

Mount Kemble Lake Country Club Annual Report

July 2020

The past year has seen much change at Mt. Kemble Lake. Several homes have changed ownership in addition to new renters moving in (and out!) of a few available properties. The Country Club Board has provided a 'welcome bag' of gifts and a Lake reference manual to 11 families, with a few more now outstanding. The gifts are chosen to highlight the diverse recreational facilities open to members of the Country Club; the garden, the tennis court, the clubhouse, fishing, and the swimming and fun to be had at the beach.

Sadly we heard of the passing of two residents in recent months; Don Kuhn who lived on Lake Trail West and Dick Manz from Lake Trail East.

Chris Allyn (and previously John Murray) have done an excellent job of updating the MKL map and telephone lists as owners and tenants have changed.

The social calendar started off strong with well attended summer events such as the Memorial Day Low Country Boil, the 4th of July big bash at the beach and the Labor Day end of summer 'Hoedown' with Line dancing. We ushered in Fall with a TGIF with Pumpkin Carving followed by a Wine Tasting in November. Santa came on the Fire truck and met many of the new children in the community. The December Open House filled everyone with good food and holiday spirit. We all looked forward to a great 2020!

As we turned the calendar, we had many events planned to bring the community together; in January, a Moose Madness TGIF was held; in February we channeled our inner artists for a 'Paint your Pet' evening and created dog, cat, and bird artwork of our beloved pets; the St. Patrick's Day Party in March was planned to repeat the great fun of last year with added entertainment. That event did go ahead but unfortunately attendance was down as news of COVID-19 spread..

Special thanks to all who hosted a Book Club meeting this year. There are typically 8-10 attendees at these monthly meetings and, thanks to the Kemmerer Library, we have been able to continue meeting using Zoom.

Much of our expenditure this year was for the bar. The wine/drink cooler broke over the winter and the MKLCC donated \$1,500 to the MKL Association to help with the cost of the replacement. We also replaced our inventory of spoiled beer and soft

drinks. After the wine tasting in November, the bar was restocked with the new selections that had been chosen.

Our events this year profited \$1,142.00. However, annual fees for the Association Rent, the Liquor License, and the Department of Health and state fees total \$1,363 (not including our checking account monthly fee outlined below). We appreciate the Association working with us on our rent until we are able to host events in the Clubhouse again. In the meantime, we are looking for other ways to bring in additional funds. The MKL store is open for purchases and we currently have inventory of many kids t-shirts, some adult t-shirts/golf shirts, can koozies, and beach bags. Support of the CC Store is greatly appreciated!

The Clubhouse Liquor License has been extended through September per the NJ State Executive Order, however all renewal fees with Harding Township and ABC have been paid. The Country Club currently has \$690.57 in the bank account, which is very low. We are currently being assessed a \$14 month service fee for our Bank of America checking account since our balance has been under \$1,500 since February. If re-elected for a second term, Kara Stires will look into alternative free checking accounts.

The election of Board Members for the coming year is underway. There are 6 vacant positions for which a slate of seven candidates has been identified. Wendy Hamilton (President) and Marta Lukacs (Social Chair) are not seeking re-election. Thanks are extended to them for the wonderful work they have done in recent years to keep our social scene so active! We hope they will continue to be involved with the organization of social events.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Maxwell