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A Weekend Filled with Helping Hands!

See the full Earth Day Clean-up photo spread on pages 20 & 21.







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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

BY SHAUN NORDLIE General Manager

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, many questions and issues need to be addressed daily. This can be difficult when staff and members of the Board, Committees and Commissions of the board and the staff and members of new recharged as a staff and members of the staff and the staff an

are all at their respective homes. The use of newer technology such as Zoom has been wonderful for the Association and has worked tremendously well.

In fact, we have used Zoom for over a year for Board, Committee, and Commission meetings. In the past, we have usually only had a snowbird request the link so they could listen and watch the meeting from a remote location. The Board of Directors held three meetings in April, all of which were Zoom meetings that invited owners to listen in. At the April 25th meeting, we had up to 65 owners listening at one point. This is about ten times more participants than a typical, in person Board meeting. Even with the inclusion of many more guests, the meetings were still able to be ran with a fair amount of ease. Apart from a couple of comments during the meetings, everyone seemed to understand how to operate Zoom. The utilization of video communications, such as Zoom, has offered us the opportunity to give access to our meetings like never before. I think this is something that we will continue to offer our owners in regard to the meetings that we hold in the future.

The Association has used the weekly Apple Seed eblasts, Facebook and the website as our main tools for communicating to owners. Not every owner uses these means though for communication. If you have not signed up for the weekly eblasts yet, please contact the Communications Manager, Tim, at tim. brokl@applecanyonlake.org to sign up. These emails are typically sent once a week and are full of valuable information for owners including important alerts, hours of operation, fiber updates, etc. The pandemic has taught us that communication with all owners is essential, however, we do not have every owners' updated contact information. If you sent in your annual assessment without filling in or updating your contact information (cell phone and email), please contact the Association Office by calling (815) 492-2238 or emailing customerservice@applecanyonlake.org. Phone and email are crucial in how we communicate with our owners, especially when broken down into specific groups, i.e. campers, boat slip owners, season golf pass holders, etc. It is in your best interest to ensure the Association has the proper means to contact you when needed.

As we enter our third month of the stay-at-home order and state guidelines for social distancing, it is more important than ever to stay up to date with changes made to the Association. Changes of hours, amenities and facilities have and will continue to happen. Again, we cannot reiterate how important it is for the Association to be able to relay its information to you. Please contact the Association Office to update your information today.

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.



FROM THE PRESIDEN

Board of Directors' President

These are unprecedented times because of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you asked me six weeks ago, as I was planning E-Learning in a Wisconsin School District with the teachers, if I thought the students would still be in an

E-Learning environment until the end of the year, I would have guessed most likely not. However, here we are, as I write May's President letter, with students not returning to the classroom for the 2019-2020 school year. I never expected this would happen.

Nor did the ACL Board of Directors believe that we would serve as E-Directors in meetings held on Zoom for three weeks in a row. We held our first Board of Directors meeting via Zoom on April 18th and two special meetings on April 25th and May 2nd.

On April 9th, 2020, the Governor of Illinois, JB Pritzker, issued Executive Orders 20-10 requiring all non-essential businesses and operations to cease all activities except for minimum basic operations. Included in these orders were lists of essential/non-essential businesses and operations, encouraging businesses to have employees work from home, stay-at-home (shelter-in-place) orders, and in the supporting document from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, specific guidelines on amenities that affected the livelihood of members of Apple Canyon Lake. Those amenities included: traveling to vacation homes, boating, camping, golfing, restaurants (The Cove) or the Pro Shop and overall social distancing. Hence, our operations at Apple Canyon Lake were significantly disrupted through April 30th.

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Now, the Board of Directors waits for the newly revised Executive Order to be announced and available by the end of the week for the Board of Directors to discuss at the May 2nd meeting. The new Executive Order will be in effect May 1st through May 30th.

I want to say thank you to the members who have participated in the Board of Directors' meetings via Zoom. In a day and age where we work to provide as much transparency in our discussions and decision making to the membership, it is refreshing for over fifty members to be joining and participating in our meetings. Along with participation in the Board meetings, please continue to stay up to date with the weekly Apple Seed e-blast. I speak on behalf of the Board of Directors appreciating your giving of time, asking questions, and seeking clarification as we forge ahead in a new way of operations at Apple Canyon Lake.

What I hope the participating members heard throughout all the Zoom Board of Directors' meetings is how our decision-making is based on our ACLPOA mission statement to promote health, safety and welfare for the common benefit and enjoyment of its membership. The health, safety and welfare for the common benefit and enjoyment of its membership of Apple Canyon Lake is what the Board is striving to accomplish during these unprecedented times. We know that nine board members cannot accomplish this endeavor alone. As we make decisions about the operations of Apple Canyon Lake during the COVID-19 pandemic, we all need to protect ourselves, each other, and the employees. We need to adhere to the "temporary rules" that are driven by the Governor's Executive Order for the well-being and welfare of everyone.

As we move forward in the month of May, please continue to not gather in large groups, only partake in essential travel, social distance with a six foot separation, wash hands regularly, wear a mask when in public places, and IF you are feeling ill, please quarantine in your home away from others. Please be safe, take care of yourself and each other.

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2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE & BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Dear Apple Canyon Lake Property Owner:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the ACL Clubhouse, 14A157 Canyon Club Drive, Apple River, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, 61001, for the purpose of conducting the election of Board members, presenting annual reports, and conducting any other business properly brought before the convened meeting.

Voting materials are enclosed for you to cast your ballot(s). Where one individual is the owner of a number of lots, one ballot may be cast for each lot. Carefully follow the instructions which appear on the ballot. For your ballot(s) to be valid, under the ACLPOA Amended Declaration, Article IV, Membership and Voting Rights in the Association, Section 2, requires that ALL assessments (Membership Dues, Special Assessments, Interest, Delinquent Dues Fees, Fines) BE PAID. For your information, excerpts from the ACLPOA Amended Declaration and Amended & Restated Bylaws, relating to election and voting procedures are included herein.

All assessments must be paid, and all ballots must be received, by 1:00 p.m. June 13, 2020 prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. No ballots cast in person can be accepted after 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 13.

PLEASE NOTE: Mailed ballots must arrive at the Association office by Friday, June 12, 2020. Ballots will not be opened until June 13, 2020.

IMPORTANT: VOTE ONLY WITH THE BALLOT(S) PROVIDED. ENCLOSE YOUR BALLOT(S) IN THE "BALLOT" ENVELOPE AND RETURN IN THE BLUE RETURN ENVELOPE PROVIDED. PLEASE DO NOT ENCLOSE ANY ASSOCIATION PAYMENTS WITH YOUR RETURNED BALLOT(S).

Sincerely,

Malbara Hendren

Barb Hendren, Corporate Secretary, Board of Directors Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association

CASTING YOUR BALLOT(S) FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ballot and election materials will be mailed to every Voting Member in early May. When casting your ballot(s) please follow the procedures below to ensure you don't make these common mistakes.

- Do not vote for more than three (3) candidates.
- Ballot(s) must be placed in the white "Ballot" envelope and the number of ballots enclosed in the white "Ballot" envelope must be circled. Do not mark the white "Ballot" envelope in any other way.
- The sealed white "Ballot" envelope with the number of ballots circled then goes inside the blue return envelope.
- The Voting Member must sign the back of the blue return envelope. ONLY the Voting Member may sign. The Voting Member is the person to whom the mailing was addressed, and the person listed on the return label of the blue return envelope. If the blue return envelope is not signed, or is signed by someone other than the Voting Member, it is invalid.
- Mailed ballot(s) must be received no later than Friday, June 12. Ballot(s) may be returned in person the day of the Annual Meeting, prior to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13.

AMENITY HOURS

See Amenity Hours at: www.AppleCanyonLake.org/hours

MAY HOURS:

Due to the COVID-19 Executive Order and stay at home requirements, hours of amenities and offices are changing frequently. Please consult the Apple Canyon Lake website or weekly eblasts for the most recent hours.

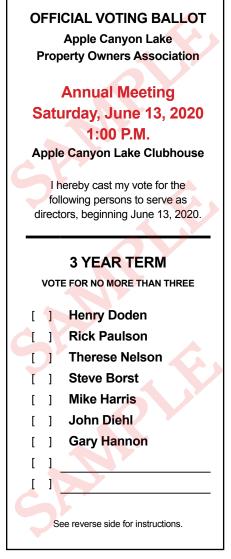
VOTING MEMBER INFO

The ballot and election materials will be mailed to every Voting Member. Only the Voting Member received this information.

If a Voting Member was not designated, the first individual listed on the deed is automatically deemed the Voting Member. If the lot is owned by a trust or other legal entity, there is no automatic designation and a ballot will not be mailed.

If you have not yet designated a Voting Member, you may do so by submitting a form to the Association Office. If you have designated a Voting Member but would like to change it, you must submit the request in writing; the request must be signed by all owners of the lot and include the Voting Member's name, address, and telephone number.

The change is effective when received by the Association. If the lot is owned by a legal entity, the written request must include the name, address, and telephone number of the Voting Member and their spouse, in accordance with the Bylaws. Changes to a legal entity's Voting Member must be approved by Board of Directors.



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with our activities.

If we cannot find enough volunteers for the following events, they may be canceled. Please call the Recreation Department at 815-492-2769 today to volunteer for any of these events!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Morning Workout	Mon. & Wed., 9:00 am
Nimble Thimbles Sewing Club	2nd Wed. monthly, 9:00 am
Ladies Games Mon. & Fr	i. (Fridays tentative), 1:00 pm
Book Club	1st Wed. monthly, 1:00 pm
Potluck	3rd Tues. monthly, 5:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MAY 17Buddy Bass Tournament6:30am
MAY 23 BBQ Cookoff
MAY 24 Pancake Breakfast
JUN. 6
JUN. 13 Annual Meeting
JUN. 27 Golf Cart Parade 10:30am Check in
JUN. 27 Rumble & Roll Ball Race
JUN. 27 FireworksDusk
JUN. 28 Kids Fishing TournamentTBA
JUN. 28 Buddy Bass Tournament6am
JUL. 1-3 Canyon Kids Camp
JUL. 11
JUL. 11 Open Air Concert
JUL. 16 World's Largest Swim Lesson
JUL. 19Buddy Bass Tournament6am

NOT GETTING THE APPLE SEED E-BLASTS? If you are not receiving the Apple Seed e-blasts, call the office at 815-492-2238 or email us to make sure we have your correct email address on file.



JUL. 25	TT5K Run for a Cause	7:30am
JUL. 25	TT5K Pancake Breakfast	8am
JUL. 25	Beer Tasting	12-3pm
JUL. 25	Sizzling Summer Concert	7pm
AUG. 1	Youth Archery Day	9am-12pm
AUG. 1	Venetian Night	8:30 pm
AUG. 8	Deer Archery Qualifications	9am
AUG. 8	Deer Archery Orientation	1pm
AUG. 22	Deer Archery Qualifications	9am
AUG. 22	Deer Archery Orientation	1pm
AUG. 23	Buddy Bass Tournament	6:30am
SEP. 6	Ice Cream Social & Craft Fair	10am-4pm
SEP. 12	Foundation Poker Run	2-5pm
SEP. 19	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	6pm
SEP. 20	Buddy Bass Tournament	7am
SEP. 26	Farm to Table Dinner	6pm
SEP. 26	Buddy Classic	7:30am
SEP. 27	Buddy Classic	7:30am
	Halloween at Campground	
OCT. 24	Haunted Trail	6:30-9:30pm
DEC. 5	Cocoa & Cookies w/Santa	5-6:30pm
DEC. 5	Tree Lighting Ceremony	6:30 pm
DEC. 8	Jingle Bell Brunch	10am
DEC. 9	Jingle Bell Brunch Snow Date	TBA

APPLE CANYON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' FOUNDATION

The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is a not-for-profit organization with the mission to provide for the preservation, conservation and beautification of the properties owned by the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association.

The Foundation will raise and expend funds to be used for environmental improvements, lake restoration, educational programs, and conservation projects that are intended to preserve and enhance the natural beauty, safety, and function of the properties for current and future generations.

Its Board of Trustees initiates and supports the mission of the Foundation. The generous gifts of donors will be invested and distributed in compliance with the Foundation's governing bylaws.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

Whether you are a member of Apple Canyon Lake or just visit to enjoy the natural beauty, a donation to the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is a rewarding way to make an impact on Apple Canyon Lake.

Help us preserve Apple Canyon Lake's natural resources. With your support, and others like you, generations to come will be able to enjoy the natural environment.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

No gift is too small and all gifts will make a positive impact on the Foundation. Cash, stocks, bonds, and real estate are ways to contribute. Any gift will provide benefits to the Association's future.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts can be made through a will or trust as part of your estate planning. By naming the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation as beneficiary, you express your values to family and friends, and extend your legacy to future generations.

TRIBUTE GIFT

A Tribute Gift is a special way to celebrate a birthday, accomplishment, or provide a unique thank-you to honor a family member, friend, or associate.

MEMORIAL GIFT

A memorial gift to the Foundation offers a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

All contributions, immediate or planned, make a difference now and in the future.

The ACL Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization;

ACL PROPERTY OWNERS' FOUNDATION



contributions are tax deductible. Contributions to the Foundation can be made in many ways depending on your financial situation and after appropriate discussion with your tax consultant, accountant, or attorney.

To provide for the preservation, conservation, and beautification of the properties owned by the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association.

Your generous gift will go towards:

- Environmental improvements
- Lake restoration
- Educational programs
- Conservation projects intended to preserve and enhance the natural beauty, safety, and function of the properties for current and future generations.

If you have questions regarding the Foundation, please contact the General Manager by phone at 815-492-2292, or email: shaun.nordlie@ applecanyonlake.org.

APPLE CANYON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' FOUNDATION DONATION FORM

All contributions made to the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation are tax-deductible. Donor Name(s) ____ As you want it to appear in the list of donors. Address _____ City_____ State____ Zip_____ Phone _____ Email_____

Amount er	nclosed:	\$10	\$25	\$50
\$100	\$150	\$50	0 0)ther \$

This gift is made in ____ Honor of: ____Memory of:

If your donation is given to honor or memorialize someone, please provide further information. Name of Individual(s): ____

Name and address for notification card (if desired):

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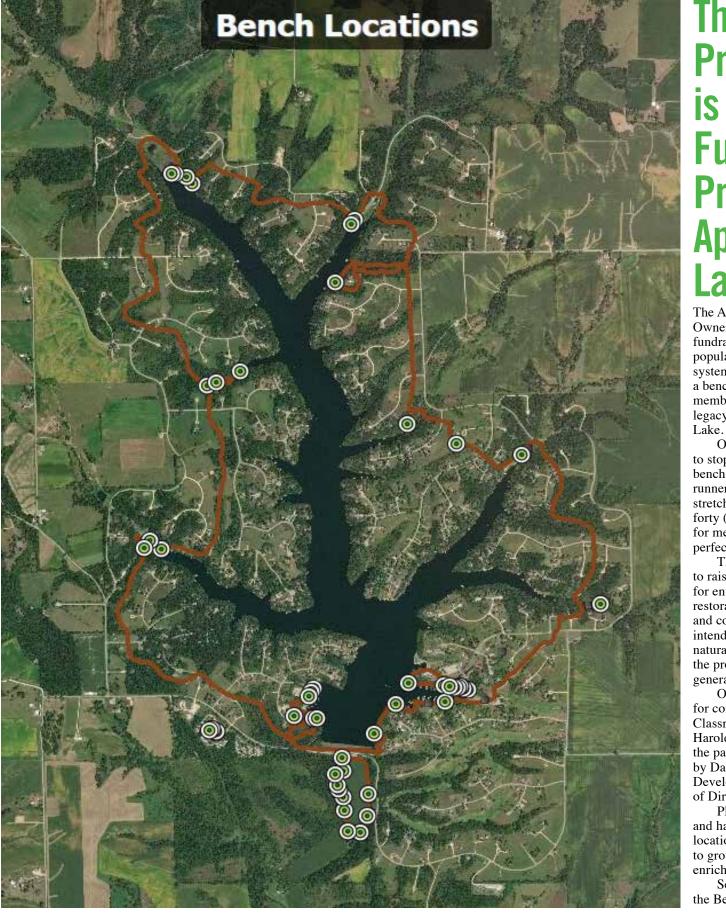
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- Winner is responsible for sales tax, registration, licensing, & setup fees

Drawing will be held on September 12, 2020







The Bench Program is the New Fundraising Program at Apple Canyon Lake

The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation has a new fundraising project to share. With the popularity of our phenomenal trail system around the lake, we are offering a bench program to celebrate our members, families, loved ones, and legacy of fun days at Apple Canyon

Our members enjoy the opportunity to stop along the trail and sit on a bench. Many of our walkers and runners use the existing benches for stretching to ease the activity. Over forty (40) locations have been identified for members to select from as the perfect location of a bench.

The purpose of the Foundation is to raise and expend funds to be used for environmental improvements, lake restoration, educational programs, and conservation projects that are intended to preserve and enhance the natural beauty, safety, and function of the properties for current and future generations.

Our present project is raising funds for construction of a 24'x36' Outdoor Classroom and Picnic Shelter at the Harold Bathum Nature Trail near the parking area, pending approval by Daviess County Planning and Development Board and the ACL Board of Directors.

Please consider purchasing a bench and having it placed in a very special location. Your support will help us to grow as a Foundation and provide enrichment in the natural settings.

See below for more information on the Bench Program.

The ACLPO Foundation Bench Program provides an opportunity to honor, celebrate, pay tribute or memorialize.

Funds raised through the Apple Canyon Lake Bench Program go directly to the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Foundation to enhance and beautify Apple Canyon Lake properties for owners and their guests to enjoy. It's a meaningful way to make a lasting impression on the community by supporting the Foundation.

