

Minutes of the White Lake Covenanter Camp Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met by Zoom on May 17, 2021 at 7:05 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, Tim Weir, Becky Johnson and Kathy Gladfelter; David Robson also attended.

Duran opened the meeting with prayer.

We verified that a quorum was present and approved the April 5 minutes as distributed. We noted that others attempted to attend the 4/5/2021 meeting but had technical difficulties.

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

- Built a frame and installed an air conditioner for the kitchen
- With a lot of work tracing circuits, found that the current electrical capacity could accommodate the air conditioners
- Removed trees which had fallen on the Pinkerton cabin and the surrounding area
- Assessed damage on the Pinkerton cabin
- Purchased pre-made cabins for the cooks from a Christian company-owner who has donated ~\$1,000 worth of delivery fees to the camp
- Set up permanent foundations for the storage containers
- Purchased the storage containers
- Positioned both containers
- Filled one of the containers with the items that were stored in Pritchard House
- Burned a lot of debris
- Graded stumps
- Mowed and spin-trimmed the whole camp
- Filled in grooves created by dirt-bike riders in the back field.

One of the on-demand water heaters has a broken plastic elbow. Peter did not see any other damage to the water system after being off for 2 years. We

Bob reported on the virtual camp. Kaleigh is working on plans. She has reached out to several families about ways to improve the camp. Some of the children who attended last year missed the experience of staying in a cabin, so they talked about having some sessions broadcast from a cabin. Chris is concerned that people who work to make virtual camp possible be compensated. Alice suggested having some “mixers” to get to know each other, and having the campfire speakers advertised ahead of time. Duran suggested a virtual tour of White Lake. Jonathan suggested having a cooking class – including spices in the box that is sent to registrants. Alice suggested a job fair – where people share their career experiences for young people who are looking for direction for their future career. Duran suggested

pairing older and younger people in breakout rooms to make connections. Bob suggested a scavenger hunt – matching experiences with people.

The Building and Planning Committee (Jonathan, Chris, Bob, David, and Peter) had a very productive meeting. They are making progress on a five-year plan. Jonathan suggested that this be a permanent committee. Duran reappointed the committee and suggested that we reevaluate at the next meeting whether or not we need to have the committee be permanent. Duran suggested that Jonathan lead the committee to create a description of the pavilion/building with the important components of the building. David will pass on the list to the architect.

The five-year plan draft will be distributed, and emailed to the full Board for email approval. Duran will include approved items in the fundraising letter. He projects that the letter will be ready to mail out in June.

Chris talked about the 100th anniversary. It is very important that the camp be functional next summer. He suggested a full-page ad in the Witness encouraging people to attend and donate to the camp. Kathy suggested a historic slideshow on youtube and Facebook. Bonnie passed on Kelli Trexler's suggestion that people write articles in the Witness about their experiences at camp. Alice suggested putting together videoclips about how White Lake blessed them. Chris plans to add information about where White Lake is going in the future. Bob noted that we have a young-people's committee and they have ideas they have been working on. Becky will send photos from Beth Tabon to Bob Allmond.

Chris updated us on the budget. We have a healthy balance in the checking and savings accounts after paying for the storage containers and cooks' cabins. Chris will send out a list of gifts and amounts designated for particular projects.

We confirmed that the next Board meeting would be on Aug. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Bob asked how much needs to be donated in order to choose a cabin's name. Duran stated that these decisions have been made on a case-by-case basis at White Lake. The policy for cabins has been that the name can be chosen by a donor who donates the full cost of the cabin.

Bob suggests that we develop a policy for donations and naming. Bonnie will send Duran Geneva's donation and naming policy.

The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.

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 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)