

Minutes of Mount Kemble Lake Country Club Annual Meeting June 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Clark, at 7:37 pm.

We observed a moment of silence in remembrance of two residents and one former resident who had passed away in the past year; longtime resident Phil Van Kirk, Andy Tsukemoto who was taken very suddenly and unexpectedly, and former resident Charles Heiden.

The roll of Country Club Members was called. A very high attendance was noted and an unusually high number of proxies had also been returned. No new residents were announced.

Social Chair, Wendy Hamilton gave a report on the events that had taken place at the Clubhouse over the year. The TGIFs where everyone came with a dish to share had worked well. The 'Paint and Sip' party hosted by Nicole Johnson was a great success, with many kids participating in the painting too. Wendy announced a Wine Tasting to take place in the fall and a proposed 'Progressive Dinner' for next spring. Wendy noted that it remains challenging to get people involved – both to organize parties and to attend! She made a request for people who have not yet participated in parties to please come forward. Mary Luberto added her encouragement to new folks, saying that it's lots of fun! There was a suggestion to personally invite new residents to get them involved. Sarah Churgin proposed that we go one step further and actually make new residents the guests of honor at their first event as this would be very welcoming. Another suggestion to get more people involved was to open the Clubhouse bar on alternate Friday nights through the summer, for casual gatherings where folks would bring food to share; there were mixed reactions to this idea. There is a particular desire to get young families involved so kid-friendly events are likely; it was noted that there are now 84 children living at the lake! Our main goal is to bring people together.

On the discussion of new residents, there is widespread appreciation of the maps and phone lists that are circulated. Members of the Association Board suggested that updated versions will be sent out soon. It was also recommended that new residents be sent copies of the Lake By-Laws so that they are aware of our rules and regulations as soon as they move in.

Nancy Barrett kindly offered her services to help on TGIFs; Gail Allyn committed to chair a pub party with games; Nancy and Charlie Priscu volunteered themselves and the Bierlys to chair a TGIF. Marta Lukacs said she would take on an outdoor movie night. Fran Frigerio suggested a community tag sale as an opportunity for us all to get rid of things we no longer need or want – and a chance to find new treasures!

Bill Haynsworth, Bar Chair, began his report by reiterating that we are very lucky to have licenses for the bar and to serve food and that we should treat them with respect. We should not deviate from the rules. For example, we must use named suppliers, should not bring our own liquor to parties and no bar tenders should be drinking while they are 'working'. Fran Frigerio complained that she was not given access to the bar coolers when she hosted a private party but it seems this was a misunderstanding since coolers can be made available upon request. It was suggested that

this should be added to the party request form in future. It was noted that the bar had made over \$2000 in profit this year. Bill reminded party organizers to take into account that we have to pay tax on door charges and on liquor so that should be considered within party costs. Joan Fitzhugh mentioned that there are files available with party planning information and report forms, it seems that these have been overlooked in recent years.

Prior to the meeting, a proposal to amend the By-Laws had been circulated to all residents. The proposal was to allow an increased number of board members; up to seven instead of five, largely to help with organizing social events. Ballot forms thus included an opportunity to vote for the by-law amendments as well as detailing additional candidates seeking election to the Country Club Board.

Turnout for voting, both in person and by proxy, was tremendous. More than two-thirds of the membership voted in favor of changing the By-Laws and so new members Marta Lukacs and Kara Stires were welcomed onto the Board together with Bill Haynsworth, Wendy Hamilton and Barbara Coe who were seeking re-election.

Gail Allyn thanked all the Board Members for the wonderful job that they do and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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