ADOPT A BENCH, \$1,500

- A new bench with a traditional plaque will be purchased and installed in your choice of available locations throughout the Apple Canyon Lake properties. This total includes the bench, installation, commemorative plaque, and 10 years of
- The Association will order and install the bench at the location of your choice.
- Once the bench is installed, the contact person will receive a letter notifying them that the bench has been placed, and a map showing the location of the bench. If the donor wishes, a card of acknowledgement will be sent to the recipient's family advising that their loved one has been honored or commemorated in this special way.
- A donation period will last 10 years. Within this time, ACLPOF will replace the bench, in the event of damage, at no cost to the donor.
- After 10 years, the bench will be available for renewal for the cost of a new donation, with the first right of refusal given to the original donor. If the original donor opts not to renew, the donated bench and plaque may be removed or rededicated at any time.
- maintenance.
- Benches are installed at approved sites in the order requests are received.
- · Installation depends on the time of year received and the number of preceding orders
- Choose the specific location for your bench donation from the map of locations, however the bench's exact location will be determined by ACLPOA staff based on the needs of the Association.
- GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARTIN BOUMA BY HIS FAMILY
- Guidelines for donation, memorial, and sponsorship contributions are available from the ACL Office upon request.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Due to the Executive Order of Governor Pritzker, this year's Meet the Candidates event had to be run differently than in the past. The Nominating Committee (minus Chair Therese Nelson, who is running for the Board of Directors) formulated questions for the candidates and solicited questions from owners through the Apple Seed eblast. Questions from the membership submitted directly to the Office Manager were also forwarded to the Nominating Committee for their consideration The Committee formulated eight questions for the candidates. These questions were sent to all candidates on Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 am, the approximate time the event would have started. Candidates had until 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 20 to submit their responses. Their answers were limited to 300 words per question and any answers over 300 words were cut off. Normally at Meet the Candidates, we rotate with candidate answers each question first. We have tried to follow the same format by rotating their responses, starting the first question with the candidates in alphabetical order.

1. What do you think the Association should do to better prepare for the next flood event?

BORST - I firmly believe protecting The Lake is paramount! The major issue with floods is the erosion it causes. Anything that can minimize lake damage, especially when flooding occurs, I am all for. When Apple Canyon Lake has a "flood event" the biggest issue is the small spillway we currently have. It creates a beautiful waterfall, but it needs to be expanded. I know a lot of research has gone into improving the spillway, including some unique spillway engineering designs, and I would support implementing a change. I also know to improve and fix the problem it will take a fair amount of funding. If alternative funding couldn't be found, this is the type of spending, I, as a property owner, would be fine with an increase in my annual assessment. Again, preserving The Lake is paramount and we need to address the destruction caused by flooding.

DIEHL - We have had several flooding experiences in recent years. These can no longer be considered "once in one hundred years" events. Preparation is very important with a plan for flood mitigation. We must be prepared with projects and plans before another event occurs.

There are several components. First, we must have a backup system in place that can operate as an addition to the current spillway. We have done several preliminary studies, in particular, how we might create a weir to help with the water level. We must continue to explore, then select an option, determine how to finance the project, and begin this important project. Secondly, we must continue with regular and thorough inspections and reports on the condition of the dam itself. Damage to the dam would likely lead to a catastrophic problem. Thirdly, we should be improving our docks so that movement or damage to docks or boats is minimized. I believe this project was begun, with some different poles, but I do not think it has been completed. Fourthly, we must continue to work on our Safety and Emergency Plan and be sure that it addresses flood mitigation. The responsibilities of the General Manager and the staff should be clear. A procedure should be in place to watch water levels as they rise, and to be prepared for the appropriate steps at particular levels. A section should address our "Apple Corps" volunteer program and how to mobilize staff and volunteers quickly if necessary.

time and we might have floods between now and before the time other things could be done

HANNON - Flood mitigation has been a topic of discussion with the BOD for years. It is recognized and agreed that we need to put efforts into minimizing the consequences of another 'hundredyear' flood. We have already started the process by getting bids from engineering companies on what can be done and how much money it would cost. Several options came back with price ranges from \$400,000 to over \$1 million. One option under consideration is enlarging our existing bathtub weir to increase the amount of water capable of flowing over the dam during high water events. While this will not take care of all issues it will substantially help. The BOD will decide in 2020 on the best approach after reviewing all options from the engineering companies. Another process involves lengthening the existing dock poles so during a high-water event the docks do not float off the poles. We have experimented with this concept but ran into difficulties. This is still a viable option and needs to be pursued. Other options presented included increasing and sculpturing land mass, creating a flood plain, near major water entry points that would flood first and help reduce the sediment loading of the lake. Similar to what we did up in North Bay on the other side of the road. Of course, this is a very expensive proposition and not as effective as increasing the weir. The next challenge is to determine how we are going to pay for it!

HARRIS - Even though this has not been a top priority for the association in the past, I believe it is becoming more and more important for the Board of Directors to consider. The General Manager has wisely begun investigating flood mitigation and economically feasible solutions to this growing concern. I firmly believe we need to continue seeking input and information from knowledgeable resources so we can make the best decision possible on this growing problem. Our goal needs to be to work to preserve the assets of Apple Canyon Lake and its community in a sustainable, affordable manner. I also believe this is something we should consider for 2020 and should work to see a solution put into place as soon as possible.

provide necessary funds and take steps to implement quickly (2021).

PAULSON - After going through two flood events as the Maintenance Manager, I am familiar with the issues that face the association. The dam should be our number 1 priority. The spillway needs to be redesigned or a secondary emergency spillway constructed to allow water to exit the lake faster and hopefully eliminate the flooding of the marina, Nixon Beach and the destruction of the boat docks. The dock pole extension project that was started in 2018 needs to be completed to allow the docks to float higher without becoming disconnected. The poles have been purchased and several docks have the extended poles; perfect example is the new dock at the end of Presidents Bay. Keep in mind that pole extensions will not work on the marina or Nixon docks due to the depth and the excessive wind load on those docks. An alternative method must be found for the marina and Nixon docks. Prior to my retirement, I worked on the Dam Emergency Plan which is a very detailed document with specific instructions, procedures, chain of command and organizing of a volunteer force to assist as needed. Again the dam and flood mitigation should be the number 1 priority. Without a lake, we have nothing.

2. How would you prioritize these assets: Lake, Dam, Golf Course, CAMP, Dredging, Campgrounds, Watershed, Trails, etc.

DIEHL - I believe all items mentioned are important. As your question states, each is an asset or directly related to an asset for us. Many are also related to one another. It is difficult to write a simple priority list. However, I will try to describe how I, as a Board member, view our assets and amenities. Our primary attraction, amenity, and asset is the lake. The highest priority is to maintain the lake in excellent condition and health. To do this, dredging is one important component. I'll share more on that in item 6. We must reduce erosion and keep harmful products out of the water. These are part of the watershed program. We must control the vegetation and try to reduce invasive species as much as possible. The next priority is the dam. As described in item 1, we need the dam in top condition to preserve the lake. The trail system is an amenity that is enjoyed by many. I think we do keep in very good condition but must continue to provide manpower and resources to do so. Having a golf course on our own land is another great amenity. It also requires manpower and resources to have it up to par with other courses in the area. The Pro Shop is a nice amenity and would be even better with expansion. The campground is home to many of our owners. It is important to maintain it in top condition. We should investigate possible expansion there. Having described each of these current amenities as important, I don't want to leave CAMP out of this response, but it is detailed in item 5. Also I'd like to mention the swimming pool and the Cove restaurant as two additional important assets that are not stated in the question. DODEN - We are all out here for the lake. The lake is our most important asset. Dredging and the watershed keep the lake in good shape. The golf course, campgrounds and trails are nice amenities to keep people entertained. There are questions about our dredging procedures. We bought a new dredge to keep the lake in good shape. The new dredge was supposed to be capable of using 8-inch

pipe. We borrowed an 8-inch pipe from the territories and had it brought to ACL. Then someone in Maintenance said we could not use 8-inch pipe. This was wrong; the dredge is made for 8-inch pipe. Why no one in Maintenance didn't double check these facts is beyond me. It's part of the waste that goes on at the lake. The 8-inch pipe would make the dredge a lot more productive; it may still be worthwhile keeping. The trails, golf course and campgrounds just need to be maintained in order to keep them in decent condition.

HANNON - All of the listed amenities are important. I would not want to slight any of them. But to answer the question I would put Lake and CAMP together as one priority followed by Golf Course, Trails, and Campground. Lake priorities would include the Dam, Dredging, and Watershed project. As a member of the conservation commission we continually discuss topics vitally important to the health of the lake and land. This includes adherence to the over one-hundred-page watershed plan created several years ago by conservationist Mike Malon and monitored today by our conservationist Aren Helgerson. This plan includes water monitoring to check and analyze levels of specific elements, compounds and macroinvertebrates that contribute to the overall health of the lake. It is very important we find the right balance for those who fish as well as those who boat. Dredging is also a hot topic with the commission, can we adequately dredge to reduce sediment, or should we hire an outside company to do it. I believe it can be a combination of both, realizing for an outside company to dredge the entire lake would cost us close to a million dollars. The clubhouse area master plan (CAMP) is underway and moving forward. Discussions are ongoing, and have been for years, on what we need in an administration building and event center going forward. We have a fifty-year-old building, time to upgrade and bring it into compliance with current laws (ADA comes to mind) and needs of the future generation. You should see progress with the Admin building in 2020. Again, the three Capital projects mentioned above are expensive propositions not taken lightly. It is possible to do more than one project at a time if managed correctly and financially affordable. Board of Directors. I think the golf course, association, it would be nice to investigate

HARRIS - I believe the most important priority for the association is the lake. It is the main feature which draws our community members to the area. The dam, dredging, and the watershed are integral to the lake. In my opinion, their interconnection makes it vital that they be considered together. In my mind, the next priorities for the ACLPOA are the trails and the pool. They are very popular assets which are used and enjoyed widely by community members. Their continual maintenance and development should be a source of constant attention for the campgrounds, and The Cove Restaurant are the next priorities for the Board. While they are or have the potential to be money-makers for the ACLPOA, I just do not believe they have the same draw as the other things I have mentioned. Given the right financial situation for the the development and addition of another nine holes at the golf course in order to bring it to a more competitive status with other developments in the area. Currently, I firmly believe the CAMP project is one of our lowest priorities. I truly believe it would a nice addition to the ACLPOA,

Therese Nelson

DODEN - The Association purchased the equipment and longer piping for installation at the docks to keep them in place. We either try to install the longer pipes ourselves or have a contractor install the pipes for us, since we could not install the pipes before. There are other things that can be done, but those would take

NELSON - A great deal of effort and success was accomplished in 2019 in the North Bay stream bank stabilization project. Also in 2019, the Association hired an engineering firm to develop options for flood mitigation (as related to modifications to the dam/spillway). It is my understanding there is money in the 2020 budget to hire an engineering firm to provide their opinion as well. We need to review those opinions, select an option(s),

however, just not right now. With the current economy and the other more pressing priorities we are facing, I do not believe we can afford to take this project on at this time. Once our essential needs are met, I would like to see us consider this project again.

NELSON - Maintaining the lake, our most valuable asset is our top priority. The lake exists because of the dam and the supporting watershed, while dredging ensures boating access and recreational enjoyment. These four are intertwined and should not be separated. Following this, the campground, golf course and trails must be maintained and improved, as they are important amenities that are available to all members. The implementation of CAMP will provide current and future owners with an up-to-date workplace and event center with amenities that residents can enjoy for years to come. CAMP will provide marketing value or curb appeal to potential buyers at Apple Canyon Lake. In a perfect world, full funding for the replacement of the current clubhouse would have occurred over the past thirty years, but the reality is we have a shortfall. Fortunately, construction loans can be obtained without causing a major impact on annual fees or requiring a special assessment

PAULSON - As stated in question #1, the lake should always be the top priority. Dredging and watershed are directly tied to the lake and should remain high on the priority list. We have made significant progress on the watershed but there is still a lot that needs to be done. In the past, we were concerned about the farmland and the runoff from their land. To move forward, we as an association need to look at our own association property as the major source of silt and pollution. Every bay or small cove has a ravine located on association property that flows directly into the lake. In my four years as maintenance manager, we placed rip rap in only two of these ravines. A few ravines have been addressed since I retired but a program must be put in place to address all the ravines and construct additional dry dams to control the problem. Dredging is also a major concern, but I will save my concerns for question # 6. At this time CAMP is low on my priority list (see question # 5 for further explanation). The golf course itself, not the Pro Shop, was totally mismanaged last year and it showed. Management of the course should not be done by individuals of a committee. A new Golf Course Manager must be hired and given the appropriate number of staff to maintain the course in an acceptable condition. The campground and trails must be evaluated for upgrades and continuously maintained to meet everyone's expectations.

BORST - #1. It's hard not listing The Lake first, but when you really analyze the choices, without a dam, there is no lake, so "Dam" has to come first. #2. The "Lake". #3. (tie) "Dredging" and "Watershed" tie for #3. I can't emphasize how much I love The Lake and how important it is that we protect it. No Lake, no ACL. These two #3's need to be at the forefront of our priorities in order to keep our lake and our lake life healthy for generations to come. #5. I feel the campground is an extension of our community. When the planners of ACL designed our community, they felt it was necessary to bring all our unique dwellings together, so I put all the ACL dwellings, including the "Campground" next at #5. #6. I can't get from my house to the golf course without the trails, so "Trails" #7 and sadly, even though I love to golf...#7 "Golf Course" Is "CAMP" an asset? I've lived here fulltime for 6 months and everyone I talk to has a "CAMP" opinion - a very polarizing topic to say the least. I'll tell you mine when answering question 5 below, but for now I just want to say, I'd really like to sink my teeth into finding a balance between those who want to upgrade the clubhouse area and those who don't. I love a good challenge.

player. Sometimes a Board vote may not be what you thought was best for the Association, will you be able to support the vote as a team player and not vocalize your dissatisfaction?

DODEN - There are nine members on the Board; not all votes have to be unanimous. It is a democracy and different opinions can be tolerated. I worked on the Trails Commission and Conservation Commission and in both tried to be a valued member. Conservation I have knowledge of some things that have taken place over the last 25 years, and have somewhat been a resource. When we bought the dredge, I was concerned that our men would not be able to use it properly, but I voted for it anyway. In hindsight, my thought on the dredge is almost proven out that the Maintenance Department plays with the dredge, but does not seriously use it. A lot of the days, the dredge is only running for five hours of the day – if that.

HANNON - I have been on the BOD for four years now, treasurer for the last three years. As the chair of the budget commission and the recently formed Finance/Marketing commission, it is important to understand what leadership is about. One must be knowledgeable on the topic, but not all knowing; be attentive to the needs of the ownership, yet understand one cannot please everyone; and be able to make unbiased decisions for the betterment of ACL, even if they are contrarian in nature. Most of all, surround yourself with more intelligent, reasonable, knowledgeable people to determine the best way forward. That's easy for me! No comments please. I always said that with a BOD of nine, it's important we have respectable discussions knowing there will be disagreements. We sometimes just have to agree to disagree! If nine people always have the same opinion then eight of them are not needed. I respect and appreciate different opinions and not always am I in agreement but when a vote is taken, the majority wins. That is when all of us need to be acceptable to the outcome and move on. I feel very strongly that the current BOD members have only the best interests of ACL at heart.

HARRIS - Having been on the ACL Board of Directors for six years and having served as President and Vice-President, this is a very easy question for me to answer. Because of this experience, I have learned the board must work together as a team in order to be successful and make the decisions which are in the best interests of the members of our community. I have also learned first-hand that not everyone is going to agree with the decisions made and that I. myself, may not even agree with them. I know as a board member it is my duty and obligation to first and foremost act in good faith and conscience to represent the wishes of the ACL community even if those wishes would differ from my own. I completely realize that as a board member, my position is one of servant leadership. I am not there to simply see that I get all the things I want. If I think that way, I have no business being on the board at all. The board does not represent only the individuals who serve on it; it represents the entire Apple Canyon Lake community. A recent example of this exact kind of thing involved a decision concerning the use of UTVs on our trails. A discussion of this topic was held at a recent board meeting and a vote was taken. While I did not agree with the decision which was made, I am committed to supporting the final decision fully. Should the issue arise again, I will most certainly voice my concerns once more, but until then, the matter is closed, and I am giving it no further "airtime."

I volunteered for the Co-Chair position of the Social Committee at our condominium association. I created a budget, wrote the accounting procedures and made it available electronically. The committee membership grew substantially which was a sign that people were ready for change and wanted their voices heard. As a committee, we inventoried supplies, discarded obsolete items, created a calendar of events and donated items for the clubhouse. I initiated the long-time resident guest of honor tribute to our events to share stories from the early years and delivered free meals from our events to residents who were unable to attend due to health reasons. Additionally, I initiated the Clubhouse Renovation Committee (Florida), a sub-committee of the Social Committee. In less than six months, the project is underway and will be completed by fall. To improve communication, I set up a Facebook page for the residents of our association. A critical step in making tough decisions is the discussion leading up to the vote, expressing our individual thoughts, outlining the pros and cons. When a final decision does not match my choice, once the vote is complete I will fully support the majority's vote and I will defend that vote publically.

PAULSON - Since retiring in July of 2018 I have not had much of an opportunity to be in the position as a leader or a team player due to an injury and then a severe illness that left me incapacitated for months and unable to participate in most things. Prior to my retirement from ACL, I considered myself a good leader and team player based on the accomplishments of the maintenance department and success throughout my career. My management style was that of a coach and a successful team starts with the coach and his ability to not only be a team player but build a culture surrounding the team concept. During my previous time on the Board of Directors, along with my 15 years of experience with city government, I learned a long time ago that in order to get things done, sometimes you must agree to disagree. If I feel strongly about an issue I will express my point until such time a final vote is taken. I have voted against things in the past but I have also voted for something on occasion strictly to show continuity amongst the committee members or board members for the betterment of the association. If being a good team member means always going along with the majority, then I am not a good team member. That's not who I am.

