

COBMOOSA SHORES ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2017
The Stony Lake Inn

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Jerry Parise, Sara Collins, Bill Rafail, Jan Morrison, Rich Campbell, Mike Maloney

Members Absent: Paul Jordan, Rick Emerson, Ed Dedic,

Guests: Diane Frazine

Communications: After contacting Benona Township about a large storage container on a Chippewa property, the board received a communication from Bill Airy, the zoning administrator, that the property owners have been notified. They have been told that the container must be moved 25ft from the road, and 10ft from the adjacent property.

Reports

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the October 14, 2017 board meeting were posted on the bulletin board at the South access and on the Cobmoosa website. Jerry Parise moved to accept the minutes. Bill Rafail seconded. The August minutes were unanimously accepted by the Board.

Treasurer's Report - Sara Collins presented the treasurer's report. This month \$7,331.55 in dues were collected. Unpaid dues to date are \$4,893.72. There are two members who owe more than \$200.00 and notifications to them will be going out at the end of this month. The total assets on hand as of October 14, 2017 are \$68,416.97, which includes \$47,154.81 in the checking account and \$21,262.16 in the money market account. This is down from last month due to payment of the road paving. Jan Morrison motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Maloney seconded. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the Board.

Road Report - Rich Campbell reported that the paving work on Cobmoosa's roads is done. The edgings on both sides of Paubawme Trail paving are not flush with the road they connect to. This will be corrected.

The cutting of a dead oak tree near the east end of Ottawatamie Trail will be cleared by Great Lakes Energy. The date has not been determined. The cutting of other dead trees and branches will be done by Kyle McEntaffer (Tree and Removal Service). Actual identifying and tagging trees is in progress.

Bill Rafail continued the discussion ensued last month about the barberry growth along the roads and in the lots. To review, this is known to be a non-native, invasive species and is in rapid growth along the roads and in member lots. Barb Rafail stated at last month's meeting that these could be mechanically and manually pulled if each member wished without

ecological impact to the association. Further, she is working on a report regarding barberry that will be submitted to the board and posted on the website. Since time is running out, it was decided to move this to a summer project. This will give us time to educate the membership at the annual meeting and to get volunteers to help with the removal.

Beach Report - Rich Campbell reported that a new more explicit sign will be made to be put under the fire sign on Chippewa near the entrance. It will be installed in the spring. It will simply read "No Beach Fires". Rick Emerson will be in charge of this project. Rich Campbell also said that the repairing of the stairs on the South Access will also be done in the early spring. There were concerns about the wooden planks at the base of the South access stairs as being unstable and unsafe. Rich Campbell suggested using the extra stairs stored at the North Access at the South access. The feasibility of this will be considered. Rich also asked for volunteers to move these extra stairs at the North access to higher ground before winter.

There was a discussion over things still on the beach such as kayaks, chairs, and the two kids metal sand diggers. It was decided that if we know who owns the items, they will be reminded. All other items will be removed and disposed of on Oct 31st. The toy diggers elicited further discussion. It was felt by a few that they should not be there, because they were not sanctioned by the board, and their use could cause dune erosion. The board does not know who put them there this summer even after inquiries. Jan Morrison offered to store them for the winter until the owner is identified.

Committees

Social and Events - The next association social event will be the Memorial Day Coffee, Saturday May 26th, 2018.

Park and Entrance - All is well at the park and entrance.

Building: Mike Maloney presented a drawing of his plans for a new addition to his house as well as a photo of where the work will be done. All permits have been submitted. A motion was made by Bill Raffail to approve the addition. Sara Collins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Communications- Bill Raffail reported that in an effort to keep members informed of the many area events that occur all year in the area, more than just CSA events will be added to the calendar on the CSA website. Members who are planning a visit the lakeshore and want to know what is happening can visit the CSA calendar first. He said that it cannot be "all inclusive", so members might also want to visit the websites of the various chambers of commerce in the area as well.

Rental - Rich Campbell reported that out of about 25 letters sent to members who possibly rent their residence, the Board has gotten 10 replies. Hopefully more will be received. It was noted that this was a 25% return which is excellent for any kind of survey sent out. Diane Frazine questioned the \$203.00 expense used to mail the information to these members. It was clarified that this was the first mailing. It included a laminated list of Cobmoosa covenants that apply to renters and is posted in the rented residence. A stamped enveloped was also included in the packet for the members to return their information as well as other forms to be filled out

by homeowners. It was also noted that future communication regarding rentals will be less extensive and even may be done electronically.

Old Business

Google Collaborative Project: During the past year, the CSA Board has been using Google docs as a way to coordinate our communication and archive CSA documents. The board used Ed Dedic's Google account. Bill Rafail, as chair of the Communication Committee, reported in September that the committee proposed that CSA adopt this system permanently. The proposal was briefly discussed at the September meeting and tabled to give the board time to review the proposal. This would be used by current board members, Lynn Richardson our accountant receivable clerk, and Jill Dedic who manages the sale of our Cobmoosa clothing paraphernalia, plus any other committee members not on the Board. The cost to be part of this Google collaboration would be \$50.00 per person each year. The proposal suggested that we would set aside \$1,000 from our budget for this project. After much discussion, and input via email from those who could not attend this meeting, a proposal was put forth. Jerry Parise moved that we would only include the board members, Lynne and Jill for a cost of \$550.00 for this coming year as a trial run. Sara Collins second the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted by the Board. It was also agreed upon, but not in the proposal, that training should be provided.

New Business

Meeting dates for 2018- It was decided that again we will meet the second Saturday of each month starting in May 2018. The meetings will be at Stony Lake Inn and start at 10:00am. All CSA members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The April meeting was cancelled, because there would not be a quorum at that meeting. If that should change, the membership will be notified.

Stop Sign Proposal- Jerry Parise presented a motion to have stop sign put on Chippewa at the intersection of Huron Trail and Chippewa, to slow down vehicle and cut down dust. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 10:00 am at Stony Lake Inn.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis J. Morrison
Secretary