

By-Law Committee

Minutes for the meeting July 28, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:40 –

Committee Member present – Chairman Robert Kiehm, Jean Cassella, Heather Edelson, Alan Howell.

Absent – Cindy Porriello

Also, in attendance: President Jay Cassella, Frank Nunes and Karin Bullock

Reviewed the by law that did not pass at the annual meeting in May, Section 5 Definitions – Vote.

Alan Stokke had presented a suggested by-law change stating that “Absentee ballots were not permitted at any meeting.” That motion had failed by a vote of 5 to 10.

A discussion was held about resubmitting this by-law change and it was agreed upon that we would propose the definition of vote but just strike the line about the use of absentee ballots since the charter does not authorize the use of absentee ballots and collaborated by the Office of Legislative Research.

Section 48-A Lake Sanitation - **TABLED**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the lowering the lake in October. The discussion centered around the time and duration of the lowering of the lake. What were the benefits to the lake, if at all? The subject then turned to how far down should it be drawn.

Chairman Kiehm requested the President, Jay Cassella, refer this matter to the Lake Committee for review and asked that the Lake Committee submit a written suggestion for this by-law change. This matter was **tabled**.

Section 52 Building Regulations - **TABLED**

The President of the BOG had asked the committee to review this section and suggested that the burden of obtaining applications for building or alteration from the property owner, be shifted from the Board of Governors to the property owner. After clarification for the need for this, committee member Alan Howell, was asked to rewrite this by-law and present it at the next committee meeting. This matter was **tabled**.

Section 42 Beaches

With the addition of picnic tables to the beaches it was suggested at the annual meeting by Vice President, Anthony Grandazzo, that we allow picnicking on the beaches. A majority of people at that meeting indicated their support. The committee agreed to remove the word “picnicking” from this section. Committee member Heather Edelson suggested that we replace the word “bathing” in section 42-A with the word “swimming”. She explained the historical use of the word “bathing” back in the 1930’s to mean swimming today. All agreed.

Section 51 Mobile Home

At the annual meeting in May 2022 a straw poll was taken of the membership and the majority attendance indicated they were in favor of allowing limited camping within Hidden Lake Association. The discussion around the committee centered on the concern for proper sanitation at the camp site to ensure the safety of the lake, the duration of allowing camping at a site and the need to monitor camping by use of an agreement between the property owner and the association prior to the commencement of setting up a camp. The agreement would be a notification to the association by the property owner via the Hidden Lake Association's website.

Each member was asked to write a by-law to allow camping within the association and present them at the next meeting.

General Discussion

Jay Cassella, president, discussed the difference between a charter revision and moving the Hidden Lake Association to "home rule". He explained the need for legal advice and the cost associated with this undertaking. It was agreed that a charter revision commission was premature at this time and the by-laws need more work to bring them up to date before any other action should be taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19pm

Next meeting is scheduled for 8/11 at 6:30pm @ 109 East Shore Dr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Kiehm

Robert Kiehm
Chairman By-Law Committee