BORST - Before moving full-time to ACL I was the CFO of a mid-size construction company in the Chicagoland area. Unfortunately one of the largest contracts the company was ever awarded became a project with significant cost overruns. The owners of the company came to me and asked me to give up my desk job and to help by going "on-site" to get the project back on course. On top of the overruns, we were also facing liquidating damages that would have put us out of business. I accepted the challenge with the condition that when the project was complete. I would be able to amicably walk away from the business. So from February 1, 2019 through April, 2019, I got up every day at 4:30 am, including many Saturdays and an occasional Sunday, put on my hard hat and safety vest, drove into the city of Chicago in snow and ice storms, and because our work was outside I had to dress for the cold weather. I made sure I was there at the start of every shift and I was the last to leave at the end of every day. I could brag on, but it's important for you to know the field workers liked and came to respect me, because I listened to their concerns, fixed some communication problems, gave them the tools they needed to succeed and by the end of the project I even had the GC thanking me for my ability to project manage the job in a timely fashion. With the help of a lot of really good people, the project came in with a small profit and the company survived. This is a tough one because you are asking me to vote against what I believe is good for you. Although I would find [Editor's Note: this response was cut off after the allotted 300 words.]

served on five different commissions or committees. I am currently on four of those commissions and am the Board Liaison for three of them. I have agreed to be leader for the Independence Day Golf Cart Parade, and to be the coordinator for bocce ball. I have been the secretary of the Apple River Lions Club for four years. It is very important to be a team member when serving on any governing body. However, I believe there are norms for the team. Discussion is important. All opinions must be heard. If there are never opposing views, the governing body is not doing its job well. To me, essentially, your question is one of attitude. It is fine to offer opinions and engage in healthy discussion. Each person must vote according to what he/she believes is in the best interest of the members of the ACLPOA. However, each person, must acknowledge that the majority makes the final choice, and should then act in support of that choice. As an example of my willingness to do this, I recall two years ago that an amendment was made to increase dues higher than the recommendation of the Budget Committee. I voted against the amendment for two reasons. One was respect for the work of the Budget Committee, and the other was to keep the assessment at the lower amount for our owners. When the amendment passed, I did vote yes for the increase as amended as I knew it was necessary to determine and publish the assessment at that time. I defended my original position, but supported the majority decision.

4. What adjustments does the Association need to make to deal with the effects of the Coronavirus?

HANNON - We had a BOD meeting this past Saturday, 4/18, with over thirty people in attendance via Zoom. Awesome! Main topic of discussion was CoVid 19. We heard from many owners with differences of opinion. We listened and made decisions based on science and facts. Not everyone was happy. We are following the executive order of Illinois yet determining what is in the best interest of owners. I believe in the mental and physical needs of people and anything that can be done within the guidelines of social distancing that can be construed as exercise and legally done, should be! As of today, 4/18, we are 'status quo', subject to change based on next week's executive order update. That means lake open to fishermen, trails open for hiking and riding, and essential activities are carried out. We will have a plan when we reconvene next week to consider opening other amenities in a phased approach if authorized by Governor Pritzker. The key is to gradually transition to full open, which may take several weeks, while ensuring the health and safety of our owners and employees! Social Distancing is the KEY and will probably remain for several months if not thru end of year, so let's figure out how to open responsibly vs saying what we cannot do. We must all embrace the new 'normal'. We're all in this together and together we will get thru

3. Being a leader and team player are important qualities of an Apple Canyon Lake Board member. Please describe a situation in the last year where you served as a leader and team **NELSON -** In the past year, I assumed five leadership positions: 1. Chair of the ACLPOA Nominating Committee 2. Co-Chair of the ACL Garden Club 3. ACLPOA CAMP Architecture and Design Commission member 4. Co-Chair of the New Approach Condominium Social Committee (Florida). 5. Created and served on the Clubhouse Renovation Committee, New Approach Condominium Social Committee (Florida). As a leader,

DIEHL - I have served one term as a member of the ACLPOA Board and have

it!

HARRIS - Safety must come first for our entire ACL community - residents, employees, managers, and membership. The ACLPOA must follow all state and local guidelines during this challenging time in our lives. Even though we may be able to interpret guidelines to our benefit so to speak, I believe our only priority should be for the safety of our community. We need to make all adjustments to maintain social distancing and the stay at home policies until it is deemed safe to return to a new normal. To do anything other than that would be completely irresponsible and potentially subject us to costly legal situations.

NELSON - ACLPOA must adhere to any executive order put in place by state or local government. I believe it is the responsibility of the Board to understand the order and communicate the expectation that owners and employees follow the directives. I believe it is the Board's responsibility to stress that members take ownership in their actions in complying with the guidelines as set forth in the

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orders. It is also the Board's responsibility to ensure that its employees if on-site, are provided a compliant and safe environment.

PAULSON - From a health and safety perspective, ACL must follow the executive order put in place by the governor. We need to do whatever it takes to keep operations going while keeping our employees safe with proper social distancing restrictions and personal protection equipment.

From an economic standpoint, as I state in question number 5, until we know the economic effects on the association's finances, the CAMP project must be postponed. If the virus does not go away soon and unemployment remains high, what effect will it have on the association next year? You have to ask yourself what shape the association would be in if the Coronavirus hit prior to this year's dues deadline. If the experts are correct, we may be dealing with this very situation next year as the dues deadline date approaches.

BORST - Unfortunately, we only have 300 words per answer, and this list is endless - safe to say there is really A LOT OF ADJUSTMENTS that the Association and all of us need to make because of the Covid-19 virus. At the top of the list I would say is RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING AND EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A MASK. Wear one or have one on you and put it on if you find yourself anywhere near anyone else, PLEASE AND THANK YOU! On this topic I'd also like to add that I remotely listened to the last Board meeting and felt very proud of how the current Board is addressing the many difficult decisions our community faces because of the virus. You may or not know that the Board's power rests in its ability to hire the staff that works for the association. We are blessed with an amazing staff, led by Shaun Nordlie and Megan Shamp. Along with their staff they are pulling a lot of rabbits out of a lot of hats to keep the magic of ACL moving forward through this Coronavirus crisis. Thank you all! Back to the question, there are a lot of adjustments that need to be made, the ACL staff and the ACL board are working diligently to address them, and I'd really enjoy helping them both, whether elected or not, just tell me what I can do to help. Tough times :- (

DIEHL - This question is a difficult one. We are in a certain situation right now, and it may possibly be quite different by the time this is published. I will try to formulate a response that will work for now as well as in the future. I was proud to participate in a challenging but important meeting on this on April 18 and expect to do so several more times. The key to this is that the top priority is to have an environment that will maintain the well-being of our staff and owners, to the best of our ability. There will be different opinions on what that means. I suggest we interpret the guidelines from the state of Illinois for choices we must make at ACL. Decisions about boating, camping, golfing and other activities should be based on the guidelines. They also apply to decisions to open the Pro Shop, Cove, or Marina. It is clear that changes will come in phases. We should do our best to prepare for them. We can work on a golf course or a campground to have them ready when we are able to open them. We could discuss plans to offer food, probably first as takeout only, later for sit down service. Finally, there clearly will be questions about money, such as refunds or rebates. There is a simple answer to that for now: We don't know. Keep in mind ACLPOA is losing revenue. We don't know how economic recovery will go. We don't know what tough decisions owners may have to make. This topic can be looked at when the year is over, if there is a budget surplus. Maybe there will be some consideration for the following year. But for now - we don't know!

reduce the value of homes here which is something we cannot have. We already have a problem with the market value of our properties.

5. What is your stance on CAMP (Clubhouse Area Master Plan)? How would you propose completion of all phases? Do you think that the current economic situation should delay CAMP?

HARRIS - As I stated previously, I do not think now is the time to be considering this project. The current economic environment just does not lend itself to ACLPOA taking on another financially demanding proposal. Since dues are the primary source of income for CAMP and economic conditions are currently strained – in particular because of the COVID-19 pandemic – the possibility of any increases and even the collection of those dues is, indeed, much diminished.

At a future date when we are more financially sustainable and our other more important priorities have been completed, I would like to see this project considered once again. However, I would like to see some additional research and consideration given to completing this project in as few "phases" as possible. I think it would be more of a positive experience for our community if the construction part of CAMP was contained to as limited a time period as possible. The inconveniences of construction disruption would be minimized for everyone. I would also like to see us have the time to give more consideration to making sure these new facilities were as complete as possible allowing us to grow into them and not regret having left future potentially essential features out.

NELSON - I support the CAMP initiative and am a member of the Camp Architecture and Design Commission. I recommend a phased approach. Phase 1 (administrative building) followed by Phase 2 (event center). Phase 2 should only occur after any associated loans for Phase 1 are paid off. The current COVID-19 situation will most likely impact the timing of this project; social distancing, availability of trade workers and construction materials. At this time I believe we can cautiously move forward on CAMP but must take into consideration any delays or financial impacts that may be imposed due to COVID-19. A prudent approach is required.

PAULSON - I originally joined the CAMP committee thinking it was a long range master plan. The master plan was an entire concept of the Club House Area of which I was very excited to be a part of. It seems like we have lost the intent of the entire plan by concentrating solely on the administration building and new club house and at a speed that frankly, I am not comfortable with. The cost of the entire project needs to be evaluated and a long range plan established and scheduled based on projected association revenues and economics, and for that matter the economy of the country. Having been the interim GM and Maintenance Manager, I know that the club house is outdated and obsolete. We have long since grown out of the administrative space required for effective and efficient operations. So, I agree that these improvements are going to be needed. With the unknown economic climate due to the Corona-19 Virus, I feel that the CAMP timeline should be reevaluated and postponed until we have financial stability. There is no dire need to start this project in 2020 or even 2021. **BORST** - I'm not a big fan of spending as much money as C.A.M.P. will require without the entire ACL community having a vote in the process. I feel there is a need to have more Representation from our property owners, especially with projects that have costs in excess of our annual budget. There needs to be more representation from the ACL property owners whenever a decision is made with this much funding required. That said, I think the staff at the administration office could use better working conditions, so parts of C.A.M.P. may be a necessary financial evil. Providing a good work

environment is important to maintaining good staff, including office workers, the security team, maintenance team, and amenity teams. It's a key element to us all having total enjoyment in our lake life. So I'd like to get into the details of the C.A.M.P. project as a member of the Board to see where we are at and how best to move forward. We need a good plan and I'd like to be part of the team that figures out a solution that balances the needs and wants of all. Project out the costs and find funding - Preferably not from our annual assessments. Get the word out - We need some new fund raising ideas and possibly a benefactor or two. Yes. That said, I'd like to get into the details and come up with a plan. Once we have a solid plan and you all support it, C.A.M.P. will no longer be a bad word for some.

DIEHL - One of our goals for ACL is to attract new owners and to retain those that we have. New facilities would certainly help do so. Some of our meetings and events could be better in a new and improved setting. However, the CAMP project cannot be looked at in isolation. As I indicated in my response to item 2, there are other projects with a higher priority, especially flood mitigation and dredging. Allocating resources to the CAMP project should not reduce resources to maintain the trails, campground, golf course, or pool. Therefore my stance on CAMP is to plan and budget for the project in conjunction with these other priorities. We need a master plan to detail how the project can be done in addition to flood mitigation and dredging. It should describe how this can be done without reduction in resources for the other amenities. It should be done with very modest increase in dues or assessments and should not require borrowing a large amount. This may require a long timeline. In particular any Phase II project should not begin before flood mitigation and dredging have been addressed. In addition, the current economic situation will likely be a factor. We will need to deal with a loss of revenue. We may lose some owners. There will be budget issues that we don't know about yet. I think it is very likely that the best course of action will be to delay the project. Finally, please know I have much respect for the hard work of the CAMP A&D and Marketing and Finance Commissions. None of my comments are meant to disparage those efforts. However, the question asks for a personal stance, and mine is that we must look at a more detailed, much larger picture to make these decisions.

DODEN - The answer is Yes! Part of the reason is what I explained above that if the virus further reduces property values. If this does happen, it would be hard for us to maintain our dues structure and the rest. If we go ahead with the office complex or the office building that will free up a room in the existing clubhouse that could be used, this would question the building of a new clubhouse until we saw an increase in

6. Is the current dredging program adequate to maintain the depth of the lake? Please explain.

NELSON - My knowledge of the dredging program is limited. I am not privy to the targeted end-depths or full dredging schedule. I do not know what the original lake depths were. I am aware there is a dredging schedule and that dredging in the north end has been delayed and may take up to two years to complete. There are some very shallow areas in the north end and other bays. I am personally not comfortable navigating my boat in those areas. Based on my own observations, I would say the current dredging program is not adequate in maintaining the depth of the lake.

PAULSON - The current dredging program falls short of what our lake requires. After managing the dredging operations for four years, I am aware of the challenges associated with our dredging program. Our dredge is limited on the distance that it can pump due to the hose size and the lack of booster pumps. In addition, manpower has always been a challenge running the dredge. Multiple personnel were trained to operate the dredge, but over the past few years that institutional knowledge has left our employment. Up until 2017 our dredge was working at about 50% capacity. At that time our maintenance staff rebuilt pumps and replaced all the hydraulic hoses. After those repairs, Presidents Bay was completely dredged in two months and the dredge was moved to another bay, proving that for short distances our dredge is sufficient. North Bay is definitely our biggest challenge. Not only does the dredge not extend far enough out, but at times the current coming in from Hells Branch and the winds makes it difficult and inefficient to operate the dredge. Since we are limited on the number of dredge ponds, the length of dredge hose, lack of booster pumps and the limited number of operators, we should sell the dredge and hire an outside firm to dredge on an annual basis until all bays and coves have been properly dredged.

BORST - I think dredging should be outsourced. Long-term the financial cost will be well worth the benefit to The Lake! As we all know, ACL is a river and rivers need to be properly dredged. Cheapest is not always the best answer, and in this situation we need it to be done right.

DIEHL - As I have indicated in other responses, the dredging of the lake is a high priority item for me. I believe we should give more attention to this. We have our own dredging boat. It seems to be used on a part time basis. I think it should be used much more. Yes, that will require a staff member to use more of his/her time to do this. It may require an increase in the hours of a part time person, or even an additional person. I think the benefit of improving the lake by dredging merits the additional resources. I have been told that there are some areas of the lak that cannot be dredged, or at least would be extremely difficult to do. We cannot ignore these areas. We must be willing to hire a professional service to do them. It will be an additional expense that must be budgeted and is part of the "big picture" planning that I described in the previous question. DODEN - I believe if the dredge was used properly. In other words, use of seven hours a day with an 8-inch pipe, this dredge could do the job. But we have problems to overcome: the dredge ponds contain a lot of previous dredge material which should have been gotten rid of years ago. If we can sell this material, it could help raise quite a bit of money. This is what we said we were going to do when we ask for the dredging permits.

DODEN - The Association has to very careful with their expenditures. If the virus has an effect on our membership, we might have a number of homes coming on the market for sale. This would further

property values.

HANNON - I have been involved with the CAMP project since its inception. Currently on the FM (finance and marketing) commission which is looking at how we finance such a large project. Several options are under consideration and hopefully the way forward can be determined by midyear. Remember folks this has been ongoing for years! Look for updates on the ACL website and future Eblasts. As for completing the project, we anticipate phasing the two buildings with a time period in between. Hopefully you can see where your money is going by mid next year when the Administration building is completed. Of course, in these trying times uncertainty is always present. Do I believe economics is a factor when deciding when we start? Sure, but we have been planning this for two years now and have a Capital accumulation plan that is on track and can work! Coming from a budgeting standpoint, interest rates would be at their lowest. If we move on the Administration building now, the second phase (event center) could be postponed until we ensure our financials are on solid ground.

HANNON - Our dredging operation has limitations and is not sufficient in its current manner of use to take care of all the lake needs. Limitations that exist include the inability to man the dredge on a full-time basis, inability to get into some smaller coves, size and capacity of our dredge ponds, and the limitation

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Following are UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the April 18, 2020 regular Board of Directors' Meeting. Minutes are in unapproved draft format for informational purposes only, pending approval at the April 18, 2020 Board of Directors' Meeting.

- 2.0 Call to Order President Jody Ware called the regular meeting of the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association (via Zoom) to order at 9:04 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2020.
- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance After the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present with the following directors in attendance via Zoom: Jody Ware, Gary Hannon, Tom Ohms, Gordon Williams, Barb Hendren, John Diehl, Bob Ballenger, Mike Harris, and Steve Tribbey. Shaun Nordlie was also in attendance. Jody Ware announced we will have an additional agenda item for Property Owner's Comments at the end of this meeting.
- 4.0 Approve/Adopt Minutes from the March 21, 2020 Meeting Steve Tribbey motioned "to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2020 meeting," seconded from Barb Hendren. Motion carried. Mike Harris and Bob Ballenger abstained.
- 10.0 Consent Agenda
- 10.1 Committee/Commission Changes Gordon Williams motioned "to approve the Consent Agenda Items 10.1 Committee/Commission changes (to appoint Mary Hannon and Fern Tribbey as Co-Chairs of the Recreation Commission; to appoint Steve Borst to the Strategic/Long Range Planning Commission: and to accept the resignation of Pauline Curtiss from the Golf Commission). Seconded by John Diehl, motion carried.
- 5.0 Treasurers Report Gary Hannon and Shaun Nordlie presented the March 2020 Treasurer's Report. The full report will be in The Apple Core.
- 6.0 Committee/Commission Reports

Strategic/Long Range Planning - Jody Ware reported they are scheduled to meet on May 8th at 3:00 p.m.

Nominating - Barb Hendren reported that they have met a couple of times via Zoom. The questions for the candidates are ready and they will be going out via email today. The candidates have until Monday morning to submit their responses. Megan will be drawing names today (at 10:00 a.m.) on Facebook Live to determine the order of names on the ballot. She will send out the email to the candidates with the questions and will include the order of the ballot.

Conservation - Paula Wiener reported that they have been struggling with figuring out where we are going to be in the months to come. Made the Spring Earth Day Clean Up an open cleanup. Some members have already been out cleaning up. We need as much help as we can get. We are hoping we will have a lot of people out next weekend. Watershed Education Day will make a final decision on that soon, may have to be cancelled, judging on the roll out guidelines given out. Kids Camp - don't know about that. Will make a decision by June 1st. Brighter note - we are doing our 2nd guarter Greenway Stewardship checkups. We are trying to keep track of what is happening.

Deer Management - Gordon Williams reported they will meet via Zoom next weekend, April 25 at 9:00 a.m.

CAMP A&D - Steve Tribbey reported the pre-bid meetings scheduled for March 20 and April 1 were postponed.

Trails – Tom Ohms reported they have not met.

