

Communication, Education, Youth Committee Meeting Minutes (9/1/2005)

The Communication Committee was called to order on September 9, 2005 at 6:40 p.m. in the Twin Lakes Village Hall. Members in attendance included Corinne Krebs, Joe Bergeron, Katy Marescalco, Vicki Skinner, and Dean Griffin; absent from the meeting were Petras Barcus and Lynne Hellman. Member of the public attending the meeting was Robert Gaftman.

A poem taken from

<http://www.catskillcenter.org/programs/csp/H20/Lesson1/poetry2.htm> was read as food for thought.

Stand very still, look,
Under cold waters fish cruise
Slowly, silently.

Gurgle, burble, splash.
Peace of mind is what I find
listening to streams.

Minutes from the November 11, 2004 meeting were read aloud, followed by a discussion of the various topics presented. Vicki Skinner made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as read. Katy Marescalco seconded the motion, and the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes for November.

The December 18, 2004 meeting minutes were read and discussed. Joe Bergeron made a motion to approve the December minutes as read. Vicki seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously voted to approve the December meeting minutes.

Minutes from the March 19, 2005 meeting were read aloud and discussed. Katy made a motion to approve the minutes as stated. Joe seconded the motion, and the committee unanimously approved March meeting minutes.

Old Business

The committee briefly talked about the status of the Lake District website. Corinne Krebs is to contact Stephanie Darling for an update on the web postings and report any gaps that need to be filled to the committee. Corinne will also inform the Steering Council of the process that each committee leader will need follow concerning agendas and meeting minutes. Agendas should be sent to Stephanie Darling via email as soon as they are completed in order that they may be posted prior to the meetings. All meeting minutes should go to Lynne Hellman via email for grammar and spelling checks prior to approval at the individual committee meetings. Once the minutes are approved, each committee chair or acting secretary is responsible for getting them to Stephanie Darling and the Village of Twin Lakes.

New Business

The topic of educational articles brought out many great ideas along with the need for press releases on Lake District activities. A prioritized list of articles will be put together at a future meeting; the committee felt that a series of articles explaining the new Shoreline Ordinance would be most beneficial for the community at this time. Corinne made a motion that Katy be appointed to write a four article series on Twin Lakes' new Shoreline Ordinance. Vicki seconded the motion, and the committee approved this appointment unanimously. Press releases will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

The committee addressed starting a Youth Education Program. Trustee Griffin volunteered to inquire at Lakewood School to see if teachers might be interested in partnering with the committee to establish the program. Corinne suggested Karen Reddin as a resource person. Karen is a Randall School teacher who runs the youth lake education program at Powers Lake. Corrine volunteered to invite Karen to a meeting so that she could inform the committee about how to get a program started, what tools are needed, who to contact, etc.

The committee discussed many potential projects to undertake in the upcoming year. Priority topics included planning the next annual meeting, information distribution, and planning a special lake event for Twin Lakes. More details will come in future meetings. The committee also discussed compiling a comprehensive list of all Lake District Committee Members, so each member would have a complete listing of all the other members' information. Corinne felt this would facilitate communication internally and allow committee members to direct the public to the appropriate parties to answer questions and concerns. Trustee information will remain confidential. Vicki volunteered to work from the list Pam Becker has already compiled, and complete it as all the committees turn in the requested information. The feedback sheets handed out and returned at the 2005 Annual Meeting will be taken to the Steering Council and delegated to the appropriate committee for response. Corinne expressed concern about responses being made within a reasonable time frame, but the committee felt other committees would be better equipped to respond. Joe volunteered to investigate how the Lake District could establish a relief fund or organize a relief drive for victims of Hurricane Katrina. He will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Twin Lakes Village Hall. The committee agreed to keep meeting dates and times consistent so members of the public and the committee could easily schedule around meetings. All Communication, Education, and Youth Committee Meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Twin Lakes Village Hall.

Corinne made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Joe seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.