggested that residents who have boats and kayaks down at the beach should take their paddles home so no one can use the boats without permission. As a resident, Ruth stressed that we must challenge those people who should not be here, as we do not want to lose the beauty and privacy of our lake.

There is a new idea to form a social subcommittee at the lake. It would be made up of three people who have volunteered – a new resident, an older established member of the lake community, and a senior citizen who could lend another perspective. The purpose of this group would be to introduce new activities to the community. The board is eager to hear any suggestions the community has regarding the social events at the lake.

Bill Haynsworth, Treasurer, reported how things work at the clubhouse, how we cover our costs, and promote fun. He carefully looks at the number of people who attend the parties, the cost of the party, and the profit made at each party. He mentioned that many of the parties, which provide entertainment or outsourced catering, break even. Usually a party where 70-100 people attend, a profit is made or all costs are covered. For those parties where 40-50/60 people attend, the costs are not always covered. He encouraged people to bring ideas to the board.

Responding to party invitations is very important since some of the parties are catering for a certain amount of people. When people don't RSVP in a timely manner, and when parties are outsourcing for food, it can be challenging. It was noted that the level of responding to invitations in a timely manner has gone down. Someone suggested that the payment should be due at the time of responding to the invitation as it was done a long time ago. Wendy and others mentioned that Paperless Post and other invitations through the Internet are effective and easy to use and respond to. Another resident suggested using the all call system to remind residents of the party due dates for responding and payment for parties. Also, making sure that you respond with the accurate count all the people coming (residents and their guests) in a timely manner is important. Asking to bring more people to a party at the last minute does put a strain on the committee. Bill noted that the financial report will be out in the next couple of weeks in case there are any other questions.

Mike Witwer, the Bar Chair, reported the responsibilities of his position. He mentioned how lucky the clubhouse is to have a liquor license. According to the rule book, the clubhouse liquor must be purchased from a distributor. Mike explained that he checks the inventory to make sure the bar is ready and available for any event. After checking the inventory, he compares the cash with the remaining inventory and figures out the profit. The money offsets the costs of events and keeps costs of drinks reasonable. Last year the price of wine and drinks was raised by one dollar. Mike mentioned the need for more volunteers to bartend. It is a great way to meet people and if interested, just email Mike. Bartenders must be 18-21 years of age and cannot drink while bartending.

Mike also mentioned that they are attempting to change the inventory based on what people are suggesting. Someone suggested adding a Rose and also suggested a wine tasting party or wine and food pairing party.

Mike mentioned that we do receive discounts from distributors, but these are not dramatic discounts. Over the past year, there were 14 events that took place at the clubhouse. The year before, there were 13 events.

Bill Haynsworth made residents aware of the MKL store. Golf shirts, t-shirts, canvas bags, mugs, etc. can all be ordered.

The proposed amendment of the By Law was addressed by Dave Clark. In the present structure, the board must have 2 nominees for each position that is up for vote. In the past, the board has asked people, who were not really interested in the position, to place their name on the ballot in order to fulfill the requirement. The board is asking that the wording is changed in this By Law to now have at least one candidate on the ticket for each vacancy, and an additional candidate can self nominate if interested in the position. This will make the nominating process much more simple in the future.

The change was approved.

Election results:

Bar Chair – Austin Brock

Social Chair – Wendy Hamilton

Treasure – Bill Haynsworth

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Colleen Roberts (Substitute filling in for Alison Maxwell, Secretary of the Mount Kemble Lake CC)