

**MINUTES OF THE LONG COVE POINT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

February 22, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by John Mulcahy, Chairperson and President. Present, in addition to John, were Board Members Mark Jones (Treasurer), Amy Rolfe, Bonnie Potter, Marcia Kagan, Claire MocarSKI, Carol Kirby and Melissa Norton.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the August 15, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

3. MEMBERSHIP

John Mulcahy reported that there are 7 new members. 8 members are in arrears. They have been contacted and will make up their arrears in 2023.

4. SOCIAL CALENDAR

There was a long discussion about the Social Calendar for 2023.

Leadership of the Social Committee is in flux. The Grams are stepping down as Social Co-Chairs. John Mulcahy reported that Amy Rolfe and Bonnie Potter were willing to serve as interim chairs until a long-term solution is found. There was discussion about how to delegate leadership for each event. Amy Rolfe is willing to coordinate this effort, explaining that she already is involved in event preparation and clean up for each event due to her role as chair of the House Committee. She expressed that the Board needs new blood for event planning and support.

Marcia suggested that each board member co-chair one event. That suggestion was not adopted. There was interest voiced in having a board member serve as a co-chair of each event with a member who has not been involved before serving as the other co-chair.

Melissa Norton has volunteered to help improve communications with members on upcoming events, including reminders. The reminders will not be daily so as to avoid overwhelming people with emails.

The is the proposed Calendar of events for the 2023 season:

June 10: Clean up day

June 17: Board of Directors Meeting
July 1: Cocktail Party hosted by the Dowlings
July 8: Pot Luck Dinner Italian Night
July 15: Possible Cove History night, ice cream?
July 22: Pizza Night
July 30: Pancake Breakfast (Sunday)
August 5: Cocktail party hosted by the Perrys
August 12: Lobster Dinner
August 19: Possible Bivalves and Bubbly: John Mulcahy to confirm
August 26: End of year cocktail party. Clean out your fridge pot luck?

Proposed ideas for social events:

John Mulcahy discussed various ideas, some of which have been tentatively added to the Calendar above. Bivalves and Bubbly (oysters and prosecco) has been proposed by a new club member. The event proposal was received enthusiastically by the Board. There was discussion about costs and door charge for this event. There was general sentiment that the club member proposing the event should not have to foot the bill for the oysters, despite his offer to do so. There was also discussion about the Club providing champagne. John Mulcahy will follow up.

There was also general enthusiasm for a pancake breakfast, also added tentatively to the social calendar. A suggestion was made to schedule the pancake breakfast on a Sunday morning, which might draw more people, especially children. Ideas were discussed about making the event more child-friendly.

A wine tasting proposal was discussed. John Mulcahy stated that he has talked to Walpole Barn and that a wine tasting typically is limited to 10-15 people, which is too small to be viable.

There was general interest in promoting an event of educational interest. Amy Rolfe stated that Dewey Elskus has a cache of old videos from the 70's that he may be editing for a possible Club event. The board expressed great enthusiasm for this idea.

There was a proposal for Sip and Paint, which was discussed but the board rejected the idea as too much set up and expense.

There was a proposal for a Music Night, but the board showed minimal interest.

John Mulcahy reported that Matt Reno suggested holding events 1/2 hour earlier to try to draw more families with small children. This suggestion was not adopted. The Board agreed that the time for events should not change.

There was a discussion about the Pot Luck dinners not being well attended. Amy Rolfe stated that she hoped that the Board would continue Pot Luck dinners and that better promotion could improve attendance. The Board decided that themes for Pot Luck dinners were popular. The board decided that the 7/8/23 Pot Luck dinner would be Italian Night and the 8/22/23 Pot Luck Dinner would be Clean Out Your Fridge Night.

John Mulcahy discussed the Lobster Dinner. There was general agreement that the Board would set the price when there was a better idea of the market price for lobster. We will continue providing indoor and outdoor seating for all events.

5. TENNIS

John Mulcahy reported that Georgia will continue as Club tennis pro.

6. YOGA

John Mulcahy reported that last year's instructor will be returning. Marcia Kagan stated that the maximum capacity for yoga classes could now go up to 15 or 16 people. There was a discussion about attendance being off and the need to find ways that might increase participation. One proposal to boost interest was to provide a more challenging yoga session one day per week. There was no objection expressed for that proposal.

6. CAPITAL PROJECTS

John Mulcahy reported that the window replacement project is completed, including screens.

John M. reported that the market for old wavy glass windows was not as good as expected. He has a member who has agreed to purchase some of that glass.

John M. reported that the potential project of refinishing the floors does not fit into this year's budget and will be reconsidered in the future. He stated that the window project left a lot of dust and he proposed a deep cleaning for the floor. Amy R. to obtain an estimate for cleaning.

Another upcoming project is fixing some supports under the porch and main building. Amy R. will obtain estimate(s).

Maine Track and Tennis is scheduled to fix the cracks in the tennis court after the upcoming season is over. The company indicated that no other repair is needed at this time.

There was a discussion about Pickle Ball. There is serious concern about the noise, especially for neighbors and homes across the cove. There was a report about Christmas Cove's trial run of offering Pickle Ball. The biggest complaint was from those whose homes bordered the courts and the excessive noise. The Board expressed sensitivity to disturbing neighbors and will not go forward with expanding its commitment to Pickle Ball.

There was a discussion about offering corn hole, horse shoes and other games besides tennis. Amy R. to pursue corn hole equipment.

There was a discussion about adding a picnic table to the grounds. Concern was expressed about trash and attracting non-members. The Board is open to the idea of adding a picnic table and will look into cost.

There was a discussion about improving the parking area. John M. suggested hiring someone to add small stones, as the town did across the road in the beach parking area. Amy Rolfe will get an estimate.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Melissa Norton, Secretary