

Minutes of the White Lake Covenanter Camp Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met by Zoom on Aug. 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Chair, Duran Perkins; Vice Chair, Jonathan McDonald; Treasurer, Chris Huggins; Secretary, Bonnie Weir; Camp Director, Bob Allmond; Board members: Peter Robson (also Camp Manager), James Hulbert, Alice Paar, Becky Johnson, Gwen Smith and Kathy Gladfelter; Presbytery Commissioner, Greg Moberg; Jack McCready and Katie Brace also attended.

Duran opened the meeting with prayer.

We verified that a quorum was present and approved the May 17 minutes as distributed.

Peter reported on the items that have been completed since the last meeting:

- Laid slabs, purchased pre-fab cabins, laid them on the slabs and outfitted them with AC units and futons
- Repaired the Pinkerton Cabin – installed a new roof, found windows which were on sale, and enlarged the window hole to fit them
- Transported from Syracuse and assembled the used refrigerator we had purchased
- Purchased a discount washer-dryer
- Pritchard House has been cleaned out and the washer/dryer there is fully functional
- Installed a new sump pump for the Pritchard House
- Installed a new water heater for the Infirmary
- Fittings of the on-demand water heaters had cracked, so new units had to be purchased for the Boy's bathroom
- James and Peter have kept the camp mowed
- A crew next week from Rhode Island will be taking care of the rust and repainting the bathrooms
- A sign is ready for the Gretchen Robson cabin

Sharon has stepped down from being Registrar and Financial Depositor. She will continue to make deposits through March of 2022 so that a smooth transition can be made. The Executive Committee will appoint a Registrar before February so that a transition can occur before Camp registrations begin to come in. Bonnie and Chris will both send thank you notes to Sharon for her many years of service.

Bob reported on his work. His goal was to improve the toddler area. He has purchased some new playground equipment and plans to install them in the Spring of 2022. He has installed additional playground equipment for older children as well. He has been looking for some shelter/shade for the back field. He was able to purchase a frame from a golf driving range for \$1500 and plans to install it in two sections. Peter has experience with installing polypropylene on similar frames.

Bob also reported on a plan for a tubing/camping trip on July 2-4 that had to be cancelled due to the weather. Instead, some young people spent time cleaning up the camp and hosting New Song who sang in connection with the White Lake Church-sponsored Psalm Sing.

Chris will look into the need for a sign to absolve us of liability when someone not associated with the camp uses the playground.

Katie Brace reported on Virtual Camp. She felt that things had gone smoothly. Kaleigh Gibbons led the younger kids in VBS and David Coon led the older kids.

Bob listed our five speakers and commended the young people for their hard work in running the camp.

Duran shared challenges and the success in installing internet for the camp for ~\$400. It is an extension of the White Lake Church internet service using a 1000 ft. coaxial cable – up the hill through the woods and on poles to the Mess Hall.

David Robson has met with the architect and plans are in progress for the Centennial Pavilion.

Chris reviewed the spreadsheet that he sent out today. Due to Peter's wise budgeting, the insurance payment covered the repairs and also the purchase of the storage containers. We are ahead of schedule in accomplishing our goals for 2023. We will discuss the 2022 budget in February.

We considered a request from the Finley family for rental of the camp in late September. Peter would like to close the camp before school starts. Bob has told the health department that we will not be using the camp this summer. Chris suggested that we encourage as many people as possible to rent in 2022. The storage containers should make it much easier for us to get the camp ready for groups.

Duran plans to write a fund-raising letter. He will highlight the accomplishments and the plans for the future. He would like to share the testimonies of people whose lives have been changed by their time at the camp.

We considered the ways in which we have been communicating:

- Website
 - Domain owned by and donated by Joe Rizzo
 - Webmaster – Castine Allmond
- Facebook
 - Maintained by Bob Allmond – in addition to camp news, he uses it to promote local community events, RPCNA events, and missions news
- Instagram
 - Maintained by young people

We agreed that we want to observe and oversee our electronic communication.

Peter moved that the White Lake Board of Directors take full responsibility for the website domain, with deep thanks to Joe Rizzo. The motion was seconded, and passed unopposed.

Dates for 2022 were proposed:

May 21, 2022 Camp opens with a work weekend

July 15-22, 2022 Prep Week

July 23-29, 2022 Kids and Teen Camp

July 29-Aug. 5, 2022 Family Camp

Bonnie moved that we adopt the above calendar. The motion was seconded and passed unopposed.

For families renting the camp, we have charged \$150 as a non-refundable deposit to cover opening cost and \$15/person per day to cover insurance, gas and electricity. If a family or group decides to rent the camp, we need to delay any maintenance or projects during that time.

Duran listed the current officers. They were re-elected unopposed.

By common consent, we decided that our next meetings would be on Nov. 1, 2021 and Feb. 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

We agreed to adjourn by common consent.

Jonathan closed the meeting in prayer at 8:26 p.m.

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 are willing to receive updates for their congregations, but have not named a representative to the Board:

Christ Church (Utica) – Aaron Goerner

Messiah's Church – Brian Coombs

Fulton – Nick Iamaio

Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Toronto – Rod Finlayson