- 7.0 General Manager's Report Shaun reported that managers are all working from home. Phones are forwarded to the managers - phones are being answered – 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Security is full time on site. We are having a presence on the trails; maintenance is working; golf maintenance is considered an essential, mowing, trail work, building work, janitorial work, etc. We did apply for the CARES Act Payroll Protection Program. We did receive that, and we have been funded. This is part of the stimulus package and basically covers payroll for us for about 8 weeks. If all stipulations are followed, loan can be forgiven. Huge thing for ACL. We want to keep our staff working and keep them paid.
- 8.0 President's Report Jody Ware gave kudos to Shaun and his leadership, and all of the managers. Shaun communicates regularly with all area Lake Associations, collaborating and communicating to help us all stay connected to get through this unprecedented time. One of our goals for Shaun was to seek grant opportunities or other revenue-bearing opportunities - the receiving of the PPP funding is huge for us. We have had almost daily notifications from Shaun on what is going on - trying to keep business as usual. This is a very busy time of year for the Lake. Thank you, Shaun and staff.

9.0 Property Owner Comments

sending an email out to everyone. Could include maintaining social distancing in the communication.

Gordon Williams – short answer - not possible to enforce this, not our position to do this. Up to state police to enforce.

Mike Harris – agree with Gordon and Gary - we can't make it happen unless police do this. For now - we should keep a close eye on this and get the message out for social distancing. Leave it the way it is for now.

Barb Hendren - we can't prevent people from using their 2nd home. 11 cases in Jo Daviess County - we want to ask people to be considerate of others when they are coming out. Do not have parties, don't do big groups. Think we need to be a little clearer and firmer on the social distancing aspect. Especially if we keep the lake open, launching boats, etc. Markings on the ground to keep six feet away.

Tom Ohms – what about making the trails one way – might prevent people from crossing paths. Boat launch - could only use one at a time. Would not have two boats close in proximity. Will talk more about that as we move through the agenda.

Bob Ballenger - if we keep the lake open, will we be selling gasoline? If we close the lake to what extent do we close? Closing the lake or keeping it open? Page 7 of the Executive Orders - boating is a recreational activity not an essential activity. Only minimum basic operations will be permitted. Most likely these Executive Orders will be updated next week. Gordon Williams - do we know if ILDNR is escorting boats off of IL public waters? Jody - DNR has closed boat ramps to the Mississippi. If you look on the website for ifishillinois.org – gives clarification about fishing while sheltering in place - may continue to hunt and fish during this stay at home order. Does not address if from boat or shoreline. We do have boating in the Executive Order. Gary – strong advocate of exercise; this is allowed. Hiking, fishing, walking, jogging, exercise related - should be allowed, as long as it also includes social distancing. If there is an activity that can be socially distanced and is within guidelines of safe vs. non-safe, we should allow if safe to do. One ramp closed down; no gas, but if can be done without virus spreading concern - would say yes. If no wake, could potentially limit people coming out skiing, etc., might slow down excessive use of marina. Not sure right route either. John Diehl - we have looked at the order. Boating is not an essential activity. Can we seek some clarification? Canoeing, any kind of boat? Shaun Nordlie talked to IDNR – asked that question to Governor's office. No response yet. Jody Ware - not seen a lot of activity on the lake. We know in the month of April there really is not a lot of activity on the lake. Thinks this will be addressed in next week's Executive Order. Shaun - weather hasn't been great for boating, but weather will get better which means more people will want to come out. Managers are worried about that. How will we manage that? Jody – at any time people are at a health risk, we can execute a change. If social distancing isn't followed - we can change this. Typically do this when flooding or trails unsafe. Make adjustments. No one is saying close the lake. Gordon Williams - correct, Bob - correct. Jody - suggestions to continue promote social distancing - one launch, no wake, only kayaking/ canoe or wait until new Executive Orders come out. Steve Tribbey - biggest concern is access to services – like gas pumps, and then using the docks. You will be close to people. Need to try to limit or control. Being out on the boat by yourself is not an issue - but putting gas in boat is different. Gordon - good point. Not many boats on docks yet as far as the need for gas. Take a 5 gallon can and fill it up yourself. Option is out there. If you are pulling a boat - you would fill your boat up first. Steve - concern with the Marina and having our staff exposed. Biggest concern, safety of staff. Jody - can put signs in the marina (directional). Limited operational hours. Marks on the floors and docks. Or once we get to the discussion of the Marina, we may choose not to open it. Once you open it, making services available, that encourages people to come out. Shaun - staff is pumping the gas.

Lake - continue as is until next week - Barb agrees. Gordon - agrees. Bob – agrees, but if he changes the orders, will we meet? Jody – we need to be available next week for a meeting to plan for the month of May. Post an agenda, etc.

Modifications on one launch? Yes -Barb, Steve - okay would like to see Marina remain closed. John in agreement that we do not need a specific action about the lake but would like communication out that at this date, boating is not an essential activity. Bob – keeping lake open with single launch? How does a double launch violate social distancing?

11.0 Unfinished Business

12.0 New Business

12.1 Open Discussion about COVID-19 – Bob Ballenger motioned "to suspend Robert's Rule of Order, seconded by Mike Harris – motion carried – 9:39 a.m. First opportunity to meet in open meeting to discuss how the operations of ACLPOA will address COVID- 19. Governor's Executive Order and the order from IL Dept of Commerce and Economic Opportunity listing on display.

Should all amenities at ACL be closed? We have gathered input from all managers. Not essential to travel. Executive Order page 7 - can I alternate my stay at home between home and vacation property - response is no traveling back and forth is not essential travel. We have to remember these Executive Orders came out April 9 but the stav at home came out March 21 when Stay at Home orders went into effect. A lot of people are coming out to work on their house - landscaping, etc. What are your thoughts of people coming out here to a place that is not their primary residence?

Tom Ohms - can't enforce people to not come out to their home - not our position. People are bringing friends, etc., but don't think we can stop property owners from coming out to their house.

Steve Tribbey - look at it that property owners should be able to come out to their home, but closing trails, etc. would be within our power. If we open the lake - access to boat, dock, etc. - that is where the problem lies. People will congregate. Support the Executive Order.

Gary Hannon - might look at this differently. Short answer is no. Executive Order is out there - everyone should pay attention to it. However, unenforceable - we can't enforce it.

Bob Ballenger - don't think we should be closing things down. No scientific evidence we have problems on the lake or trails - maintain social distancing, we should be fine. Promote social distancing. Mrs. Hunter asked about

Shaun – staff – if went to one launch, it could create a bottleneck. Depending on what we decide in one week - thought was possibly doing something at Nixon Beach as a temporary thing. This could separate people - could man this. Would want to talk more with staff about that, and not at that point at this time. Jody - lake remains as is for now.

Bob - as you move into next week, discourage people to use Nixon Beach as a launch area. Shaun - agree, would prefer not to go that route. Jody - for next week - use regular marina and will meet again next Saturday.

Trails - nothing in Executive Orders regarding trails.

Gary pointed out in original order it does state they want people to get out and exercise, outdoor activity, etc., but comply with social distancing. Gordon - liked Tom's idea - open up trails that we can, utilizing one-way traffic and close trails we cannot. Barb - really hard to enforce. Bob - we have no evidence or data to say this would be beneficial. Jody – promote social distancing. Mike - only thing we are moving forward with is social distancing. We don't go by any of the Executive Order for anything else anyway – social distance only. Jody - Stay at Home, we can't control. We can promote staying at home, but when people come here, all we can do is promote social distancing. Mike - leave everything open - promote social distancing. John the reality of the situation is, there is some things we do not have the power to enforce. Order says people should not commute - but we do not have the ability to enforce. Doesn't mean we are trying to ignore it. Mike - not saying we are trying to ignore the order; we can't do anything about it. John - would hope people would follow the Executive Order.

Marina – do not close the boat launch, already decided that. Minimum basic operations would be permitted by the Executive Order - do we continue with that? Opening up marina? Mike - no - puts our employees at risk. Tom - one

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thing we agree - keeping the marina shut for now. But we need a plan to open this at some point. COVID is not going anywhere soon - we can think about this and make a decision next week. Could be new orders then as well.

Shaun – gassing the boats – area of concern, need to do some checking on that. Plexiglass up at counters is possible. Directional signs, limited items inside. We do have ideas there - coming up with ideas to get that area cleaned and ready for whenever this comes. Jody - closed - but would like to see everywhere to put in plexiglass. During this time, we have to be proactive for the safety of our employees. Protective gear, etc. Gary - status quo until new Executive Order comes out. I trust Shaun and his managers - for creating plans for opening. Question is when? Personally, would like to see the gas is opened up (maybe not this week or next). One person touching a gas handle - possible to do that safely with our people. Would say no to self-service. Gas open first, building no. Jody - masks, gloves, sanitizer, throughout the entire association - we need to be doing that now.

Tom - ice machines, etc. need to be wiped off. Bob - do we have enough gloves and masks? Shaun - gloves, yes, masks - no. Shaun told staff they can bring in their own masks. Person that dispenses the gas should wear masks and gloves. Shaun - talking about opening more things - will entice more people to come out. Managers are saying they do not want to open and do not want to entice people to come out. If gas is available, more people will come out. Marina - not ready to open.

Trails - one-way recommendation - John - where did we end up? Straw poll – Barb – keep open, not in favor of one way, how do we monitor? Gordon – yes approve trails to be open. Bob agree - no new restrictions. Steve - keep open - one way very impractical. John - like to say open for riding - one way might be an option. Tom - open, either way is fine. Mike - leave open, no restrictions. Gary - leave open no restrictions. Impractical going one way.

Conclusion on marina - straw poll - Barb - keep closed until we can examine new Executive Order. John - keep closed, orders will change; gas pumps closed until boating approved activity. Gordon - keep closed. Bob - keep closed - vote to have gas available. Steve - keep closed. Tom - marina closed - no gas at this time. Mike - leave closed, no gas. Gary - Marina closed but have a good plan on opening gas asap. We are going to keep Marina closed, will discuss more next week.

Golf Course - Executive Order - will be closed; not essential businesses. Gordon - keeping our course closed unless IL legislature says differently and we can open. John - agree - prepare for an opening with social distancing when orders change. Barb – agree. Mike - agree. Steve – agree. Bob – agree. Tom – agree, keep closed at this time; until we have a plan. Gary - keep closed - however, hopefully it will change soon. Best to have a strong plan in place – social distancing can be done on the golf course. Jody - managers need to get the materials they need. Eventually we will be opening.

Pro Shop - curb side - should we start that? IDPH - we have to have three employees working. Will we have enough business to keep that going? Tom - at this time no - hard time justifying having three people working - would not pay for itself. Gordon - agree. John - are we paying for employees anyway? Shaun - only two at this time. John - but the real question would be safety and health issues. Remain closed but continue to check Executive Orders. Jody - plexiglass added for checking out, protective gear, etc. Wisconsin opened golf courses, but Pro Shops remain closed. Would need a system developed for calling in for a tee time - be prepared. Barb - keep closed for now - revisit. Bob - wait. New orders soon. Mike - closed for now - would like to think it could be opened soon. Plan in place right away. Gary – advocate to have curbside options, limited menu. We have to pay our employees anyway - intentionally are not opening to support other local businesses in area. On the fence – open for curb side – pizza, limited menu.

Steve - closed - idea we can develop some plans to open with limited menu for curbside. Encourage people to support surrounding establishments.

Campground - Mike - keep it closed. Gordon - suggest keeping it closed, legislature is saving this at this point. Considered non-essential right now. Follow Executive Order – all agree. Barb agrees, but if it is someone's primary residence - could be primary residence for summer? Jody -

BOARD ACTIONS

JANUARY

10.1 Committee/Commission changes 13.1 CAMP update - NO MOTION

REQUIRED

definition would have to have a street address and receive mail. Bob, John - follow Executive Order. Gary - agree closed - strong plan for reopening, following Executive Order. Shaun - seems we are picking and choosing Executive Orders. Jody - clear instructions on order. Huge fine each day if we open. Shaun - no way bath house could open. Jody - this will all probably be addressed next week as well. Priority was not campgrounds when this order was originally written.

Association Office - Shaun - deferring to Megan on how busy they are. If we decide to keep things open, would we need to consider some curbside hours stickers and tags. Will talk about that again on Monday after this discussion. At this point we have not had to do that. If this continues to May and get better weather - we might have to consider. Jody - stickers, partial opening. If you have a boat that needs to be measured - we want to make sure they can get that measured and stickered. Even if only one day/week for now, all day on Friday for example. Shaun - we have been mailing everything at this point (stickers & tags). Also, making appointments with Security to measure new boats and ATVs - another staff meeting on Monday and will add more concrete plans set in place. Megan has been dealing with all of this - she knows what people are requesting and asking about. Jody - would like to see an eblast for people that have just purchased property that comes with a transferable dock to know how this works. Say if it is by appt only, then we can say that. Shaun- will coordinate through Megan and Julie. Gary - want to hear from all Board members on this. Administrative building is an essential business - open, social distancing, shortened hours open 6 days/week. Need to get out stickers/tags to owners. Essential business.

Tom agrees – is essential – limited hours. Take temp before coming to work and social distancing. John - would be nice to be open - but limited basis should be adequate - couple days/week. Gordon - also would be nice to be open limited hours, limited employees to service our members. Barb - should be open, however - allow people to make an appt. or have them call and someone could come out and meet them. A lot could be handled by phone and setting up appts. Bob - agree limited hours, but open. Mike - open, limited hours. Steve - open, limited hours - do good social distancing to protect the staff. Shaun - this will entice people to come out - want you to understand that. Gary - we respect the opinions of our employees and want them to be safe - they are not making the final decisions. Hearing from the Board loud and clear.

Beach - wait until next Executive Order. Beach is usually closed now anyway. That will be health department driven.

Pool - wait - IDPH.

Jody - waiting to see what new Executive Orders will be. Skip item B until further information – all agree.

Item C – schedule meeting for April 25? Steve – yes, Barb – yes, Gordon – yes, Deer Management could postpone their meeting. Bob - yes, Gary - yes. Mike – yes as long as there is something new to talk about. John – yes. Tom – yes. 9:00 next Saturday. Executive session at 8:00. Shaun – will have to post agenda today. Jody - do not include the consent agenda. Gary - trying times – if we don't get any directions until Monday or Tues, is it okay to not post until after that. Shaun - have not seen anything saying you can do that. Will look. Gary might want to get together earlier - is it absolutely necessary to give that much notice. Bob - exceptions to the 7-day rule. Two or three times you can make exceptions. Special meetings may be called by the president; member's notice of all board meeting is at least 48 hours prior. Shaun will check with legal.

13.0 Other

13.1 CAMP Update - Shaun heard from Cord - still getting bids. Needed more time to put together the budget. We need a revised budget – proceeding with bids. Due to the situation, the start date has not been determined yet. Will share once we get that revised budget. Motion to reinstate Robert's Rule of Order by Bob Ballenger, seconded by Steve Tribbey.

Property Owners Comments – additional agenda item

Adjourn – Mike Harris motioned to adjourn at 11:28 a.m.

Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry President, Jody Ware Secretary, Barb Hendren

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- APPROVED 12.1 Lot Combination Request - Cook - APPROVED 12.2 CAMP Soil Borings -**APPROVED**

- 12.3 Construction Documents Phase - APPROVED
- 12.4 ACLPO Foundation Bench Program – APPROVED 12.5 Rules & Regulations Fines -1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED

FEBRUARY

- 10.1 Committee/Commission changes - APPROVED
- Unfinished Business: 11.1 Rules & Regulations: Fines – APPROVED 11.2 ACL Building & Environmental Code - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.1 Farnsworth contract APPROVED
- 12.2 Energy Policy 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.3 Board of Directors Mission Statement - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.5 Rules & Regulations: Pool -1st READING, NO MOTION

REQUIRED

MARCH

- 10.1 Committee/Commission changes – APPROVED
- 11.1 ACL Building & Environmental Code - TABLED
- 11.2 Energy Policy AMENDED & APPROVED
- 11.3 Board of Directors Mission Statement – APPROVED
- 11.4 Rules & Regulations: Pool -TABLED
- 12.1 Bass Club Fishing Off Spillway -APPROVED
- 12.2 Tellers Committee Guidelines -APPROVED
- 12.3 Verizon Contract APPROVED
- 12.4 Partial Repayment of UTV Loan -APPROVED 13.1 CAMP update - NO MOTION
 - REQUIRED

APRIL

- 10.1 Committee/Commission changes - APPROVED
- 12.1 Open discussion about COVID-19: NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 13.1 CAMP update NO MOTION REQUIRED

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MARCH 2020 PRELIMINARY REASURER'S REPORT

	OPERATING BUDGET											
			MONTH				<u>`</u>	YEA	R TO DATE			ANNUAL
	ACTU	٩L	BUDGET		OVER/ (UNDER)		ACTUAL		BUDGET		OVER/ (UNDER)	BUDGET
REVENUES *	\$ 213,35	0\$	224,588	\$	(11,239)	\$	901,600	\$	880,416	\$	21,184	\$ 3,275,701
DIRECT/INDIRECT EXPENSES	187,9	65 \$	208,325	\$	(20,360)	\$	696,259	\$	725,072	\$	(28,813)	\$ 3,273,177
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 25.38	5\$	16,263	\$	9,122	\$	205,341	\$	155,344	\$	49,997	\$ 2,524

* Month and YTD Revenues (actual and budgeted amounts) exclude budgeted transfers to Capital projects (\$608k) and RR funds (\$559k)

ASSETS		Operations	Ca	ap Projects	R&R	C	OMBINED
RESERVE ACCOUNTS	\$	198,774	\$	116,097	\$ 737,602	\$	1,052,474
OTHER CASH	\$	2,298,217		42		\$	2,298,25
RECEIVABLES	\$ \$ \$	352,553				\$	352,55
OTHER PREPAIDS ETC.	\$	39,699				\$	39,69
TOTAL CURRENT	\$	2,889,243	\$	116,139	\$ 737,602	\$	3,742,98
NVESTMENTS	\$	267,948			\$ 178,563	\$	446,51
Due from Capital Project Fund						\$	-
PROPERTY and EQUIP (NET)	\$	7,040,105	\$	306,175		\$	7,346,27
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	10,197,296	\$	422,314	\$ 916,165	\$	11,535,77
LIABILITIE	s A	ND FUND BALA	NCE				
CURRENT	\$	153,814				\$	153,81
Due to R&R Fund						\$	-
DEFERRED INC & ESCROW	\$	2,416,103				\$	2,416,10
FUND BALANCE	\$	7,627,379	\$	422,314	\$ 916,165	\$	8,965,85
TOTAL LIAB & FUND BAL	¢	10,197,296	\$	422,314	\$ 916,165	\$	11,535,77

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMEN	1	COST	DEF	PRECIATION	NET
LAND & LAKE	\$	8,035,959	\$	3,643,088	\$ 4,392,871
BUILDINGS	\$	3,822,924	\$	1,814,374	\$ 2,008,549
EQUIPMENT	\$	2,018,410	\$	1,628,079	\$ 390,332
FURN & OFFICE FIXTURES	\$	776,305	\$	760,934	\$ 15,371
VEHICLES	\$	470,466	\$	375,856	\$ 94,610
PROJECT DOWNPAYMENTS	\$	138,372	\$	-	\$ 138,372
TOTALS	\$	15,262,436	\$	8,222,332	\$ 7,040,105

Posted: 4/13/20

Created: 4/15/20

Submitted by: Gary Hannon, ACLPOA treasurer

ACLPOA TREASURER'S NARRATIVE

Based on Preliminary March, 2020 Results

March Operating Revenues were \$213,350.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Revenues were \$901,600 and were over budget \$21,184. Revenue lines with deviations greater than \$5k from budget were: *Newcomers

Budget Line (Revenues)	YTD Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Delinquent Dues Fees*	\$23,725	\$13,800
Golf Fees/Season Passes	\$31,480	\$8,920
Golf Food & Beverage*	\$28,565	\$(5,443)

March Operating Expenses were \$187,965.

