

Minutes of the White Lake Covenanter Camp Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met by Zoom on Feb. 28, 2022 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, Gwen Smith, Rich Hendrickson, Kathy Gladfelter, Jeremy Nelson, David Robson and Kimberly Chamberlain; Presbytery Commissioners Greg Moberg, Bruce Trexler and Jonathan Trexler; Registrar, Gail Macaulay and her husband, Bob, Alternates Tim Weir and Janet Boye also attended.

We verified that a quorum was present and approved the Nov. 1, 2021 minutes as distributed.

David Robson presented plans for the 100th anniversary structure. Board members provided feedback about the design. The building committee is working to engage a surveyor. The architect is still working on quotes and has stated that she can do her work without the elevation survey completed. As the building committee receives more information about the cost of different options, they will be able to make choices based on the budget. Peter has a concern about the code requirements for the building. The architect has advised us to submit the design that is best for the camp and apply for variances. We may need the survey before we can apply for variances. Peter raised a question about timing. Duran does not think we will be able to build the structure before the camping season this summer. Others agreed.

We discussed Covid protocols for this summer. We are required to follow rules set by the Dept. of Health. Bob and Duran have talked about pushing back on those requirements if they are made. Jeremy Nelson encouraged the Board to push back where possible. Kimberly expressed a willingness to report vaccination status to the Dept. of Health but hoped that vaccination would not be required. Chris mentioned that there is a financial aspect as well, since the year that the Dept. of Health required the measles vaccine, the attendance was lower and we suffered a financial loss.

Bob asked that the Board approve the following statement to be included in the registration materials for camp. "The Camp will follow Covid protocols required by the New York State Health Dept."

Chris Huggins summarized the donations that have come in since the fund-raising letter. Chris encouraged us to look for people to who would like to name a cabin by donating \$11K. Chris presented the treasurer's report and the proposed budget for 2022. The food items were increased by 10% to account for inflation and the item for the Young People's President was increased by \$1K. The updated budget was adopted unopposed.

Duran stated that he will need additional discussions with the Commissioners about the updated wording for the Constitution, so we will consider that at the next meeting.

Peter shared about the challenges of opening camp. We agreed by consensus to open camp on May 21.

Atlantic Presbytery has asked to hold a pastor's retreat on July 5-7. Bob is willing to facilitate it.

The date for the next meeting was set to be April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. by common consent.

Chris agreed to work on tax exempt paperwork for places like Home Depot, etc.

Alice asked that we set up a monthly zoom prayer meeting for White Lake between now and August.

Bonnie agreed to set it up.

Bob encouraged us all to comment on items that he posts on the White Lake Facebook page in order to help younger campers connect with the history of the camp.

Duran asked for volunteers to accept photos from White Lake – Bob agreed to accept them.

Esther has offered to work on publicity and the Board accepted her gracious offer.

We approved a motion to adjourn.

Jonathan McDonald closed the meeting in prayer at 9:10 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 2022

Coldenham-Newburgh – Becky Johnson

White Lake – Rich Hendrickson

Christ RPC (Providence, RI) – Kelli Trexler, alt. David Robson

Cambridge – Alice Paar

Ridgefield Park – David Weir, alt. Glen Chin

Elkins Park – Duran Perkins

Rochester – Peter Robson

Syracuse – Chris Huggins

Lisbon – Jonathan Smith alt. Gwen Smith

Hazleton – Jeremy Nelson

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

Congregational Representatives – Certified by their session for 2021

Broomall – Kathy Gladfelter

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

Congregational Representatives from 2019 or 2020 – need updates for 2022

Russell – Greg Alexander

Oswego - Aaron Standish

Ottawa – Cory van der Meer

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