

Minutes of Mount Kemble Lake Country Club Annual Meeting, June 30, 2017

Dave Clark, President, commenced the meeting at 7:55 pm. He welcomed everybody and made special note of our new residents Lisa Molinari and Sister Merris Larkin (in the Fitzgerald house) and Clay Bogusky (in David Smith's house).

There was no moment of silence.

There were no requests for changes to the minutes from 2016. Thanks were given to Colleen Roberts for taking care of those minutes when Alison was absent last year.

Social Chair, Wendy Hamilton gave her report. She had tried a few new approaches to parties - offering babysitting and trying new themes - but as has been the trend for a few years now, she had found it difficult to find volunteers and it was the same 'regulars' who organized and attended the parties. For the rest of 2017 into 2018, the plan is to stick to the main parties (4th of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day and the Holiday Party) and perhaps have a couple of casual pot-luck style TGIFs. Several attendees had ideas for parties but the problem is not lack of ideas but rather a lack of volunteers to chair and/or contribute to the events. It was noted that even though we offered a free supper at tonight's meeting this did not seem to attract additional attendees.

Bill Haynsworth, Bar Chair, noted that special drinks at parties were always popular and could significantly improve profitability of a party! There were requests to stock the bar with rose wine for the summer months and root beer as an alternative soda option. Bill reminded us that bar tenders should not be consuming alcohol if they are serving at the bar.

Bill also provided the treasurers report on behalf of Austin Brock who could not be there. Even with relatively few parties, a healthy income was achieved which allow for contributions towards Clubhouse facilities.

There was some discussion of invitations for parties. We are increasingly using e-mail. Paperless post is a good substitute for real, decorative invitations that helps to keep costs down. But others feel that an attractive paper invitation in their mailbox is more compelling and they are more likely to attend the party.

After discussing the low rate of parties, Gail Allyn was very encouraging, saying that there are always dips in attendance but that we should continue to try, don't give up! We don't want to lose this very special community! Perhaps we need to be more forceful, setting an expectation that everyone will contribute to the parties...?

A popular event in the past has been a progressive dinner party - to meet neighbors, old and new as you move through the homes of 3-4 hosts. If we could get several volunteers who live close to each other to do it, then we should! Bobbi Coulter has been considering holding a cooking class at the clubhouse. Other ideas included a cooking competition.

The newsletter was complimented and thanks given to Barbara Coe.

Voting ensued and Alison Maxwell and Dave Clark were declared as re-elected members of the Board. The meeting was closed after the results were announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Maxwell, Secretary of the Mt. Kemble Lake Country Club.