Year-to-Date (YTD) Op Expenses were \$696,259 and were under budget \$28,813. Expense lines with deviations greater than \$5k from budget were: *Newcomers

Budget Line (Expenses)	YTD Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Insurance	\$120,210	\$13,835
Bad Debt (not budgeted)*	\$8,508	\$8,508
Maintenance-Grounds	\$5,855	\$(9,295)
Department Wages	\$317,942	\$(10,850)

The above activity resulted in YTD Operating Revenues greater than Operating Expenses for an operating income of $$205,3\overline{41}$ which was over budget by \$49,997.

R&R expenditures for March were \$36,421. Line items greater than \$2k include:

- Engineering for Dam Spillway (\$18,767), Cove Roof (\$14,700), and
- Flat Top Grill at Proshop (2,953)

All R&R expenditures are within budget YTD.

R&R expenditures (YTD) were \$138,372 with a remaining budget of \$455,628. Note: Remaining Budget includes \$35k carryover from 2019.

				FIS	CAL YEAR	R	EMAINING
	MONTH	YE/	R-TO-DATE	В	UDGET *	I	BUDGET
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 951,798	\$	1,052,117				
Income Earned - Interest	\$ 788	\$	2,420				
Annual Assessment Transfer	\$ -	\$	-				
Addt'l Transfer from Operating	\$ -	\$	-				
Transfer to Capital	\$ -	\$	-				
TOTAL AVAILABLE	952,586		1,054,537				
R&R EXPENSED	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
LAND & LAKE	\$ 18,768	\$	21,866	\$	400,000	\$	378,134
BUILDING	\$ -,	\$	-	\$	15,000	\$	15,000
MACHINERY & EQUIP	\$ 2,953	\$	71,807	\$	103,000	\$	31,193
VEHICLE	\$ -	\$	29,999	\$	30,000	\$	1
F&F	\$ -	\$	-	\$	11,000	\$	11,000
2019 Carryover	\$ 14,700	\$	14,700	\$	35,000	\$	20,300
TOTAL R&R EXPENDITURES	\$ 36,421	\$	138,372	\$	594,000	\$	455,628
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 916,165	\$	916,165				

* Fiscal year budget, includes 2019 budgeted carryover of \$35k for two projects:

1) \$10k for Buffer Zone demonstration

2) \$25k for Cove Roof, paid in March \$14,700.

		CAPITAL PR	OJECT	rs	
	Μ	ONTH	YEA	R-TO-DATE	
BEGINNING BALANCE			\$	422,314	-
Annual Assessment Transfer	\$	-	\$	-	
Operating Fund Transfer	\$	-	\$	-	
RR Fund Transfer	\$	-	\$	-	
Addt'l yearly transfer	\$	-	\$	-	
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$	-	\$	422,314	-
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ARCHITECT	\$	-	\$	-	
ENGINEERING	\$	-	\$	-	
CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS	\$	-	\$	-	THESE ARE CURRENTLY ALI
EQUIPMENT	\$	-	\$	-	CAMP RELATED EXPENSES
LAND IMPROVEMENT	\$	-	\$	-	
BUILDING	\$	-	\$	-	CAP PROJECT DOWNPAYME
INTEREST	\$	-	\$	-	\$306,175
LOAN REPAYMENT	\$	-	\$	-	
OTHER (Financing, Postage etc	\$	-	\$	-	
TOTAL CAP PROJ EXP	\$	-	\$	-	
ENDING BALANCE (DEFICIT)	¢		¢	422,314	



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Submitted by: Gary Hannon, ACLPOA Treasurer Created: 4/15/20



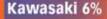
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needed)	
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Petelle, Edie	Vice Chair
Helgason, Janet	Secretary
Beckel, Ron	Member
VanDerLeest, Roger	Member

Architectural & Environmental Control

(1st Sat. of each month)	
Zophy, Cindy	Chair
Frank, Jim	Vice Chair
Hendren, Barb	Secretary
Ballenger, Robert	Board Liaison
Harris, Mike	Board Liaison
Ohms, Tom	Board Liaison
Tribbey, Steve	Board Liaison
Ware, William	Member
Williams, Gordon	Board Liaison
Wiener, Joe	Staff

Board Policy Ad Hoc (Meeting dates

TBD)							
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Ware, Jody	. Board Llaison
Diehl, John	Member
Forman, Joe	Member
Nordlie, Shaun	Staff
Shamp, Megan	Staff

Board of Directors

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Budget/Finance (Meeting dates TBD)

Hannon, Gary	Chair/Board Liaison
Brennan, Thomas	Member
Carpenter, Ron	Member
Finn, John	Member
Forman, Joe	Member
Malone, Steve	Member
Nelson, Steve	Member
Tribbey, Fern	Member
Miller, Ashlee	Staff

Campground (Meeting dates TBD, generally weekends) Richards, Kathy Chair

Barker, Nancy	Vice Chair/Secretary
Carpenter, Ron	Vice Chair/Secretary
Bluhm, Mary	Member
Diehl, John	Board Liaison
Maculitis, Jerry	Member
Reifsteck, Joseph	Member
Ruffolo, Ric	Member
Szczypta, Chris	Member

Clubhouse Area Master Plan

Architecture & Design (Meeting dates TBD)

Wiener, Joe	Chair
Tribbey, Steve	
Hendren, Barb	Secretary
Frank, Jim	Member
Hansen, James	Member
Miller, Ashlee	Member
Nelson, Therese	Member
Paulson, Rick	Member
Stanger Bob	Member

Clubhouse Area Master Plan Financing & Marketing (Meeting dates TBD)

Brennan, Thomas	Member
Forman, Joe	Member
Hannon, Gary	Member
Harris, Mike	Member
Hendren, Barb	Board Liaison
Miller, Ashley	Staff
Nelson, Steve	Member
Reed, George	Member
Tribbey, Steve	Member

Conservation (1st Sat. of each month)

Yorke, Michael
Cady, PhyllisMember Cammack, MikeMember Doden, HenryMember
Cammack, MikeMember Doden, HenryMember
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Hannon, GaryBoard Liaison
Ohms, TomMember
Nelson, SteveMember
Parages, MelissaMember
Drogosz, KarenRecorder
Helgerson, ArenStaff

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Deer Management (Last Sat. of each

month)	
Sonntag, Jon	Chair
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Rees, Kim	Secretary
Bluhm, Ted	Member
Finley, Jack	Member
Hendren, Allen	Member
Lutz, Al	Member
Williams, Gordon	Board Llaison

Editorial Review

Nordlie, Shaun	Member
Finn, John	Member
Vandigo, Doug	Member
Ware, Jody	Board Liaison

Employee Handbook Ad Hoc

Hannon, Gary	.Board Liaison/Chair
Forman, Joe	Vice Chair
Clark, Marge	Member
Harris, Mike	Member

Golf (2nd Tues. of each month, 1:30pm, April-October)

Reese, Tim	Chair
Turek, Fred	Vice Chair
Reese, Pat	Secretary
Buesing, Bob	Member
Burton, Jean	Member
Curtiss, Pauline	
Diehl, John	Board Liaison
Finley, Jack	Member
Hannon, Mary	Member
Killeen, John	Member
Mannix, Pat	Member
Schmidt, Richard	Member
Stanger, Bob	Member
Stanger, Marcy	

Lake Monitoring

(Meeting dates TBD)	
Rees, Kim	Member
Tribbey, Fern	Member
Tribbey, Steve	Board Liaison
Ware, Bill	Member
Helgerson Aren	Staff

Legal (Meeting dates TBD)

Krasula, Rich	Chair
Malahy, Sandra	Secretary
Allgood, David	Member
Doran, Bill	Member
Jennings, Steve	Member
Ware, Jody	Board Liaison

Nominating (Meeting dates TBD)

Nelson, Therese	Chair
Bourell, Bill	Vice Chair
Brandenburg, Rosanne	Secretary
Hendren, Barb	Board Liaison

Killeen, John..... Member Tyson, Mike Member Yorke, Mike..... Member

Recreation (3rd Mon. of each month, 9am)

Hannon, Mary	Co-Chair
Tribbey, Fern	Co-Chair
Causero, Lee	Member
Diehl, John	Board Liaison
Gee, Sheila	Member
Stanger, Marcy	Member
Brokl, Tim	Staff
Heim, Kirsten	Staff

Rules & Regulations

(1st Friday of each month, 10am)

Sershon, Vickie	Chair
Tribbey, Fern	Vice Chair
Drogosz, George	Member
Fitzjerrells, Bob	Member
Harris, Mike	Board Liaison
Pfeiffer, Fred	Member
Stanger, Robert	Member

Safety and Emergency Planning

(Meeting dates TBD)	
Cammack, Mike	Chair
Beckel, Ron	Vice Chair
Ware, Jody	Secretary
Hannon, Gary	Board Liaison
Janssen, Julie	Staff
Ziarko, Ed	Staff

Strategic/Long Range Planning

(Meeting dates TBD,	usually weekdays)
Ware, Jody B	Brd Liaison/Chair/Sec.
Ford, Don	Vice Chair
Forman, Joseph	Member
Kintop, Todd	Member
Williams, Gordon	Member

Tellers (Meets for Annual Meeting)

Reese, Patricia	Chair
Causero, Lee	Member
Detwiler, Marilyn	Member
Hendren, Rugene	Member
Makar, Kathy	Member
Strasser. Julienne	

Trails (Last Sat. of each month, 9am)

Ohms, Tom	Chair/Board Liaison
Doden, Henry	Vice Chair
Diehl, Penny	Secretary
Drogosz, George	Member
Hannon, Gary	Member
Hendren, Allen	Member
Kintop, Todd	Member
Laethem, Deb	Member
Laethem, Robert	Member
Manderschied, Ron	Member
Paulson, Rick	Member





MONTHLY COMMISSION REPOR

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2020

APPROVED

The following Commission members were present: Chair Paula Wiener, Melissa Parages, and via teleconference: Phyllis Cady, Steve Nelson and Michael Yorke. Members absent: Mike Cammack, Gary Hannon, Tom Ohms, Henry Doden and Darryle Burmeister. Guest: Natural Resources Manager Aren Helgerson.

- 1.0 Call to Order Chair Paula Wiener called the Conservation Commission Meeting to order on March 7, 2020 at 9:03am.
- 2.0 Approve Minutes of February 1, 2020 Minutes approved as presented.
- 3.0 Reports
- 3.1 Lake Monitoring No report.
- 3.2 Natural Resources Manager Aren Helgerson reported he will be attending the Illinois Lake Managers Association Conference the week of March 9.
- 3.3 Other Reports Melissa Parages reported she will speak on the topic of native pollinator planting at the April 15 Garden Club's Spring Luncheon.
- 4.0 Unfinished Business
- 4.1 Greenway Invasives Melissa Parages reported she is still working on the webpage and it's all mapped out. She will check with Tim if he has pictures or if she should get the pictures.
- 4.2 Watershed Update
- 4.2.1 Stream Bank Stabilization Aren reported permits have been turned in and we are waiting for answers.

- 4.2.2 RiverWatch Program Ms. Wiener reported both she and Aren made several attempts to access the data, but it is inaccessible at this time.
- 4.2.3 Buffer Zone Demonstration Project Update Aren Helgerson reported he has people bidding the plant lists. Planting will happen this Fall.
- 4.3 Conservation Conversations Monthly Apple Core Articles Ms. Wiener gave a list of upcoming articles.
- 4.4 Resident Greenway Program
- 4.4.1 Blackmore at 14A70 Pilot Point Site Review The Commission approved the project.
- 4.5 Actionable Items from the Watershed Plan
- 4.5.1 Publish Educational Articles in Print and On-line Sources A new page will be developed and attached to the ACL Facebook page. A notification will be placed on the current page that a new page has been created and the old page will be dissolved three weeks later.
- 4.5.2 Host Educational Events 2020 Watershed Education Day Ms. Wiener reported that an ad was placed in the Apple Core for clean used ACL t-shirts.
- 4.5.2.1 Review Station Action Plans for Watershed Ed Day Each member with responsibility for a station discussed his/her action plans.
- 4.6 Infected Ash Trees within the Community Aren reported that Maintenance cut down about 100 ash trees this year and mulched.
- 4.7 Creel Tracking Slips for Fishermen Paula will post in Apple Seed and put a Facebook post. There are creel boxes located at the Marina, Fish House, Nixon Beach and at Deer Run. Aren Helgerson will prepare a map showing their locations.
- 4.8 Lake Action Plan No report.
- 4.9 Hazard Spill Speaker Update On hold.







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- 4.10 Fishery/Fish Habitat A reminder that big bluegills are better bluegills will run periodically. Aren reported that no trees have been dropped in the lake.
- 4.11 Earth Day/Spring Clean-Up Event will take place at Nixon Beach at 9:00am, Saturday, April 25, 2020.
- 5.0 New Business
- 5.1 Kids Camp Ms. Wiener announced that the Conservation

Commission will be responsible for the Kids Camp. The 2020 theme will be Prehistoric Illinois and will be held Wednesday, July 1 through 3. The age groups will be 5 to 7 years old and 8 to 10 years old.

5.2 Goose Oiling - Subject will be discussed further at the April meeting.

6.0 Next Meeting – April 4, 2020 at 9:00am with location to be determined. 7.0 Adjournment – 9:50am by general consent.

Please notify Paula of items to put on the Agenda at least two weeks before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Drogosz

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 4, 2020

UNAPPROVED

The following Commission members were present via Zoom: Chair Paula Wiener, Melissa Parages, Phyllis Cady, Steve Nelson, Michael Yorke, Mike Cammack, Gary Hannon, Tom Ohms, Henry Doden and Darryle Burmeister. Guests: General Manager Shaun Nordlie, Natural Resources Manager Aren Helgerson and Steve Ohms.

- 1.0 Call to Order Chair Paula Wiener called the Conservation Commission Meeting to order on April 4, 2020 at 9:00am.
- 2.0 Approve Minutes of March 7, 2020 Minutes approved as presented.
- 3.0 Reports Shaun Nordlie reported that Aren has been working with the agencies that are still open regarding permits for North Bay and area south of the bridge.
- 4.0 Unfinished Business
- 4.1 Greenway Invasives Hold until May meeting.
- 4.2 Watershed Update Hold until May meeting.
- 4.3 Conservation Conversations Monthly Apple Core Articles Waiting to see how the shelter in place order plays out.
- 4.4 Resident Greenway Program Ms. Wiener announced that she will send out a request for a second quarter review to members who have a current greenway project for the May meeting.
- 4.5 Actionable Items from the Watershed Plan
- 4.5.1 Publish Educational Articles in Print and On-line Sources Paula reported that Tim has not had the chance to get the Facebook page up and running yet with the Coronavirus situation.
- 4.5.2 Host Educational Events 2020 Watershed Education Day –The Commission members agreed that with so much uncertainty today with the Coronavirus situation, the event should be postponed until 2021. An idea was brought up that possibly in September we could just have Hoo Haven come with the animals when social distancing, hopefully, will no longer be required.
- 4.6 Infected Ash Trees within the Community Hold until May meeting.
- 4.7 Lake Action Plan Shaun Nordlie reported that Joe Rush will be at ACL to evaluate the lake. Shaun and Joe discussed the May shock.
- 4.8 Hazard Spill Speaker Update Shaun has not heard anything yet.
- 4.9 Fishery/Fish Habitat/ Creel Tracking Slips Mike Cammack reported he will start checking the boxes since he has seen a few boats on the lake. A reminder will be put in the Apple Seed e-blast. Mr. Nordlie spoke with Security and asked them to either fill out the creel sheet or have the fishermen fill out the form and collect them. It was suggested that an e-blast be put out noting what Security will be doing.
- 4.10 Earth Day/Spring Clean-Up Ms. Wiener reported that Spring Cleanup as a community activity will be cancelled. Instead residents will be encouraged to go out on their own on April 25 and/or 26. Mr. Nordlie said he will have a dump truck parked at roadside near Maintenance for people to dump their trash bags from cleaning the area. People will be encouraged to take selfies and post to the Facebook Group <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/groups/applecanyonlake/

week. Mr. Nordlie said a notice will be put on e-blast for anyone to report where goose eggs have been spotted.

