# LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY MEETING 2020 ANNUAL MEETING - AUGUST 1, 2020

**Present:** President Dave Sanfason, Vice President Michael Fitzpatrick, Trustee George Fowler, Trustee Mary Singelais, Trustee Alan Martel, Trustee Philip Oreto (remote at 9:14), and Trustee Beverly Hudson, and Scott Davis, Public Works Manager, Amy Harris, Director of Finance and Administration, Jason LeBlanc, CPA, and Michael Traister, Esq.

**Absent:** Trustee Mark Berry

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Based on the number of members present and the number of ballots cast, a quorum exists for the purposes of conducting the Annual Meeting.

President Sanfason welcomed everyone and stated that the membership will vote on all matters that come to the Board today. He asked, due to COVID19, that everyone to keep masks on if they have not socially distanced with the people near them. The Board members introduced themselves.

# **Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Trustee Fowler moved to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting of August 3, 2019. Seconded by Trustee Martel. **The motion passed unanimously.** 

# Presentation of Audit Report of FY 2020

Jason LeBlanc of Albin, Randall and Bennett presented the Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2020 and highlighted the following:

- The audit was finished in June and an unqualified opinion was issued with a "clean bill of health".
- Very strong year resulting in a surplus at year end.

**MOTION:** Trustee Martel moved to accept the Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year ending 2020. Seconded by Trustee Singelais. **The motion passed unanimously.** 

# **Appointment of the Corporation's Auditor**

**MOTION:** Trustee Singelais moved to accept the firm of Albin, Randall and Bennett as the Corporation's Auditor. Seconded by Trustee Martel. **The motion passed unanimously.** 

#### **Presentation of the Legal Report**

Michael Traister, Esq., of Murray, Plumb and Murray reported:

- It has been a quiet year; they are dealing with the ongoing foreclosures and hopefully there won't be any uptick once COVID19 ends.
- Handled a few matters of corporate governance.
- Mostly quiet on legal front because of the Board's sound stewardship.

#### **President's Report**

President Sanfason presented the President's report and noted the following:

- Community had a great year despite the pandemic.
- Immediately upon the COVID19 pandemic we followed Governor's guidance by closing the Clubhouses and only opening when deemed safe, all the while following the restrictive guidelines. We helped members through deferral of some payments and not charging late fees. We have been fortunate to not see many problems.

- We had a good year financially. Future Reserve is maxed at \$500,000 and we have a healthy balance in the Capital Improvement Account for our future projects including Phase 3 of the Water Improvement Project this fall.
- Crew continues to upgrade the smaller old water mains while we plan for a third well. This will make sure everyone has uninterrupted availability of water.
- We continue to combat milfoil and maintain our community assets. As part of our fiscal responsibility we are working on plans to upgrade our fleet.
- The recreation committee pulled off our first "socially-distanced" Boat Parade!
- Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Staff and Members for making the community a great place to live.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Trustee Fowler presented the Treasurer's report and noted the following:

- We had a good year financially and we ended with a small profit. This money will be set aside for future capital improvements.
- Because of COVID19 we made an allowance for late fees.
- Kept dues the same again but at some point, in the future, we will inevitably have to increase dues.

# **Lake Improvement Committee**

Trustee Fitzpatrick presented the Lake Improvement Committee report and noted the following:

- A new invasive species was found in the lake recently, the Chinese Mystery Snail. It is not a threat to
  Lake Arrowhead as we do not have pipes that draw water directly from the lake. It is invasive simply
  because it is not native to the Lake.
- We had to invest in new compressors this year because the original compressors we purchased were not supplying enough air with the upgraded full-face mask.
- COVID19 has impacted our fundraising abilities this year. We applied for and received grants from each of the Towns and held our Annual Golf Tournament since you can socially distance while playing golf. The Annual Calendar with also be available soon.

# **Presentation of Voting Results**

#### Article 1

Trustee Hudson reported that there were four candidates running for election to three, three-year, positions; Mike Fitzpatrick (165 votes) and Alan Martel (164 votes) were both re-elected and Megan Exley (161 votes) was elected to the third seat. The fourth candidate Kathie Strout received 36 votes.

#### **Road Committee**

Trustee Martel presented the Road Committee report and noted the following:

- We will be filling cracks in the paved roads to keep them in good shape.
- When the water infrastructure is upgraded and complete, we can evaluate road paving again.
- With more people home due to COVID19 there have been more pedestrians out; we have put up signage in some more visibility challenged areas for people to walk.

# **Scholarship Committee**

Trustee Beverly Hudson presented the Scholarship Committee report and noted the following:

- A committee reviewed multiple submissions and selected Karlee Wescott as the winner.
- Karlee is a Club Attendant and will be attending college in the fall. She read her essay for the members present.

#### **Parks and Recreations Committee**

Trustee Singelais presented the Parks and Recreation Committee report and noted the following:

• We had our Annual Fourth of July Boat Parade this year with some modifications to allow for "social distancing". The following families took home bragging rights: First place went to Jill Reynolds & Rich Frost's "Eagle Boat", Second place went to the Hazel Family's "Hawaiian Boat", Third place went to

the D'Onofiro, Fallon & Gallant Family's "Christmas in July" and Fourth place went to the Metivier Family's "Candy Lake". Special recognition went to the "Class of 2020" boat and most patriotic went to the Santella Family.

- The Seventh Annual LAC Tom Sotir Volunteer Service Award is awarded to Sharyn Fowler this year. She is a long-term member and has been active in the garden club since its inception.
- The Garden Club has been working hard for the past five years and has grown significantly; their efforts keep our community beautiful. You can see their work at each Clubhouse and the New Dam Road and Victoria Lane mailbox centers.
- Upcoming events include the Labor Day Ice Cream Social which will be a "grab and go" style event. We also are hoping to have the Pumpkin Carving and Wreath Making events later this year.

#### **MEMBER CONCERNS:**

Katherine Howard, Lot A207 – On the Greenfield end of Beaver Dam a new house was built; it finally sold but took a while due to water damage. Can we do something to prevent further problems on this property? Scott Davis responded that a good contractor would take precautions to mitigate those problems. Lake Arrowhead is not the proper entity to tell private contractors how to build their homes.

Jim Carboneau, Lot 1034 – What are we supposed to do to help with milfoil in our coves? Is pay to play the only option? Trustee Fitzpatrick responded the boats can only go into certain coves as they require certain depth clearance to operate the harvesters. Shallow coves can utilize benthic barriers to suffocate the milfoil.

James Exley, Lot 2092 – Is there any way to mark stumps in the lake? Trustee Fitzpatrick responded that we have requested markers from DEP and were directed to DOT as they manage this. DOT requires a plan to be submitted including details and GPS coordinates. He suggests members just drop a brick with a noodle or jug to mark it if they find one.

**MOTION:** Trustee Fowler moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Martel. **The motion passed unanimously.** 

Adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Nanette Walton, Recording Secretary