

CARA Spring Meeting
May 25, 2024
10:00 AM

Those present: Madeline Hanafin, Patricia Cullinane, Scott & Beverly Kenney, John & Patricia Terreault, Andrea & Bill Powers, Elsa & Bob Johnson, Bruce & Nancy Dorner, Ellen & Peter Rawlings, Sue D’Oruillers, Jean Albano, Danielle Pepin, John & Liz Miller, Eugeni Sycher, Nancy & Pete Beeley, Sandra Smith, Loraine Finnegan, Alana Dros, Michael Dunn, Paul Setterland, Ken & Casey Milender, Susan Thompson, Jenn & Glenn Pinckney, Noopy & Dave DeRose, Ed Geswell, Kyle & Mary McNamara, Jerry Quinn, Cynthia & Nolan Manning, Tammy & Bob Scott, Dan & Terry Buggy, Jim & Kim Keenan, Amy & Mike Iannelli, Bill & Patrice Madigan, Todd Sevigny, Craig Tanguay, Eddie & Brittany Galvin, Sue & Mike Tenney, Scott O’Connell, John Kaplafka, Karen Boyd, Donna & Glenn Huot, Molly Omara, Donna & Glenn Huot, Joe & Donna Chisholm, Tony Rainha, Judy Coll, Dan & Kathy Willey, Karen & Paul Bemis

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Chisholm at 10:05. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were any new members in the neighborhood. No new members came forward.

Joe shared the sad news of the passing of three of our members over the offseason: John McCarron, Jeannie Parillo, and Meg Haines. Our thoughts are with all of these families.

Old Business:

The minutes from the Fall 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Sue Tenney – All members should have received via email the spring financial statements – hard copies are available if needed. In general, Sue shares that 2023 was a tough year for the financial accounts due to the storm damage. The assessment account ended with negative cash flow. Most of our finances went into the necessary drainage and road repair. We have purchased a rack system for the PWC’s as well. At this time there were no questions. If anyone did not receive their invoice for their dues, please let Sue know so your email can be checked. The report was approved unanimously.

Joe Chisholm explains that the jump on annual dues is mainly due to the last storm. We do hope that the dues can be dialed back in future years, but due to the year we had last year we had to up them this year to get some funds back into those accounts.

Joe Chisholm shared we should consider work to be done on the swale every 5-8 years. This will help to keep up with the run-off debris to ensure integrity of the drainage system. John Miller is working with the town to address the roadside swales adjacent to the parking lot.

Docks/Moorings: Bob Scott – We have 6 chains that needed to be replaced, this work will be done on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. – these will be done with stainless steel chains – \$700 difference. These should last longer. Bob needs paperwork from those using this amenity still. Karen Boyd asked if there have been any changes to the list. The only movement has been that Craig Tanguay now has a mooring. The list is posted and updated on the website.

PWC's: Glenn Huot –Everything is good but we do need registrations and insurance from 9 people. Rentals have all their paperwork in. Everyone is in the same spots as last year. Once paperwork is in we are good to go.

Joe Chisholm shares out that we do have some debris out there that has gone into the lake – he makes members aware that this area where the PWC's are located could be shallow. We also requested that assigned users let us know if you will not be using your slip/mooring/PWC for a week or more so that we can accommodate others who have requests in for use on specific weeks of the summer.

Lockers: Craig Tanguay –Not a lot of movement, there will be only 1 new movement for this summer. Fay had shared locker with Terreaults. So this half locker will be made available to the next person on the list.

Events: Brittany Galvin – Brittany goes through the events that we have going on this summer. Copies of the calendar are made available and will be posted to the website. Brittany thanks all of those who continue to support these events and for those who share suggestions throughout the summer.

Brittany also speaks of an idea to honor those who have passed away. She shares that this community is like a family and how it is important for us to do something to honor the souls who loved it here so much. The idea is to create a raised flower bed that can be filled with annuals every year. This raised flower bed could also house small stones with names of those who someone would like to remember. These stones can be in honor of a member or someone who loved it here. If anyone would like to brainstorm and help get a plan in place, Brittany will host a meeting on Sunday May 26, 2024 at 9:30 at the beach to discuss.

Small Boats: Liz Miller—The small boats area is now full. We had one person on the wait list but we can accommodate this year. Stickers were made that have the CARA symbol on it with a specific number, these should go on the small boats so we are aware of whose boat is whose. After the meeting members can come by and grab the stickers. There will be other times to pick up the stickers that will be posted.

Beach: John Kaplafka – John thanks John Miller and Glenn Huot for all the work they do. We have Don Merrill continuing to do the maintenance on it. Please let John Kaplafka, John Miller, or Joe Chisholm know if you see anything that needs additional attention. Last year there were conversations about going with a different landscaping company. We are going to give them one more year to see if things get done accordingly. If we are not pleased, we will revisit reaching out to other companies. John reminds everyone to please treat it well and keep it clean. Children shouldn't be throwing rocks at docks or boats – If you have renters please mention that to them. We are going to have a new swim line put in. If kids are swimming by the line right now, mention to them not to touch the swim line as it is coming apart.

Joe Chisholm gives out special shirts – CARA DPW official members – Glenn Huot, John Miller, John Kaplafka.

Web Master: Dan Bouchard-- Dan apologizes for multiple emails being sent out, it was a google issue. Paperwork submission forms are all set this year, a lot of people used them and it seemed to work out well. All those files are done and are all saved. This allows all the paperwork for registration and insurances to be sent digitally. A member shared that there was no confirmation email. Dan shares that he will make this change so confirmation is sent out after receipt of the documents.

Jenn Pinckney – runs Facebook page, if you want to join it just message Jenn. It is meant only for members in the immediate home. Please message Jenn before extended the invite to family to give her a heads up so it will be approved.

Dan is going to start to put a reply email so when you want a member wants to reply to the message being sent out, the reply won't go to the webmaster, but the person who sent the message out.

Meeting Closing:

Joe Chisholm thanks Nate Tenney for the sound system.

Joe acknowledges anniversaries- 50th anniversaries: Congratulations to the Dorners, Doweys, Powers, and Huots

60th anniversary – Congratulations to the Johnsons

Jim Keenan – Encourages others to participate in the Polar plunge – next year New Years Day!

Casey Milender – Has a young dog and is looking for anyone else who has a young dog to get together for them to play!

Motion to Close the meeting occurred at 10:46

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Galvin, Secretary