- 6.0 Next Meeting May 2, 2020 at 9:00am at the Clubhouse unless otherwise specified.
- 7.0 Adjournment 9:55am meeting adjourned by general consent.
- Please notify Paula of items to put on the Agenda at least two weeks before the meeting.
- Respectfully submitted, Karen Drogosz

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2020

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UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:03pm. Bill Bourell, Barbara Hendren, John Killeen, Mike Yorke, Therese Nelson, Rosanne Brandenburg, and Shaun Nordlie were present. Mike Tyson was absent.
- 2.0 Review of Minutes from January 14, 2020 meeting: Minutes approved with motion by John Killeen, seconded by Mike Yorke.
- 3.0 Review of committee purpose, mission and related documents
- 4.0 Review Meet the Candidates protocol this event is canceled due to coronavirus. Options to submit a format that would still provide Association members with candidates' views were discussed. The Apple Seed e-blast will be sent out on April 8 asking for Association members to submit questions by April 15. The Nominating Committee, in the absence of Therese Nelson, Board of Directors candidate, will review the questions on April 16 and select between 5 and 10 acceptable questions. There was agreement to provide questions to candidates in written form on April 18 and request written answers by April 20. The answers were to be brief; no more than 300 words for each. The answers will be published in the May Apple Core. See adjusted timeline below.
- 5.0 Calendar of Events

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September	22	Submit info for BOD vacancies 🔽	
October	3	Publish info in Apple Core 🔽	
November		Publish info in Apple Core, Apple Seed, Facebook 🗹	
	9	Gathering at Pro Shop 🔽	
December		Publish info in Apple Core, Apple Seed, Facebook 📝	
January		Publish info in Apple Core, Apple Seed, Facebook 🗹	
	21	Deadline for BOD candidate to file intent to run 🗹	
	22	Letter sent to candidates to complete process	
February		Publish info in Apple Core 🗹	
	20	Deadline for candidates to return 🗹	
March		Publish candidates' bio's and answers in Apple Core 🗹	
April		Publish candidates' bio's and answers in Apple Core $\boxed{\checkmark}$	
	8	Publish request for questions from association members	
	15	Deadline to submit questions for Meet the Candidates	
	16	Review and select questions from association members	
	18	Meet the Candidates Canceled	
	18	Send written questions to candidates	
	20	Candidate deadline for answers to questions	
Мау		Publish candidates' answers to question in Apple Core	
		Office sends out ballots for BOD	
June	13	Annual Meeting BOD; Tellers Commission/Attorney counts votes; announce new candidates	

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5.0 New Business

5.1 Goose Egg Oiling - Mike Cammack reported they will begin oiling this

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6.0 Other items of interest

7.0 Next meeting

8.0 Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 2:15 by Mike Yorke, second by Bill Bourell.

Respectfully submitted, Therese Nelson

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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 16, 2020 UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order Lee Causero called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Members present: Fern Tribbey, Lee Causero, Board Liaison John Diehl, Mary Hannon & Sheila Gee (via teleconference); Members absent: Marcy Stanger. Guests: Tim Brokl and Kirsten Heim.
- 2.0 Approve March 2, 2020 Minutes Mary motioned to approve, Fern seconds. Minutes were approved.
- 3.0 Review Recreation Commission Charge The current charge is "The Recreation Commission shall advise the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the recreational program and activities of the Association and shall perform such other functions as the Board, in its discretion determines." Mary doesn't think we need to add any

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specifics; Votes to leave the charge as-is - Sheila, Lee, Fern & John - vote "aye".

4.0 Election of Officers - Mary & Fern nominate Kirsten to do the Minutes as the Recreation Commission's Secretary. Kirsten will not have voting privileges as she is an employee - secured; John nominates & Sheila seconds: Co-Chairs - Mary Hannon & Fern Tribbey - secured; No Vice Chair is needed since there are two Co-Chairs.

5.0 Planning Groups

- 5.1 Updates & Questions No one signed up for BBQ yet. No events over 50 people over the next 8 weeks (middle of May). The Easter Egg Hunt will be canceled. Press release from Jo Daviess County - no more than 25 people at an event. Job Fair may be canceled as well. For the rest of March - canceling our events. All the Planning Groups have been filled. The last one was Kids' Camp which has secured a pre-historic Illinois theme. Fern & Mary state that the Planning Groups are a great idea.
- 6.0 New Business Mary reached out to some people regarding ICS Carmel Cottrell (1st Shift; haven't heard yet), Deb VanDerLeest (2nd Shift), and LeAnne Killeen (3rd Shift). Deb agreed to set up her apple table. Thinking of asking Cindy Zophy to do raffle tickets, perhaps she could get volunteers for (1.0 - 1.5 hr shifts).
- 6.1 Other New Business None.
- 7.0 Next Meeting Date April 20, 2020 @ 9:00 am tentatively.
- 8.0 Adjournment Lee motioned to adjourn at 9:26 am. Respectfully submitted, Kirsten Heim





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STAY AT HOME ORDER EXTENDED AGAIN

Yesterday (4/23) it was announced that the Stay at Home Order has been extended again through May 30. The full text of the order has not been released yet, but the press conference indicated we will be able to offer curbside pickup of amenity tags & stickers. Once we can review the actual Executive Order, we will finalize our plan and get that information out to the membership. Our best way to communicate to you when things are changing this rapidly is through our weekly Apple Seed email, our official ACLPOA Facebook page, and our website. If you are not receiving the Apple Seed, the first step is to make sure we have your current email address on file. If you have unsubscribed in the past and would like to be re-added, Tim Brokl or Kirsten Heim in our Communications & Recreation Department can do this for you.

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The IDNR offices are working behind the scenes but on a very limited schedule with a very limited staff. They are still reviewing new watercraft registration applications as fast as they can and forwarding them for processing. However, they are behind as they were out of the office for three weeks and were not able to review anything. Currently, my IDNR contact is not aware of any extension to State Watercraft Registrations expiring June 30, 2020. They have indicated that anyone whose registration is expiring needs to renew online and not send in a paper renewal. The renewal box has been removed from the paper applications. If your State Watercraft Registration is already expired, or will expire June 30, 2020, you need to renew online at https:// www.il.wildlifelicense.com/vehicle.php?action=vehiclelkup. When renewing online, there is a printable confirmation page that serves as your temporary registration card. The ACL Association Office and the IDNR accepts copies of this confirmation page as proof that the registration has been renewed until the actual card is received. When renewing over the phone, the IDNR provides a confirmation number that the IDNR can check if they stop you. ACL has no way

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Not using your Association-licensed boat slip this year? Please consider entering the slip into the ACL Sub-License Boat Slip Program. This will allow another property owner to use the slip for the year (all sub-license program agreements terminate December 31), and you would be refunded \$150, 75% of the slip fee, if the slip is successfully sublicensed. We always have more demand for these slips than slips available. For more information, please see http://applecanyonlake.org/ boat-slip-sub-boat-slip-licensing/ or contact the office for more information.

to look up the confirmation number and cannot accept it as proof of registration renewal. If you do not have a printer, you can print the transaction confirmation page as a PDF (this will allow you to save the file on your computer - that file can then be emailed to ACL). If you do not have internet access or a printer, or do not feel confident doing this yourself, please call us and we can assist you over the phone and then email and/or mail you a copy of the transaction confirmation. You will need to pay IDNR for the renewal.

Do You Need a Boating Safety Certificate?

The Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act (625 ILCS 45) has been amended, and effective January 1st, 2016, any persons born on or after January 1st, 1998 must possess a valid Boating Safety Certificate before they operate any motorboat with over 10 horsepower. The owner of a motorboat or a person given supervisory authority over a motorboat, shall not allow a person who does not meet this requirement to operate their motorboat with over 10 horsepower. Children between the ages of 12 and 18 must also be accompanied on the motorboat and under direct control of a parent or guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian in addition to possessing a valid Boating Safety Certificate.

A Boating Safety Certificate is not required in very select circumstances, one of which is "a person who has assumed operation of the motorboat due to the illness or physical impairment of the operator, and is returning the motorboat or personal watercraft to shore in order to provide assistance or care for that operator." Other exemptions can be found in Sec 5-18. (i) of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act.

Anyone who rents a boat from Apple Canyon Lake, or another rental service in Illinois, will be required to present proof that they possess a valid Boating Safety Certificate or will be required to take an abbreviated safety course presented by ACL prior to taking out the rental boat. A person who completes the abbreviated operating and safety instruction provided by ACL may operate a boat rented from ACL for up to one year from the date of instruction.

Instructor led classes can be found by calling 1-800-832-2599, or found online by county at http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/ ListOfEducationCoursesByCounty.aspx. Online Boating Safety Certificates can be obtained from a variety of vendors. Two vendors listed on the IDNR website are www.Boat-Ed.com and www.BoaterExam.com.

For more information, please visit http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/ Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx. The Illinois Boating Registration & Safety Act may be viewed in its entirety at http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5. asp?ActID=1826&.

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A WORD FROM THE FRONT COUNTER

BY: JEN HOCKEMA *Customer Service*

You can hear tones of it in every conversation that takes place outside of the customer service window. You can see signs of it in the ramped-up activity throughout the property. You can feel it in the air as if it were a humming electrical current...

ANTICIPATION!

The anticipation is strong for summer to be in full-swing and everyone has a different reason... Children (and some adults) can't wait for the opening of the pool! Grandparents (and parents of college kids) await the return of family for fun times together on the lake. Summertime fishermen expectantly prepare and plan for their next fishing spot. New owners anticipate the start of creating their own lake memories. ACL workers prepare for the increased traffic on the property.

"THE IDEA OF WAITING FOR SOMETHING MAKES IT MORE EXCITING." ANDY WARHOL

Anticipation is definitely a huge part of the fun - and a huge part of life!

2020 Trash Facts

The Board of Directors approved a new Rules & Regulations section titled Trash Disposal & Recycling at their December 14 meeting.

To summarize, every ACL lot with a home is required to pay an annual \$75 Trash Assessment. Other property owners may elect to pay the trash fee and use the Solid Waste/Recycling Center. For each \$75 fee paid, the property owner has a choice of a Trash Auto Sticker or a Paper Trash Pass. Unless the same vehicle is used to drop off trash every time, a Paper Trash Pass is needed. The Paper Trash Pass can be transferred between vehicles or presented if an ATV, UTV, or golf cart is used to drop off trash. If the same auto is always used to drop off trash, the Trash Auto Sticker is recommended. Trash Auto Stickers may not be used on ATVs, UTVs, or golf carts. Not sure if you have a Trash Auto Sticker or a regular auto sticker? There is a little trash can in the corner of the Trash Auto Sticker to easily identify it.

The Trash Auto Sticker must be affixed to the driver's side lower windshield of the auto. The Paper Trash Pass must be displayed on the dash with the number facing outward. Photocopies or photos of the Paper Trash Pass are not acceptable and entry to the facility will be denied without a Trash Auto Sticker or a Paper Trash Pass as issued by the Association. If needed, one additional trash pass (paper or sticker) can be purchased for \$10, provided the \$75 fee has already been paid. A total of two passes is allowed per lot. If a pass is lost, the replacement fee for each pass is \$30.

If a member has paid the \$75 Trash Assessment, they are also eligible to purchase Large Item and Electronic Item Disposal Permits. These permits allow the property owner to dispose of televisions, computers, furniture, large appliances, etc. Permits must be purchased in advance at the ACL Association Office. Large Item Disposal Permits are \$15 each and Electronic Item Disposal Permits are \$30 each. Permits must be used in the same month they are purchased. This is a very handy service as fewer and fewer locations allow the disposal of items such as televisions and old computer monitors.

No hazardous materials can be disposed of at the Center, nor are septic tanks or septic components, tires, or batteries allowed. Building materials cannot be disposed of at the Solid Waste/Recycling Center, the property owner needs to ensure an on-site dumpster is rented for any construction or renovation projects.

Detailed recycling information and a list of items accepted for Large Item and Electronic Item Disposal is included on the Solid Waste/Recycling Hours brochure given to each property owner paying the Trash Assessment. If you have any questions, please contact the ACL Association Office at (815) 492-2238.

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Do You Need a Fishing License at Apple Canyon Lake?

Yes, you do need a fishing license at Apple Canyon Lake!

There is some confusion about fishing license regulations at Apple Canyon Lake since our lake is private for our property owners' use only. Per the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, exemption from fishing licenses does not apply to club and organizational lakes or lake developments (ILCS 515). Everyone must have a fishing license to fish in Illinois, unless they meet one of the following requirements: being under 16 years of age, an Illinois resident who is disabled or blind, or an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. Please keep in mind that if you take your children or grandchildren fishing, you must have a fishing license if you help cast, set hooks, reel in fish, etc. Fishing licenses can be purchased online or at an IDNR terminal such as our own Marina. An annual Resident Fishing License is only \$15. There are several options for non-residents, including daily and weekend licenses. Resident seniors aged 65 and older receive a reduced rate on fishing licenses. Licenses expire on March 31st of each year, new licenses can be purchased starting around the third week of January. For more information, please visit http://www.ifishillinois.org/ FAOS/

Members must have trash pass to dispose of garbage or recyclable materials. There is a disposal fee for large or electronic items.

MATERIAL	ITEMS	PREP	CANNOT RECYCLE
ALUMINUM	cans only	rinse clean, flattening optional	foil
TIN CANS STEEL CANS	food cans only	rinse clean, flattening optional	cardboard sided juice cans, aerosol cans paint cans
PLASTIC	milk, soda and detergent bottles; other bottles #1-#7	rinse clean, flatten gallon jugs	plastic cups, film, hard plastics (toys, pails, etc.); medicine bottles, syringes
NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES		place in plastic or paper bags	
CORRUGATED CARDBOARD		flatten boxes	

ACL SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING PROCEDURES

TRASH — Bag all household garbage, deposit in the trash compactor.

LARGE ITEMS-PERMIT REQUIRED — Appliances with or without Freon, furniture, mattresses, etc. may be deposited into the dumpster. No hazardous materials allowed, no septic tanks or septic components allowed. Permits available at the Association Office.

ELECTRONICS-PERMIT REQUIRED — Electronics are not to be deposited into the dumpster. These items will be placed in the shed. Permits available at the Association Office.

NO BUILDING MATERIALS — Materials from a construction or renovation project should be disposed of by requesting your contractor to supply a dumpster on site. Contact our Building Inspector for information.

NO TIRES OR BATTERIES

NO YARD WASTE — Branches, leaves, etc. Burning of these items is permitted on your lot. However, the Property Owner must call the SSD (Safety and Security Department), (815) 492-2436, 24 hours in advance.

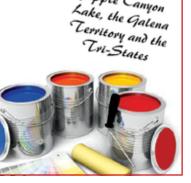


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Memorial Day • July 4th • Labor Day: 10 am to 7 pm CLOSED: Thanksgiving • Christmas • New Year's Day

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Glass Recycling is now available in Galena at Tammy's Piggly Wiggly. Look for the purple dumpster in the parking lot.







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The clean-up can never start too soon though, pictured, the Malone's, Conrad's (not pictured), Dunnings, and Erdenberger's walked North Hammer Rd. the weekend prior to Earth Day and found all kinds of treasures.

BY KIRSTEN HEIM *Communications & Recreation Administrative Assistant kirsten.heim@applecanyonlake.org*

Just like anything else, COVID-19 threw a wrench into our original Earth Day Spring Clean-up event. Rather than cancelling, the Conservation Commission decided that instead of meeting at Nixon Beach as a collective group and then venturing out, they asked that our owners participate on their own over the course of a two-day weekend for a free-form clean-up. Though this event did not go as originally planned, we had a great weekend with plenty of owners ready to help.









 Fetured, lynette Swedberg went out along Apple Canyon Road with her husband, Steve and reported that the beer can selection varied from 7-8 different kinds. Busch Light was been an tavorite, however.



COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

A SUMMER WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

BY TIM BROKL, COMMUNICATIONS & RECREATION MANAGER

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COVID-19 has had many affects on our community, changing the way we are used to doing things.

We have been busier than ever turning out new information to our owners on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. As we learn new information every day, we try our best to make that information available to our owners as quickly as possible. The latest announcements, amenity hours and procedures can be found on the Apple Canyon Lake website (<u>www.applecanyonlake.org</u>), our Facebook page (fb.com/ applecanyonlake), and in *The Apple Seed* E-blast.

As the stay-at-home order and social distancing continues, we have had to start thinking about what our summer is going to look like with social distancing.

Unable to host large crowds, the Smoke on the Water BBQ Cook-off, the Campground Commission's Pancake Breakfast, and the Garden Club Plant Sale over the Memorial Day weekend have all been canceled this year. At this time, ACL has also decided to postpone the Annual Garage Sales until the end of Summer. Please watch for updates on the new Garage Sale date.

We are still moving forward with the planning of our June 27th "4th of July" Celebrations and other July events. We are constantly monitoring the guidelines and are evaluating ways they can be done with social distancing practices in mind. We want to have a fun summer at ACL, but the safety of our volunteers and our owners will be our top priority. Additionally, my assistant Kirsten and I are already brainstorming ideas for activities that we can do digitally via social media, videos, and other contests owners can participate in, on their own or with immediate family, so keep an eye on our Facebook page.

Snowbirds Make Sure You're Counted! WHAT IS THE 2020 CENSUS?

The U.S. Constitution mandated a decennial count of everyone living in the United States in 1790 and is still practiced today. The count is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. Starting this week, households across the country will receive an invitation by mail to respond to the short 9 question survey, which can be completed online, by phone, or via a paper questionnaire.

What Will You Be Asked on the Census?

How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020

Whether the home is owned or rented

About the sex of each person in your home

About the age of each person in your home

About the race of each person in your home

About whether a person in your home is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin About the relationship of each person in your home

Why it Matters?

The information collected from the census helps determine the allocation of over \$675 billion dollars in federal funding for public services like roads, hospitals and schools. Illinois stands to lose an estimated \$1,800 per person per year in federal support for programs that use census data, for every resident who is not counted. The results of the census also determine how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives and how many votes each state gets in the Electoral College. State officials use the census to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts in ways that account for population changes.

The stakes are high with the census count having consequences we will live with for the next decade, if not longer. This is a once-in-a-decade opportunity to count everyone, and this includes snowbirds at Apple Canyon Lake!

Get counted by visiting <u>www.my2020census.gov</u> to participate!



