

COLDWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

At 9:01 a.m., President Tom Manning welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

LAKELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chad Beuerle-Assistant Chief reported 238 total runs, 102 fire runs, 136 for medical runs.

As of 6/13/24 they had 89 runs, 42 fire runs and 47 medical runs. Money donated was used to update the fire truck lights to LED lights. Also, the Lucas machine that performs chest compressions is being utilized. Chad requested that golf carts please pull over to the side of the road and be mindful of traffic.

Randy Herriman-Treasurer presented the Lakeland Fire Department with a check for \$15,000.00 made possible by the donations from the Coldwater Lake Association Membership.

MARINE PATROL:

Josh Vicars thanked everyone for their donations. New bouys that light up have been installed around the lake. Josh reported 73 students in 2023 and 84 students YTD with one more class scheduled in October, 2024. Josh reported that any boat operator born after 6/30/96 is required by law to pass a boater safety course and must carry their boater safety certificate with them while operating a boat. All PWC operators born after 12/31/78 pass a boater safety education course and carry their certificate. In 2023, there were 771 hours of patrol time on county lakes which was 91 more hours than in 2022. There were 4 accidents, 3 OWI's, 580 traffic stops, 546 warnings and 34 citations. They responded to 95 complaints, which was up from 74 the prior year. The top stops/warnings were:

#1 – Navigation rule – boats going the wrong direction, 100 feet from shore, etc.

#2 – Careless or reckless operation

#3 – Registration violations

Top citations were for registration violations, followed by no boater safety certification.

Josh reported that to add bouys to the lake, a permit must be approved by the DNR and they do not regularly approve those permits so please do not add bouys to your property. Jim Bentley asked if there are any regulations in place for Wake boats. Josh stated that a proposal in process. Luann Beekman asked why there wasn't a bouy in front of the channel. It was reported that there had been one there many years ago (possibly over 13 years ago). Josh stated that he hadn't known of one in that location there since he's worked on Coldwater Lake. He stated that the permit may have expired but he will investigate.

SHERIFF REPORT:

Sheriff Pollack thanked everyone for coming and their support over the years. He asked if anyone had any questions. He is retiring this year. Tom Manning presented Sherriff Pollack with a plaque and thanked him for his 45 years of service.

Tom introduced himself and the Coldwater Lake Board of Trustees:

Janet Herriman-Secretary, Randy Herriman-Treasurer, Lynn Wachtmann-Trustee, Austin Vicars-Trustee, Kim Gray-Vice President, Lynn Wright-Trustee, Denise Ward-Trustee, and Rick Groves-Trustee. Cheryl Rogers-Trustee and Craig Retcher-Trustee were absent.

Lynn Wachtmann-Trustee reported on the Red Cross Blood Drive program and stated there is a blood drive scheduled for Monday, June 17.

Tom reported on people that volunteer to assist the association, such as the Fish Stocking committee, and how much we appreciate their help. Terry Swick informed the audience that he has volunteered to compile a history of the Coldwater Lake community and if anyone has pictures or stories they would like to share, to please contact him.

Treasurer's Report – Randy provided the Treasurer's Report. A question was asked if the fireworks costs are covered by donations. Randy reported the cost of fireworks are usually not 100% covered by donations. Randy said the Board is in place to help our lake community and requested the community contact the board with ideas on how to improve lake life.

Events - Kim Gray reported we have regular rentals of the CLA building. She said that at Pancake Breakfast last year we served almost 1,000 breakfasts and are hopeful that we will exceed that number this year. We are alternating CPR and 1st Aid classes at the building. We've added another Food Truck Friday Event as requested by membership. There are quarterly American Red Cross Blood Drives scheduled. We have weekly events, i.e., Tuesday is Yoga, Thursday is Euchre. We have added a Community Education Series. The Flotilla is new this year and is scheduled for July 4.

