

Wandawega Country Club July 13, 2013 Meeting

This meeting was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Bill Bastian

Board members present: Bill Bastian (President), Steve Hungness (VP), Nancy Haak (Secretary), Peter Pappa, Mary Jo Wittman, Rich Moore, Ellen Holly

Board members absent: Joyce Hayward (Treasurer), Jena Ehlen

The minutes from our previous meeting (June 8, 2013) were supplied to those attending. Reading of the minutes was waived. A summary of our finances was given by Nancy Haak and accepted.

Committee Reports

Finance/Assessments Committee

The 2013 W.C.C. maintenance assessments were initially mailed out in early May, having been due on June 5. Out of about 240 assessments billed, there are still 31 not paid. Of those, about 13 are chronic non-payments, having previous liens placed on their property. W.C.C. also has several properties in foreclosure and bankruptcy. Third notice reminders will be sent out in the next week warning of liens being filed in August for nonpayment. A listing of the unpaid assessments was read.

Entertainment and Membership Committee

Mary Jo Wittman reported that the WCC website is being revised with the help of Bill Bastian. Bill is currently clearing out old files. David Hernandez will set up the new site with Mary Jo updating the site as needed.

A W.C.C. Facebook page was set up by Ellen Holly. Ellen said we can post things such as pictures after we “like” the page first. Ellen will forward messages posted on Facebook to the board.

The 2013 Beach Bash will be held on Saturday, August 10. Nancy Haak is organizing this event with help from volunteers. WOW will organize the games. There will be prizes for adults and children attending. David Hernandez will supply the music and a “family friendly” movie to be shown at dusk. This event is open to all W.C.C. members/families as a potluck with burgers and hotdogs provided. Salads, desserts, side dishes, and snacks can be brought by members attending. An organizational meeting for volunteer help will be held about 2 weeks prior to the event. Door prize donations are appreciated, contact Nancy Haak if you have something or are willing to help set-up and/or clean-up for this fun event.

Clubhouse, Building, and Sanitary Committee

Peter Pappa reported that most of the clubhouse repairs have been taken care of already this summer. The hole by the bar area has been fixed, spindles on the back porch replaced, kitchen plumbing work, purchasing and installing a new kitchen ceiling fan has all been done by our caretaker, Jason Vigil. A “walk through” of the clubhouse with Jason will again be done to see what items remain to be worked on this year. A new hot water heater for the bathrooms will be needed, budget permitting

Unightly weeds and plants are working their way through the lattice work and onto the decks in the 2 front porch areas. It will be very difficult to remove the lattice work itself, but we may need to spray weed killer or something to stop them.

Steve Hungness reported an incident with water leaking under the kitchen sink, but that has been fixed.

An identifying sign for the front of the clubhouse has been discussed. A 50/50 raffle to raise funds for the new sign will be done at the August 10 Beach Bash event.

The clubhouse is required to have their septic system pumped and checked every 3 years. We have received notice that it is due this year. Mike Flitcroft will be contacted to do this in the near future.

Lakes, Parks, and Beaches Committee

Mary Jo Wittman reported that lake weed harvesting is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 22. She and her husband Mike will be the local contact people to monitor the weed cutting.

Mary Jo and Mike have also been in contact with a local DNR representative regarding the need for “Aquatic Plant Management” plan and pursuing a grant to help pay for this. The deadline for the grant application is August 1. The DNR representative has looked at the lake recently and seems pleased with what our intentions are. LWIA has the authority to apply for this grant, so Bill Bastian is assisting Mike Wittman with the grant process. Letters of support are

necessary from Walworth County, the Town of Sugar Creek, and W.C.C. If all goes as planned we would get a 1 year permit to do weed harvesting for 2014. Next summer a plant survey will need to be done with an APM plan being worked on the following fall and winter. One catch with the grant process is the need for identified parking at the boat launch area (east beach area). We are required to have 5 + 1 handicap parking sites available for the public launch. This should not be a problem with the parking area at the beach and the triangle area nearby.

Concerns were shared regarding issues at the beach/park areas. Dogs are not to be allowed on the beaches as the posted signs state. People are not being careful with our new plantings area at the east beach; boaters pulling their boats over the plants, people stepping on the plants, etc. The board will go to the beaches after the meeting to see what ideas we can come up with to protect the plantings. Better, more apparent fencing may be needed.

A second section of pier was added to the fishing pier, thanks to Rich Moore installing it.

There seems to be some erosion at the west beach area near the stairs and above the brick wall. The board will view this after the meeting and discuss options that may help this area.

We have received the billing for the goose egg oiling done in spring. Bill suggested we hold payment until we receive their report stating what exactly they did.

W.C.C. received a letter from Karen Stoll, DNR worker, letting us know of her position with the DNR. Karen is a "water guard" with the DNR and will give informational talks regarding inspecting boats and educating people of aquatic invasive species. This may be something for a future meeting.

There was some discussion regarding encouraging people to rake the weeds at the beaches. Members are encouraged to bring equipment and rake weeds when needed. No one is hired or paid to do so, it is all our responsibility help keep our beach clean and safe for use.

Reminder to use the W.C.C. card in your dashboard when using the beach/park areas. Non-members should be asked to leave as these are private W.C.C. properties.

Old Business

(Covered in previously listed committee items.)

New Business

Pete Pappa submitted some pictures of a recent survey done showing markers from property selling that is adjoining the east beach. This will be kept on file for future reference.

A member present at this meeting asked about the possibility of taking any dead wood that has fallen on W.C.C. property. If trees have fallen and are obviously dead, please contact a board member for permission if you are interested in taking this wood. Permission is NOT given for clearing of live brush or trees from W.C.C. property.

Upcoming Dates

Next W.C.C. Meeting: Saturday, August 10, 9:30 a.m.

Beach Bash: Saturday, August 10, 4:30 - ?

Meeting adjourned at 10:40

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Haak-Secretary