

Minutes
Chautauqua Property Owners Association, Inc.
Meeting of Board of Directors
Wendt Board Room
July 10, 2017

Board Members Present: Barbara Brady, Hugh Butler, Karen Conover, John Dilley, John Ford, Bob Jeffrey, Darlyne Johnston, Jeff Lutz, Bill Neches, Richard Parlato, Paul Perry, Fred Rice, Suzanne Shull, Jane Stirniman, Jim Vance, and Carry Zachry

Board Members Absent: Jamie Klingensmith and Linda Turri

Also present were Michael Hill, President of Chautauqua Institution (“CI”); Bob McClure, chairman of the board of the Chautauqua Utility District (“CUD”); Tom Cherry, Superintendent of the CUD; and Sebby Baggiano, Vice President, Treasurer, and COO of CI.

President Barbara Brady called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

Tom Cherry addressed the board with his concerns about the herbicide application that took place in Chautauqua Lake (in the Bemis Point area) on June 26. He said that over two tons of herbicide were dumped into the lake so that residents could pull into their boat docks. A properly licensed company legally sprayed treatment that included 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, and Dioxin. He said that there are strict guidelines for the application, many of which were not followed. WHO considers 2,4-D to be a carcinogen. He is concerned that other lake residents may also want to apply the herbicides. These chemicals cannot be filtered out of drinking water. We need to get together to combat this. The herbicides kill fish, invertebrates, and plankton, as well as weeds. Property owners and CI have an interest in this application because we draw our drinking water from the lake. Chautauqua Lake Association and the Conservancy both opposed the application. People are frustrated by vegetation in the lake. New York Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) gave a permit for limited testing. The state of New York owns the lake. Public authorities are caught between activist groups and those with residual impact. The impact is felt most by CI. There was an article in the Daily over the weekend. The chemicals are used extensively in corn fields but soil filters them out of the water. The application can be a swimming hazard for up to 21 days after the application. He suggested that we Google the terms Navigate and Cascade to understand the risk. He suggested that we send a letter to the Chautauqua Lake Alliance and New York State Senator Cathy Young in support of the disallowance of further application.

John Dilley **moved** that we write a letter to the institution opposing further use. Michael Hill suggested that the CPOA write a letter to the Institution and that CI would lead the opposition on our behalf as well as the Institution’s. Richard Parlato seconded the motion. Hugh Butler suggested that we widen the scope to the whole lake, not just our drinking water. The motion passed unanimously.

John Ford agreed to draft the letter.

Approved 7/24/17

[All attendees other than board members left the meeting at 12:37 p.m.]

President Brady welcomed John Ford and Jane Stirniman as new board members.

Minutes: The minutes for the meeting on June 26, 2017 were distributed before the meeting. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: Jeff Lutz presented the proposed Financial, Budget, and Audit Committee Practices and Procedures. Among other things, he explained the spending authority chart contained therein. Richard Parlato **moved** to approve the proposal. Paul Perry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Jeff Lutz then explained the cause of various items in his treasurer's report.

Carrie Zachry discussed the picnic budgets. She explained that the budgets are based upon the population of each area. She proposed to increase each area budget by \$50. John Dilley said that the budget for the joint picnic for Areas 5 and 6 is insufficient to cover actual costs. He said the expenses last year totaled about \$700. Bob Jeffrey noted that 8 years or so ago there were but 18 people who attend the Area 6 picnic. Now, there are about 200 who attend the joint picnic. Jeff Lutz suggested that each area propose new budgets, no more than double the existing budget.

Jeff Lutz **moved** that the area picnic budgets be increased to no more than double last year's. Richard Parlato seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

POWR Committee: Richard Parlato reported that there are three meetings scheduled. Meeting #1 will deal with the web site that is now being rolled out. Meeting #2 will be for discussing gate pass issues. The topic for Meeting #3 is yet to be determined.

CI desires our participation. They are getting St. Elmo involved. They are looking to be more transparent.

[Bob Jeffrey, John Ford, and Richard Parlato left at 1:03 pm]

President's Report: Barbara Brady gave her report as follows:

- Barbara is working on getting us out of these meetings in one hour. Committee chairs are to circulate their reports before the meeting.
- House History Project. Av Posner has been working with Emily Morris on this project. Emily will put a form on the web site to fill out the history of each house.
- Barbara is about to send out the summer newsletter. She will insert a House History Project flyer in the newsletter.

- The general meeting is set for this coming Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00. Jeff Lutz will discuss the survey results. Jeff has distributed the summary and is requesting comments. Bill Neches reported that we have had as few as 25 and as many as 300 attendees in the past. We need 2 tables and 4 chairs for the meeting.

Communications, Marketing and Branding Committee: Chair Paul Perry gave a brief report. We now have kiosk keys. We will have something in the kiosk within a couple of days. We will post generic picnic notice, an area map, a board roster, and a calendar. He is scheduling an organizational meeting of the committee.

Nominating Committee: Jim Vance previously circulated a committee report. He reported that the committee has screened candidates for the three open Area Rep Board positions and has recommended Jane Finley, Stephanie Dawson, and Mary Clements to fill those positions.

Hugh Butler **moved** that the three recommended candidates be approved conditioned upon the Nominating Committee's final approval. Darlyne Johnston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Events Committee: Chair Carry Zachry circulated the CPOA Area Picnic Guide. She will also circulate a template for a flyer to be circulated on Sunday before the picnics. Owners, renters, and guests are welcome. The committee is to meet on Wednesday at 3:30 at her home. She will try to get the proposed new Area Reps involved.

Outdoor Lighting Committee: John Dilley reported that the first of two committee meetings was held last Thursday. He wants to add John Shedd and Tom Cherry to the committee. He reported that LED cobra head lights can be put up at the end of the colonnade. Three area lights by the amp are to go up after the season. Attorney William Wright thinks that we will have a final agreement with National Grid soon. Bill Neches has put together a detailed data base of components.

Safety and Transportation Committee: Jim Vance and Hugh Butler had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Ryan Lindsey is the intern at the Daily responsible for the CPOA. Her contact information is ryanlindsayreports@gmail.com; cell # 202-422-8135.

New Business: None.

Next Board Meeting to be on July 24 at 12:15 pm in the Wendt Boardroom.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.