



The Meccawe Club

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MINUTES

Board members in attendance: John Coco, President; Douglas Harp, Secretary; Don Neely; Forrest Hammond, Vice President; John Houlihan; Glen Parent; Bill Copeland; Erik Tobiason and Laurel Tobiason (Zoom). Club member Jerry Robinson.

Approval of March 3, 2022 minutes...

D/O insurance

John C had a scheduled meeting, but he was basically blown off. John H. Says we need someone to come here to explain what we get covered for, and this is what it costs. JH thinks we are basically covered under our property and casualty policy. But the price is affordable, and it covers individual officers which our regular policy does not. JH will review the application and send it to JC early next week. JC will send it to the agency for review and quote.

Treasurer's report

41 members have paid their dues so far (does not include some who paid last fall). Mortgage stands at \$17,636.41, as of end of March.

IRS hearing

We've been receiving letters with penalties. Previous accountant was filing late returns, some going back to when Frost was treasurer. We have a phone hearing on 4/27 with an agent. Erik is confident we can get it drastically reduced.

New bookkeeper search

JC will email Joe Slakas about a possible candidate he knows. Laurel recommends getting a Meccawe computer for bookkeeper/QuickBooks continuity. JC says we may only need Quicken. Erik will ask his accountant.

2021 annual fish report

Danaher and Hy-on-a-Hill info is on reports Frost has. Chuck Honsiger has a lot of info on predation (loons, otters, etc.). Very thorough report, to be posted in the Clubhouse. JH: eagles and ospreys are incidental when compared with otters and loons. He's not sure we want to encourage loons on the pond; thinks this kind of thinking should not be included in the report if it's posted. Re: brown trout — we put them in in the first place because they're more tolerant of warmer water. We got \$300 donations from Larry Beels and Don Neely for trophy fish.

First stocking by Hy-on-a-Hill, April 19. Chuck and a small crew will meet the stocking truck. Chuck will trap some crayfish from the brook below the dam and introduce them into the pond.

Scheduling software

Still in the idea phase. JC's barbershop uses a simple program for very reasonable monthly fee.

Boat covers: design and cost; boat maintenance day

Bill C has volunteered to do some work parties. A little under \$6,000 for a simple, arched canopy with aluminum frame; \$1,500 shipping; 7-year warranty on the tarps. Very robust canvas and aluminum. Cantilevers out over the water by about three feet. More for the sun, which does a number on the wooden boats. JH is quietly challenging the idea — dock is a great casting platform. JC puts on the table: a permanent boathouse.

Re: workday — a couple of people have responded to Bill's call for volunteers to refinish the wooden boats.

Boat maintenance days, Bill Copeland

March 3

Opening Day: Saturday, April 30

Honda generator EU3000is and wheel kit purchased

Boathouse steps

To be installed by Geoff Eckler, May 7

Barn: replacement of barn sill on uphill side? Water diversion?

Ask Mike Olmstead to dig a drainage ditch on the uphill side on opening day.

Pine tree discussion

That tree, if hit by lightning, would turn the caretaker's cottage into match sticks, says JH. Table for more discussion.

Dam maintenance

Need to do some this summer. Weed whacking, chain saw work.

Other business

Weekend of August 4 – 7, John's daughter Megan is requesting all rooms. All are in favor. JH reports we're doing very well with caretakers.

Ezra asked if we're on board for mowing services. Yes. Probably start first week of May.

Glen Parent asking for all rooms sometime in June... We're suggesting a quieter time, August.

Jerry Robinson would like to come to all meetings and create a newsletter. All wholeheartedly agree.

Next meeting date
Thursday, May 19

Adjourn

Respectfully, Douglas Harp