***When you respond, use the unique 12-digit code associated with your address, which is located on the invitation letter. Don't have a code because you misplaced your invitation? No problem, just answer a few additional verification guestions to link you

Snowbirds of a feather count themselves at their usual residence* together. Take the Census.

questions to link your response to your primary address. If you're a snowbird, make sure you use the address/code associated with the address in your primary state of residence (where you live more than 6 months out of the year). Otherwise if you split your time 50/50 between two different residences, use the address to which you will be staying on April 1st as the general rule of thumb.

More information on the 2020 Census & Northwest Illinois is available by visiting <u>www.nwilcounts.org</u>



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RESCUE RANDY'S RULE REMINDERS



BY RESCUE RANDY

With summer fast approaching, please keep in mind underage driving at ACL is prohibited. I know the kiddos think it is fun and exciting to drive golf carts, ATVs and UTVs, but it is a huge safety risk and allowing them to do so is a violation of ACL's Rules & Regulations. Anyone driving a golf cart, ATV,

or UTV at ACL must be at least 16 years of age AND possess a valid driver's license or permit of state of origin. They must also complete an annual Trail Indemnity, which must be co-signed by their parent or guardian.



This rule stands firm on all ACL common properties, trails, at the Campground, sports complex, golf course, pool, office parking lots, beaches, etc. The fine for violation of ACL's Rules & Regulations, Unlawful Operation of All Terrain Vehicles and Golf Carts (under age 16 and/or not possessing a valid driver's license or permit of state of origin) is \$250 for the first offense. We remind you that anyone driving on the perimeter road is doing so illegally and may be ticketed by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

Let's have a great summer season & remember to stay safe!

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This 4-H Owl Club is a Hoot!



Elizabeth, IL- The 4-H "What a Hoot" Owl Club members are taking part in the Illinois 4-H Nesting Box Challenge that began this winter. The Illinois Raptor Center has asked 4-Hers across the state to build Barred Owl nesting boxes for a state-wide study and youth in Jo Daviess County signed up to be a part of this groundbreaking research.

The Barred Owl is a large owl species that live throughout the state of Illinois. This species is a lowland bottoms area owl that preys upon various rodents, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and small fish. These owls nest in cavities in trees and show a preference for a more open top formation, however, very little study has been done on the nesting requirements of this particular species. Traditional owl nesting boxes are a box with a hole and roof overhead. This design has had limited success. The Illinois Raptor Center has modified the design to consist of a partially open top which they hope will deter other species from occupying the box. So which box is better? 4-Hers hope to have more answers at the end of the summer.

The Owl Club is being led as a coordinated effort between the University of Illinois Extension Staff, Extension Master Naturalists, and the Jo Daviess County Conservation Foundation. JDCF has focused on supporting citizen science initiatives in Jo Daviess county since inception. "It is a great way to get people outdoors to grow an appreciation for our natural spaces. By educating the public about the importance of land protection and stewardship, the local communities now have access to nature preserves around the county," says Jessica Carryer, JDCF Outreach, and Education Manager. Angela Miller, 4-H Program Coordinator, "4-H's slogan has always been 'Learn by Doing' so partnering with JDCF was a natural fit. Finding partners like JDCF whose mission aligns with 4-H's mission gets me really excited!"

The Nesting Box Challenge has allowed members to collect data on both styles of boxes which they will monitor through the nesting season. The club began to collect data in January and will continue to collect data through the end of May. Finding the right location for the boxes was one of the first challenges to overcome. Ben Steffes, Site Steward at the Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary, took the time to scout potential nesting box placement locations which he felt would offer the best chance for success. He looked for places that were easily accessible by hiking, close to a water source, and trees that were high enough but close enough in proximity to one

another that owls could make a clear choice on which style of box they prefer. "JDCF is eager to support this project-based outdoor experience for the kids in 4-H. We hope that they remember hiking through the Schurmeier Teaching Forest to log their observations as part of the 4-H Owl Club for years to come," says Jessica Carryer.

The Owl Club has had two meetings to date. During these meetings, members have learned about the habitat, diet, and the mating habits of the Barred Owl. Master Naturalists, Ed Purmann and Garnet Fee, have also taught members how to build each style of box, discussed the importance of GPS coordinates, and familiarized members about NestWatch which is a nationwide monitoring program designed to track status and trends in the reproductive biology of birds, including when nesting occurs, the number of eggs laid, how many eggs hatch, and how many hatchlings survive. Members then traveled to the Schurmeier Teaching Forest near Elizabeth to disperse both sets of nesting boxes for a side by side comparison. Ben Steffes and Austin Wachter, of JDCF, were on location to hang the boxes for our members then took the members around the forest for an informative nature hike.

Each club member is responsible for individually collecting data for two weeks during this challenge. "Members are very happy to be a part of the Owl Club and have said this is one of the few opportunities they have to safely spend time outside of their homes. Owl monitoring has always been a social distancing activity. Families are truly grateful to have the nature preserves open right now," said Angela Miller. Members are hiking to each box location and using an extendable fruit picker and personal cell phones to record a video of each box. Once members are home, they can look at the video and fill out a form noting anything they observe. All data collected by the members will be uploaded to NestWatch which will then be used by the Illinois Raptor Center for their study

The next owl club meeting will take place by Zoom in May. Jessica Carryer, from JDCF, will lead the group in a Stream Ecology program. "4-H continues to thrive despite the challenges we have faced over the past few weeks. I appreciate Jessica and JDCF's commitment to the owl club and our member's enthusiasm and adaptability. When you find the right volunteers, kids that are eager to learn, and the right partners... great things happen," stated Angela Miller.

"Hands to Larger Service"

4-H in Northwest Illinois is in full swing this Spring. 4-H Alumni, 4-H families and members, volunteers, and University of Illinois Extension staff have been putting the 4-H pledge into action and embracing the opportunity to give back to our communities over the past few weeks. 4-H clubs continue to meet in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties using technology. On Monday, April 6, Stephenson County 4-H hosted a virtual countywide 4-H meeting via Zoom. We had 45 families log-in, many with multiple family members on one device. Stephenson County 4-H Ambassadors Magen and Rachel Busker led a tour of their family dairy farm. "It was wonderful to connect with so many of





our families and touch base with everyone," quoted Becky Gocken, Stephenson County 4-H Program Coordinator. We concluded the meeting by sharing a YouTube montage of our Extension staff and 4-H families smiling and waving hello.

Winnebago County held an "ALL CLUB" 4-H Zoom Meeting on April 13, which was very successful. Many members, leaders, and parents tuned in to learn about what clubs are doing around the county. According to Stacy Cwiklo, Winnebago County 4-H Program Coordinator, "As a unit, Extension Staff are promoting many webinar opportunities where 4-H families can stay connected and learn something new. We are using our social media accounts as well as our website to stay connected with our 4-H youth and families. Many of the individual 4-H clubs in Winnebago County are also hosting their own Zoom meetings to stay connected and work on projects together."

4-H Clubs in Jo Daviess County have met digitally as well and continue to offer educational activities. The Scales Mound 4-H Club took a virtual tour of Aunt Beez Greenhouse during their April meeting. Bridget Zurcher, the owner of Aunt Beez, gave the tour and then led members through a demonstration on horticulture. On April 6, Jo Daviess County 4-H Federation members met and held their monthly meeting. Members participated in some virtual team building activities, gave committee reports, and brainstormed about possible summer activities. "What I love the most about working with youth is their creativity, adaptability, and flexibility to new things. Each of our members has exhibited a willingness to embrace change, step up their leadership, and be a role model for our younger members. And to be honest, a role model to those of us that are not tech-savvy," said Angela Miller, Jo Daviess County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Scales Mound 4-H Club, led by Andrea Pickel and Alex Burbach, held their monthly meeting digitally.

Carissa Hinderman, a member of the 21st Century 4-H Club in Warren, is all smiles and spreading some 4-H cheer.

4-H clubs and members have also shared what community service projects they have been doing around our communities. Many of our members are making cards for hospitals and local nursing homes. "As I participated in the county-wide 4-H meetings, I was impressed with the eagerness of our members to participate and share. Hearing about the club's efforts to continue their community service activities, in support of area care centers and first responders, was a sign that 4-H continues to be active in communities despite our recent challenges," stated Margaret Larson, Extension County Director serving Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. A great example of "hands to larger service" was the partnership exhibited between Winnebago County 4-H and Toni's of Winnebago. They came together to organize a community service project that allowed 4-H families to cut, piece, and sew face masks. To date, 2,100 masks have been made and distributed along with 75 headbands. Toni's of Winnebago is still passing out kits to those who want to sew masks.

For more information on IL 4-H, contact your local Extension Office or visit us online at go.illinois. edu/jsw.



POOL TALK

BY JULIE JANSSEN Aquatics, Safety & Security Manager

Hello everyone, I am very excited for the pool season this summer, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, our summer season is still unknown. While I want to say that things will be normal in no time, the reality of the situation is that it's unlikely. Please keep in mind that we are all in this together and we do have to follow the direction of IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) and our government. We will keep you posted as we get direction in the upcoming weeks and urge you all to stay safe.



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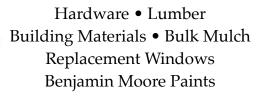
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AQUA AEROBICS See poster for details!

SWIM LESSONSJune 29 - July 2 See poster for details! July 20 - 23 TODDLER LESSONSJune 22 - 25: 10-10:30 am July 13 - 16: 10-10:30 am DIVE CLASSJuly 30: 10-11 am

ACL MERMAIDSJuly 27, 28, 29: 10-11 am

SPECIAL EVENTS! Jun 20, Try SCUBA! (Register in advance) July 16, 1:30 pm, World's Largest Swim Lesson

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MAINTENANCE MATTERS

BY ED ZIARKO

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Maintenance Manager As the world slowly begins to ease back into normal life, the maintenance team has been working very hard at sanitizing everything. During the ongoing COVID-19

outbreak, the Maintenance Department has been able to take this time to complete some bigger projects. The culvert on hole #6 of the golf course was able to be fixed up, and we also addressed a trail that had been washed out by adding a 12-foot piece of culvert for support. Though many aspects of life are now stagnant, the ACL Maintenance Department is not one of them. We would like to extend a big thank you to those owners who have shown their admiration for us through our stomachs. The cinnamon rolls and lunches are much appreciated and never go to waste!



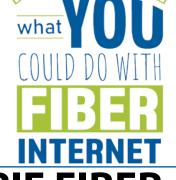
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REPAIRS

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PRO SHOP PRESS

BY: TERRI STIEFEL *Pro Shop Manager*

In these crazy and uncertain times, I hope everyone is doing well. At the Pro Shop, we have been working very hard on projects to improve the establishment. Some of the projects

include new carpeting, new paint, and a brand-new grill for the kitchen. Walking through the door, you feel like you are in a new place. Anita has been "deep cleaning" the kitchen and bar area, and it all looks fantastic. Also, the restrooms have gotten brand new Koala Kare changing tables.

Along with physical changes to the Pro Shop, we have been trying out some new food ideas and exploring new healthy choices. Our distributors have done a great job



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giving us new, healthy ideas. Some of the new options include new wraps, grab and go items to take onto the golf course, and we have developed a kids' menu. We are always eager to hear any suggestions you may have. In addition, the drink menus will change weekly. Once we open full-time, we will begin implementing a Drink of the Week, so stay tuned!

With the new interior changes, the outside patio will also be getting a makeover! New patio furniture, tables, chairs, a ceiling fan, a propane fire pit table, and an outside tv will all be added to our outside area. We are all excited for these new changes. Hopefully, we will see you all soon. Stay safe and healthy!



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APPLE CANYON LAKE GARDEN CLUB Cut Flowers: Sharing the Beauty Inside

BY THERESE NELSON

Now that we are starting to see blooms unfolding, let's bring those colorful flowers inside. If you are like me, a beautiful vase or two of flowers makes my day whenever I see them on a table or desktop. Your guests will be equally delighted. Bouquets are the perfect gift when placed in a vase, tied with a delicate ribbon and embellished with a homemade tag. There's also a benefit of cutting blooms from the plant as it promotes more blooming. More blooms, more happiness. While the April showers will bring May flowers, it could also destroy some of our beautiful blooms. Seeing

FLOWER OF THE MONTH

Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac

WHAT ARE THE MAY BIRTH FLOWERS?

The May birth flowers are the lily of the valley and the hawthorn plant.

Lily of the Valley

The sweet flowers of May embody the hopes and dreams of those who give them. The fragrant lily of the valley signifies sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness. If you want to show your loved one that your life is complete with them, give them a few lilies of the valley.



Hawthorne

The other May flower is the hawthorn plant, which represents hope and supreme happiness. Hawthorn signifies that you want only the best for the recipient.



Watch for the Flower of the Month (Source: The Farmer's Almanac) in each month of the Apple Core.



stems bent over or buds destroyed is enough to make your heart wilt.

By far, morning is the best time to cut flowers with sharp clippers rather than household scissors. Think of this as surgery. We are breaking into the vital body of the plant. The stems are filled with the benefits of morning dew and should be firm to the touch; a sign that they will be encouraged to last longer. While carrying around a wicker basket to place your picked flowers in might be convenient and pretty, a wise gardener will surely use a plastic bucket filled with warm water to place the flowers in. Be careful though, bulb flowers like daffodils, irises and tulips tend to need cold water. Getting water to the flower head is essential to delivering those nutrients they need to last those few extra days.

There are numerous strategies to make the flowers last longer. I've had good luck using alum powder, which is found in the spices section of a grocery store. Hydrangeas and lilacs especially do well with alum powder when the cut stem end is dipped into the alum powder. For other flowers, I put a pinch right into the vase water. Besides allowing the blooms to last longer, the vase water will also smell fresh longer. Another strategy to prolong the life of the flowers is to add a pinch of salt and sugar to the vase. Salt prevents bacteria from forming and sugar nourishes the plant.

Here are some general rules that will help you make your cut-flower arrangements last:

- Do not overcrowd the flowers in the container.
- Add greens to any flower arrangement.
- Check the water level in the vase and replenish it frequently.
- Flowers that go limp are not drinking well and need to be re-cut.
- Always discard wilted blooms.
- Keep flowers away from drafts, direct sunlight, and ripening fruits, which emit ethylene gas—a substance that causes buds to remain closed, petals to have poor color, and flowers to have a shortened vase life.

So here we go, off to the garden. Gloves, cutting tool, plastic bucket with water. Beautiful choices. And **voilà**, the perfect collection for a vase is gathered with care.

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Dental Health During Covid-19

DR. STEPHEN PETRAS, AN ILLINOIS LICENSED GENERAL DENTIST

As our country works together to control the exponential growth of Covid -19, dental offices remain closed to ensure the safety of our patient family, dental team and community. As we all seek to maintain optimal overall health for our loved ones, it is imperative that we continue best dental homecare practices. While we will continue to provide emergency services, Dr. Pullara and I wish to offer the following advice to help protect your family's oral health.

Before and after brushing your or your children's teeth, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, or the time it would take you to sing the Happy Birthday song twice. Floss once a day, before brushing, and brush your teeth with a fluoride toothpaste for 2 minutes twice a day. The second time should be right before you go to sleep, as you produce less saliva at night.

The change in our daily routines may mean extra baking and snacking on sweets. Try to limit treats to mealtime, when an acid plaque attack is already taking place. Avoid sugary and acidic drinks and keep well hydrated by drinking fluoridated tap water. Avoid hard foods that can crack a tooth, such as popcorn, hard or sticky candy and peanut brittle.

Avoid unhealthy oral habits that can lead to chipped or cracked teeth, such as chewing on ice, nail biting and using your teeth as tools. Do not use anything else but floss (such as toothpicks) to remove food particles stuck between teeth. Gum lacerations from these activities and nail biting can lead to bacterial infections that may enter the blood stream.

Avoid excess alcohol consumption and smoking as these compromise blood flow to your oral tissues.

Should a dental emergency arise, call your dentist so he or she can evaluate your symptoms and give you guidance. If your dentist decides that you need to be seen, be aware that you will need to stay in your car until any other emergency patient has left the office and sterilization procedures have been carried out. At this time only each individual emergency patient will be allowed into the dental office, so anyone accompanying you must remain waiting in the car.

In the time of Covid -19, preventing infections that can tax your immune system is vital for you and your family. Use these extra hours to oversee your child's flossing and brushing routine, to give guidance and ensure a lifetime of oral health. For children under the age of eight, adopt a brushing buddy system where they brush and floss first and then you follow through.

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Until this situation is resolved, stay safe, healthy, smiling and at home.



CONSERVATION CONVERSATIONS **Prescribed Burning**

BY AREN HELGERSON Natural Resource Manager

Apple Canyon Lake has been establishing prairie systems enhancing the aesthetics and wildlife habitat for several years. These types of ecosystems can take hundreds of years to naturally find their balance and are always changing with the surrounding environment. All types of plants have evolved to thrive as the world has changed. As it continues to change, the plants and animals that depend on it move to different locations or evolve with its surroundings.

Prairie maintenance as we know it in this day and age requires work removing invasive and non-native plants in order to expedite and enhance the beauty and results in an established prairie. This work involves digging out invasive plants, spot spraying, regular mowing and yearly prescribed burning. Doing this helps create the balance that would otherwise take decades or more to accomplish.

Much of the work needs to be done during the growing season so we can properly identify the selected plants we wish to eradicate and ensure desirable plants can thrive. Prescribed burning is possible twice a year during a short window of time. Late fall after everything has died off or in mid-spring just as the plants begin to grow.

Burning in the fall helps to kill off seeds that have migrated in and have not yet buried themselves in the soil. Spring burns, allows native seed time to stratify for growth in the upcoming season, provides habitat for small animals to over winter and a place for insects and butterflies to have shelter for the spring changes they incur. Another beneficial opportunity of spring burns is getting rid of all the thatch that was produced by the plants in the previous growing season.

Removing this, just like in your lawn, improves growth. When we leave it too long, the thatch can strangle the plant making it either perform poorly or die off allowing one more spot for an invasive to take its place. Burning is not just lighting a fire and letting it burn type of situation. Much training and planning must occur beforehand to do it safely and effectively.

The dynamics of these ecosystems have been observed and studied for centuries. The plants, animals, insects and all the microbes, bacteria etc. all play a vital role in the health of these systems. By understanding these roles as much as we can, offers us the opportunity to produce young, healthy and vibrant prairies.

