

Minutes of the White Lake Covenanter Camp Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met by Google Meeting on April 5, 2021 at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance were:

Chair, Duran Perkins; Vice Chair, Jonathan McDonald; Treasurer, Chris Huggins; Secretary, Bonnie Weir (joined late); Camp Director, Bob Allmond; Board members: Peter Robson (also Camp Manager), James Hulbert, Alice Paar, Tim Weir and Kathy Gladfelter; Presbytery Commissioner, Greg Moberg; David Robson also attended.

Duran opened the meeting with prayer.

The Executive Committee Minutes of March 23 were approved with the correction that Chris Huggins attended the meeting.

One of the priorities from our Aug. 17, 2020 meeting, purchase of a refrigerator for the kitchen has been accomplished.

The water system will be brought on line this summer, since it will be too much of a risk to not use it for two years in a row.

Bob shared the difficulties of holding Kids and Teen Camp.

- COVID-19 symptoms match normal camp illnesses
- No quarantine options
- Not sure how to deal with sickness/symptoms

Holding family camp with the condition that the entire family will have to leave if any member of the family develops symptoms was considered, but not enough families have expressed an interest, and potential staff members have not volunteered.

Kaleigh Gibbons has offered to lead a Virtual Camp again this summer. Like last year, a limited group of staff will be allowed on the hilltop to host the virtual camp.

James Hulbert asked whether or not any weekend camps could be held. The response was that too much prep work would be required to make the camp usable by a group larger than 5-10 staff members.

Peter moved that the camp be closed for the season except for work and to run the virtual camp. James seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

Chris presented the 2021 budget which includes utilities and funds to keep the camp maintained for the summer. This includes \$3000 for Bob to renew the program. The budget passed unopposed.

David Robson presented a draft of a five-year plan. Duran appointed Jonathan (chair), Bob, Chris, Peter and Greg to serve on a committee to evaluate and review the 5-year plan initially drafted by David and to combine it with the previous priorities we had already agreed on. He also asked David to serve as a consultant.

We confirmed that the projects outlined by the Executive Committee on March 23 have already been approved on Aug. 17, 2020 or are included in the budget that we adopted in this meeting.

Duran suggested that the Board of Directors meet in May to review the work of the 5-year-plan committee. By common consensus, we agreed to meet on May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Kaleigh Gibbons has proposed that Virtual Camp be held Aug. 2-6. Bonnie moved that the Board of Directors approve the dates Aug. 2-6 for Virtual Camp with the understanding that the Commissioners oversee the spiritual aspects of the camp. Jonathan seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Some wondered if a budget was needed for Virtual Camp. Chris shared that last year, the costs for Virtual Camp were almost completely covered by the registration fees. He expects that the finances will work out similarly this year and clarified that the young people could spend \$2K-3K to run the camp. Compensation for those who run the Virtual camp was also discussed, but the decision was delayed.

Alice suggested that Virtual camp include scheduled times for people who attended camp during different periods of time (e.g. 1960s or 1970s). Bob agreed to pass the suggestion on to Kaleigh.

A meeting was suggested for Aug. 9 at 7:00 p.m. and will be finalized later.

Duran is willing to write a Spring fundraising letter which will be mostly a thank-you letter.

The full-Board Minutes of Nov. 16, 2020 were approved as distributed.

Chris suggested that we put the 100th anniversary on the agenda for the May 17 meeting. Bob agreed that significant planning is required for the 100th anniversary. Perhaps we should send out an update to the entire RPCNA asking for support for White Lake.

James mentioned that Walton may be willing to fund removal of at least one dead tree near its cabin.

Jonathan closed the meeting in prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Weir, Secretary, White Lake Covenanter Camp Board of Directors

Current list of congregational representatives

Please note that officers are members of the Board by virtue of their election.

Congregational Representatives – Certified by their session for 2021

Broomall – Kathy Gladfelter

Cambridge – Alice Paar

Christ RPC (Providence, RI) – Kelli Trexler

Coldenham-Newburgh – Becky Johnson, alt. Ernie Johnson

Elkins Park – Duran Perkins

Ridgefield Park – David Weir, alt. Glen Chin

Walton – James Hulbert, alt. Janet Boye or Nanette LaTourette

Christian Heritage (Endicott) – Kimberly Chamberlain, alt. Timothy or Aubrey Weir

Lisbon – Jonathan Smith alt. Gwen Smith

Rochester – Peter Robson

Syracuse – Chris Huggins

White Lake – Rich Hendrickson, alt. Kaleigh Gibbons

Congregational Representatives from 2019 or 2020 – need updates for 2021

Russell – Greg Alexander

Oswego - Aaron Standish

Ottawa – Cory van der Meer

Hazleton – Jeremy Nelson

Presbytery Commissioners

Greg Moberg, Bruce Trexler, Bill Chellis, Jonathan Trexler

Email contacts for the following congregations who have not named a representative:

Christ Church (Utica) – Aaron Goerner

Messiah's Church – Brian Coombs

Fulton – Nick Iamaio

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Toronto – Rod Finlayson

No email contact

Hillside (Ontario)

Hudson-St. Lazare

New Creation (Ontario)