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Marketing and Communications - Lynn Wright reported on the Newsletter mailings with the next scheduled mailing the end of this month. Newsletters are mailed 3 times a year. We have increased our digital communications. She reported that Courtney Dirschell from 2nd Story Marketing is our partner. Lynn asked for a show of hands from those present if they preferred the newsletter mailed or in digital form. Several people preferred the mailed copy while 3 people voted for digital. Lynn reported that Facebook is an important way for us to touch base with our membership. She reported that the Golf Cart ordinance has had the most likes and the Sponsorship program has greatly helped us.

Facilities - Denise Ward thanked everyone for renting and using the building. In 2023 we had 17 private events including a wedding reception, CPR/1st Aide events, quarterly blood drives, Boater Safety Classes, Community Education events. Tom added that Shady Oaks uses the building for their Annual Meeting and Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence use the building free of charge. Denise reported the building is used weekly for Yoga and Euchre. She was asked the cost of the building rental and was informed Members pay \$125 plus \$50 deposit and Non-members pay \$175 plus \$50 deposit. Building improvement plans for 2024 include adding remote keyless entry doors and a new sign in the front of the building.

Election of Trustees

Tom explained that three (3) Trustee positions were up for renewal. He stated that the current Trustees have agreed to renewing their three-year commitment to the CLA Board. Tom opened the floor for nominations. No new nominations were suggested. Jim Angel motioned to reelect Cheryl Rogers, Lynn Wright and Denise Ward; Kitty Wilcox 2nd. Vote Unanimously agreed.

George offered the use of his tennis/pickle ball court to the lake community for their enjoyment.

There was a complaint lodged about horseback riders and Amish buggies horses leaving droppings on the road and homeowners having to clean it up. Is there any type of ordinance that could be enforced? Kitty Wilcox suggested finding out where the Amish are working and complaining to their bosses. Deb W from Canada Shores stated this is a safety issue for them. It was stated that when approached about cleaning up after their horses, their response was belligerently negative. Tom stated the board will investigate this issue.

Kitty Wilcox invited anyone with children that would like to join their parade on Iyopawa Island are welcome. A Canada Shores resident agreed and invited the lake community to join their parade as well. Tom suggested this type of information be communicated to us via infor@coldwaterlakeassociation.com for inclusion in the newsletters and email blasts.

Ben Losinski introduced himself, stated he is running for Ovid Township Supervisor and thanked the Board for all they do.

Austin Victor-Trustee requested input regarding the new sign for the CLA building, electronic sign versus an updated letter sign. Austin reported that an electronic sign would be expensive (\$20,000 to \$25,000). Derek Graver said he would donate to it. Several people offered ideas on how to fund it. There were concerns made by two people regarding the light and aesthetics affecting the neighborhood. One person was concerned about the size. One person stated they would like the style of the sign to match the building rather than one that made the CLA building "look like a bank". A Township variance needed. Many of the concerns were not addressed and there is an upgrade (non-electronic) to the sign already designed and budgeted with Board approval. Lynn Wright informed the audience that there are currently funds in the treasury to pay for an electronic sign.

Jim Angel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.; LuAnn Beekman 2nd. Unanimously agreed

Minutes respectively submitted by Janet Herriman-Coldwater Lake Association Secretary

Coldwater Lake Association
Annual Meeting
June 15, 2024
Proposed Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome Comments – Tom Manning
Welcome and Review of Agenda
- 9:05 Lakeland Fire Station - TBD
- 9:15 Branch County Marine Patrol – Josh Vickers
- 9:25 Branch County Sheriff Department – John Pollack
- 9:35 Business Meeting Called to Order – Tom Manning
Overview and vision of Association
- 9:35 Treasurer’s Report – Randy Herriman
Summary of Financial Condition
- 9:45 Events – Kim Gray
Outline of Events – illustrating the increase in activity and participation over the past few years
Pancake – FTF – Bookmobile – Blood Drive – Fist Aid/CPR – Boater Safety – Yoga – Euchre
Community Education Series
- 9:55 Marketing – Lynn Wright
Outline of efforts – increased Newsletters and expansion of Digital Communications
- 10:05 Facilities – Denise Ward
Summary of Rentals – Sign Exposure – Building Maintenance
- 10:15 Election of Trustees
- 10:20 New Business
- 10:25 Adjournment