

Dock Owners' Meeting
May 25, 2019

Committee Members present: Dennis Jolly (Chairperson/Board Liaison), Joe DiRado (Co-chairperson), Steve O'Hara, Ann Marie Miller (Manager), Jack Ellex, Lorraine Wolff, Patti Crispini

Absent Committee Members: Bill Hoffman, Kevin Keller

- Meeting began with Dennis and Joe thanking those who attending and an introduction of all committee members. Dennis then read through the agenda for today.

Items Discussed

- Joe read the minutes from the Fall 2018 meeting and listing all repairs made by the end of the last boating season. Joe also noted that our 2nd CD matured in April 2019 and was placed in the Dock checking account. He also noted that our Permit fees increased to \$4331 due to the additional wave runner ramps. Repairs and additions made **last year** included were:
 - Some normal foam flotation and decking boards and chains were replaced.
 - 7 new LED lights were added on shoreline
 - 2 additional cameras were added
 - Approved Trees that were tagged were cut down and wood was cleared
 - New No Wake buoy was added to replace one that was hit by a boat
 - Swim dock was repaired
 - New chain and anchor at the end of set 7 was replaced due to losing one to a Spring storm
 - Stone was replaced from storm washout along ramp and golf cart parking area by kayak racks
 - Wires were replaced and set higher & together for lights and cameras
 - New drainage pipe was added to retention area next to ramp
 - Chains were painted orange
 - Steps added to set 2
 - Purchased a 60 inch pair of forks from John Deere
 - Reflector Tape added to the No Wake Buoy.
 - New Garage was bought with heat and electric added.
- Needed supplies in addition to new dock set replacement by the start of the 2019 boating season:
 - New chain and anchor to replace those used. (We should keep a spare on hand)
 - Trailer for work boat.
 - A heated and powered structure for winter dock construction.
 - New motor for work boat.
- Requested work to be completed by the start of the 2019 boating season:
 - adjust No Wake buoys to be no more than 100 feet from the end of the docks. (This should be ongoing all season)
 - steps that were added for Set 2 should be painted with anti skid paint
 - pick/steps should be added to set 4 with handrail and anti skid paint
 - position of last camera for set 7 should be pointed at set 7 not set 6 as it is currently
 - stone on cart path needs to be raked so as to remove the hump in middle
 - cleats or rings can be added to set 2 for a temporary hookup when launching boats
 - new reflective red tape should be placed around the top of the No Wake buoys
 - complete a dock walk in May

⑩ Just to note Dennis previously gave a Brief History of the age of the Docks and Dock fees as remembered by Bill Hines. Summary below:

Set 1&2 First installed 1977 then added to in 1988.

Set 3&4 Installed 1979--40 years old.

Set 5,6&7 Installed 1985--34 years old.

Dock Fees – 1977 - \$50 (Dock owners repaired and put docks in and out)

Dock Fees – 2009 – current \$390.

⑩ Dennis shared dock account balance information as of May 2019. “The dock checking has about \$22,500, our CD is at \$7100.”

⑩ Dennis listed some of the major costs of the replacement of new set of docks which was \$27,785 for all hardware, plastic floats and lumber, \$500 for Labor. The new work boat, motor and trailer was \$10,200. There was also a new garage that was bought and set up with heat and electricity and new forks for the tractor at around \$3000. This was beyond our normal yearly administrative cost, removal and installation fees, maintenance, lake permits, code enforcer and other charges.

⑩ Dennis stated that only a few have responded to the dock update email and pictures sent to owners over the winter. (only 1 in writing) A couple of owners reported they never received the email or they found it in their junk folder later on when they checked.

⑩ Dennis described Two Dock Financial Plan spreadsheets, that the committee had been working with, for many months, showing a 7 year plan with a \$100/year increase for 6 years. The second was showing a 9 year plan with no increase. Input was collected and a vote was taken where 4 to 3 members wanted no increase due to Escape current state of affairs and possible assessments/needs. We all agreed to reassess this topic each year and put this information out to the dock owners, via a mailed letter, to gain input again. With either plan we need to skip next year's construction as we do not have the funds to build another set. Only a few have responded to the email sent to owners as of date. Some owners reported they never received the email. Dennis will have Anne Marie look into that issue.

⑩ Jack and Joe will research what can be done to dispose of the old docks of set 1 and report back to the committee.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Q: A community member asked, “Can I trim the trees blocking the lights, camera view or path to the docks?”

A: No all work in that area must first be approved by the Lake authorities since we do not own that property. This includes the trimming of trees. They come and tag and check on work permitted.

Q: Will more cameras be added so we can have one camera for each set?

A: As we stated last year, that is our goal. Two additional cameras and wireless dishes were added last year.

Q: Can short term renters rent slips?

A: No, short term rentals are not permitted.

Q: Dock owner asked, “Can we have rocks placed on cart path leading to set 4 since most of it is mud and carts get stuck?”

A: Anne Marie said this will be corrected.

Q: Can fund-raising be done to help out with dock expenses?

A: This topic has come up within the committee and we will continue to look into it with a possible raffle similar to our Dues Raffle or prize baskets.

Q: A community member present at the meeting asked the dock committee how is it allowed that the owner of the Duck, given its weight, is permitted to use our community ramp, which is not heavy load concrete intended for that

weight?

A: The Dock Committee members have received this question within the last few days by community members and dock owners. Ann Marie said she would look into it further.

Meeting adjourned with Dennis thanking everyone again for attending and showing support. It's regrettable that only 2 families beyond the committee attended.

Faithfully submitted,
Joe DiRado