Many have the understanding that we need to burn prairies every year. This is only partially the truth. Burning has many beneficial factors, but we also need to think about all the other factors that are equally important. Fires are hot and capable of penetrating deep into the soil killing off butterfly larvae, insects, bacteria and available nutrients the plants can utilize for better growth.

Another approach is to section off larger plots of land into smaller plots, then burning only some of the smaller plots. This allows burning to take place on a smaller scale, in turn making it easier for insects, small prairie animals, etc. to easily re-inhabit these burned sections. Then the next year you would alternate by burning the sections that were not done in the previous year. This rotation of burning every 3 years by sectioning off the larger plots can improve the overall health of the system.

New prairies are benefited from yearly burning due to the amounts of invasive pressure put on them. This works well until they become established and the pressure is relieved. All around Apple Canyon Lake we have several highly aggressive plants such as willows, poison parsnip, honeysuckle, thistles, etc. competing for survival making our job of maintaining these areas difficult and continuous.

We work hard to provide the right conditions for the prairies to grow and our human inhabitants the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings we are lucky to have.

May is Migratory Bird Month

BY PAULA WIENER, CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR

Although ACL has many pleasures to offer, one of my favorites is watching the birds on the lake, in the woods, and at my feeder. After a long winter filled with cardinals, tit mice, juncos, chickadees, and finches I'm excited for another spring migration.

When you are lucky enough to see a loon on our lake, he or she is migrating between the breeding grounds of the North Woods and the Gulf of Mexico or the Florida coast. The last breeding pair in Illinois was spotted in DuPage County in 1892. Apple Canyon Lake is an attractive resting spot because it offers the 30 yards to a quarter of a mile of water surface they need to get airborne. Loons run across the top of the water and flap their wings to gain enough speed for lift-off. They stop off at Illinois lakes to bulk up on fish before they start the last leg of their migration to the North Woods.

The bufflehead duck is another visitor to our lake that is just passing through. It is the smallest diving duck in North America. A group of them found North Bay an inviting place to stop in April. Their bodies are mostly white, with a black back, and a head that looks half white and half black. They were on their way to the forests of our



structures in their feathers that refract and reflect blue light, much the same process that makes the sky look blue.

This is just a small sampling of the birds that will pass through or return to ACL this month. Keep an eye out for your favorites on the water, the trail, or your own feeders.



northern states and Canada. Once there they will lay their eggs in the abandoned holes of northern flickers or other animals.

Hummingbirds will return to Northern Illinois in May. If you have a feeder, you know how aggressive and territorial the little guys can be. I've watched a male sit on a branch with no desire to eat himself, but quite willing to chase away any other bird that comes near. The nectar in your feeder should be changed once a week in cooler weather and every 3-4 days when it is hot. There is no need to color the liquid, the hummers are attracted to the color of the feeder.

Get your grape jelly ready, the Baltimore orioles will also be arriving. Why grape jelly? These birds are only interested in the darkest and ripest of fruits. They have no interest in green grapes or yellow cherries even if they are ripe. Orioles also like sugar water and suet. The oldest oriole on record was over 12 years when it was killed by a raptor in Minnesota.

Spring is a great time to catch a rose-breasted grosbeak on your sunflower seed feeder. Later on they will turn to their preferred diet of insects, seeds, and fruits. Their insect choices include butterflies, moths, beetles, ants and bees. They can sometimes be seen grabbing their dinner in midair.

Indigo Buntings migrate at night and use the stars to guide them. They have an internal clock that allows them to adjust their angle of flight as the stars move through the sky. Their feathers are not blue. Their lovely color comes from microscopic



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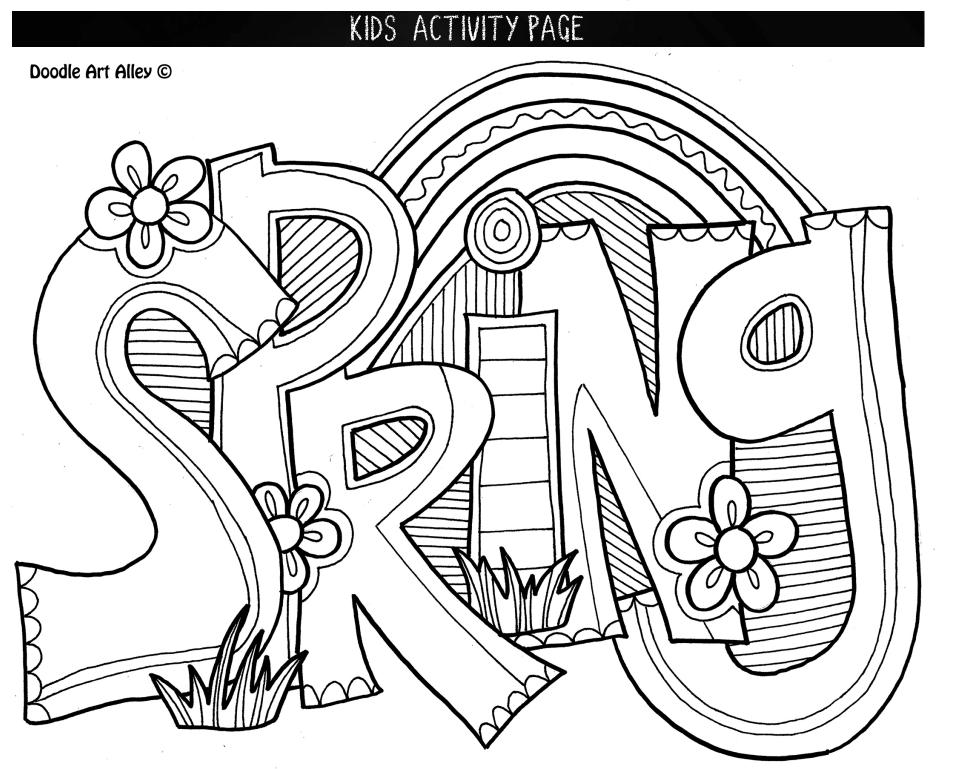


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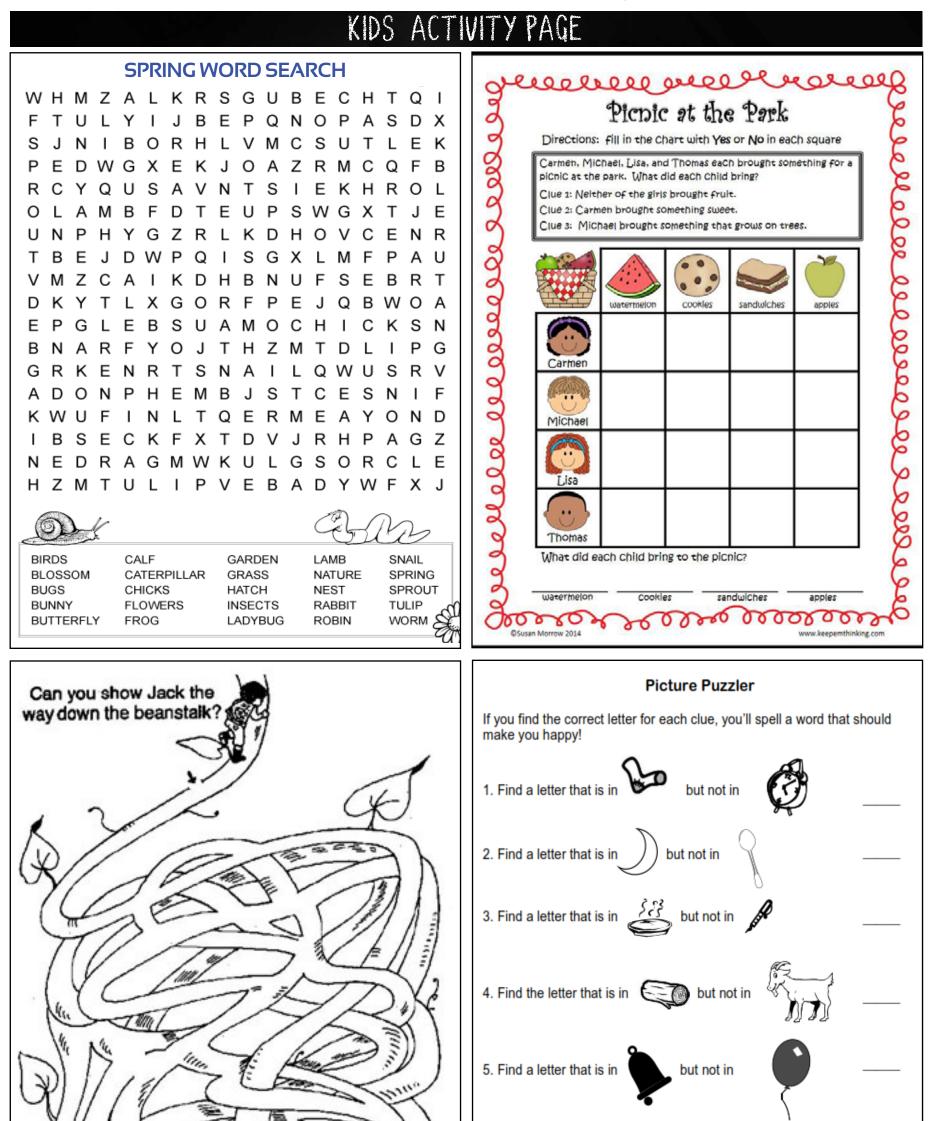


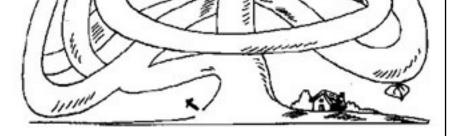
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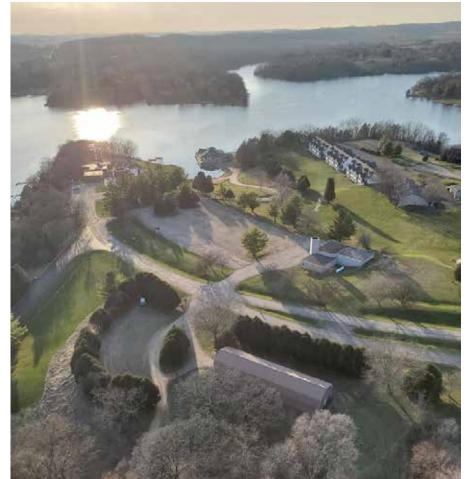


Lake Life Through Your Eyes

BY KIRSTEN HEIM

Communications & Recreation Administrative Assistant

This photo display consists of images submitted by several of our property owners online. Lake life may look a little different to everyone, but I think we can all agree, it looks great in any form! Drinks in hand, a sunset over the lake, what more could you ask for? Thank you to - Garrett Hillary, Kim Flesch, Kathy Johnson Rogers, Rick Blackmore, Amy Guz, Samara Ann, and Stephanie Clay for making this collage possible. If you have any ACL photos that you would like to share, please email them to kirsten.heim@applecanyonlake.org to be shared for all to enjoy.



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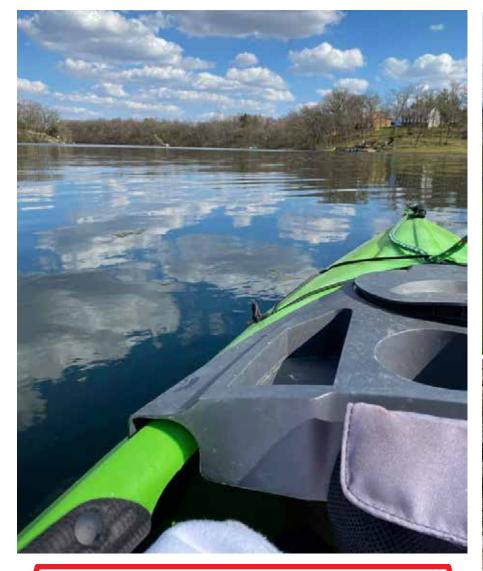
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HORIST



Ronald G. Horist, 77, of rural Apple River, IL, passed away on Saturday evening, April 18, 2020 at home with his family by his side.

Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will not be having a public memorial at this time. A private family service will be held. The Miller & Steinke Funeral Home of Scales Mound, IL is serving the family.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held on the one year anniversary of his death.

Ron was born on November 4, 1942 at Sullivan, IN, the son of Bernard and Irene (Storozyszyn) Horist.

He was a graduate of Mt. Prospect, IL, high school, class of 1961. On May 30, 1963 he was united in marriage to Carol L. Moore at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Algonquin, IL.

Ron worked as a mechanic for a few years, then he joined the Chicago Fire Dept. where he served as an Engineer until his retirement in 1997, when he and Carol moved to Apple Canyon Lake. He also operated a trucking company for a few years

Ron was a volunteer fireman for the Apple Canyon Lake Fire Dept., a member of Apple Canyon Lake Trail Committee, President of the Horseshoe Committee, he volunteered on the Apple Canyon Lake Triathalon and the Conservation Committee at Apple Canyon Lake. Ron was always willing to help anyone in need. He enjoyed playing cards, scuba diving, and snowmobiling.

Surviving is his wife Carol; three sons, Michael (Michelle) Horist, Chicago, Richard Horist of West Chicago, and Mark (Elaine) Horist of Chicago; three grandchildren, Samantha, Jake and Sarah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Irene.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.millerfhed.com.©



Bread of Life Food Pantry Update

SUBMITTED BY MARY BEHAN

I would like to personally thank everyone who contacted me regarding a food or monetary donation to the Apple River Bread of Life Food Pantry. Your

generosity will help the pantry serve families who are greatly affected by COVID-19. Just to give a scope of the problem most pantries will face during this unusual time, during January thru April, 2019 The Bread of Life Food Pantry served 38 families representing 106 people while during January thru mid-April of 2020 they served 76 families representing 186. This is a dramatic 100% increase in appointments with 2 weeks still left in April! Your donation has helped this pantry serve parents who may have never had to use this facility in the past but need assistance now to feed their children.

If you would like to assist this pantry with a "within in date" food or monetary donation please contact me, Mary Behan at 815-492-1320 and I would be happy to make arrangements to pick up your donation. All checks should be made out to the Bread of Life Food Pantry.



SWEEP

Zachary Zweep and Josephine Kuha-Zweep were wed on October 5, 2019 at the Barnyard At The Farm in Winnebago IL.

Zac is a 2011 graduate of Winnebago High School in Winnebago IL.

Jo is a 2011 graduate of Evansville High School in Evansville WI.

Zac is a Journeyman HVAC-R and Jo is an RN, both employed and living in Rockford, IL.

The Zweep family has been members of ACL-POA for over 20 years.



FISH TALES

BY: KIRSTEN HEIM,

Communications & Recreation Administrative Assistant kirsten.heim@applecanyonlake.org

Introducing the World's Greatest Fisherman in training, Mason! What a weekend haul ~ all of which were released back safely into ACL. Photo Credit: Angie Marek

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THE CANDIDATES Q&A, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8 MEET

of the dredge itself on the distance it can pump. We can improve on most of those factors but not all. The good news is that we have a comprehensive report and know the amount of silt in each bay and cove, which we can correlate with the capacity of the respective dredge pond. Several ponds have been identified that need enlarging and other dredge ponds that need to be created. You should see work on that front over the next several years! We also experimented with a 'water bag' for a smaller inaccessible cove because of distance from a dredge pond. It was basically a huge bladder that we (and an independent company) pumped silt into. It then sits until water drains out and the silt physically hauled away. You may have seen this huge bag along the trail system. Mixed feelings on its efficiency as it relates to the cost involved. The challenge we would have using an outside company is also the cost, close to a million dollars. Sure, we can do this over several years but then the yearly mobilization costs add up. While nothing has been decided on best approach, I believe we should continue with our current method of dredging while at the same time hire outside to help with inaccessible areas and smaller coves over a period of several years.

HARRIS - The current maintenance crew is working hard to maintain the depth of the lake with the dredging equipment and capabilities we presently have on site. I know it is not an easy job. It is difficult for them to keep up with the rate of silting which is occurring. I think we need to get professional help in determining if our equipment is adequate to do the job we expect to be done. I would hate to think that our maintenance crew might suffer the blame for something that simply is beyond their control. Given the determination that our equipment will do what it is expected to do to maintain the depth of the lake, I think professional consultation on the process, location, and other such details would be well worth any expense we would incur. Should our dredging equipment not be deemed adequate, I believe we should invest in professional services to handle this important task for us. As the health, beauty, and viability of our lake is the central focus of the success for our community, I think this is something we should consider seriously now and in the future.

7. The annual assessment has increased the past two years, what is your position on future increases and what merits an increase?

PAULSON - Annual increases are something that we have all experienced in the past few years. Like your expenses at home or in your business, the cost continues to increase. ACL is no different. Many of you blame the increase solely on the CAMP project. This is far from the truth. In order to maintain effective and efficient operations and meet the expectations of the property owners, an increase in the operations, R&R and Capital Improvements budget will be required. Most people agree that we must protect the lake, make improvements to the dam and continue working on the watershed to eliminate infiltration into the lake. These and projects like these will also require additional funding on a periodic basis. Expectations of the property owners continue to rise. In order to meet these expectations, annual increases are going to happen. But each year the board must carefully evaluate the revenue, expenses and the overall economy along with the projects listed in the reserve study and determine the minimum increase to the annual assessment. Efforts must also be made to increase our revenue sources at the Pro Shop, golf course, marina, etc. to help offset expenses.

accomplish A LOT of what we all want. Apple Canyon isn't broken, we just need to pull together and support a common plan. PROTECTING THE LAKE (and the people of the lake) merits an increase, like dredging and flood protection.

DIEHL - The amount of the annual assessment is an end product from a complex and lengthy budget process. This includes a lot of planning by the general manager, and department managers. Planning includes all expenses including equipment, utilities, wages, insurance, and more. The budget commission then has to look at sources of income or revenue, and expenses to create a balanced budget. I respect the amount of time and effort by those members. It's important to realize that increases in expenses will occur, even without special projects like a pool or a new building. When we first moved here, the assessment was \$250 but then had a large increase to \$750. As a Board member I've learned some of our financial requires careful planning in both the short history and came to understand the increase was necessary given our financial to keep up with inflation and the rising position at that time. I supported the dues increase two years ago mainly because there had been no increase for about 6 years. In hindsight, it would have been better to have small increases each year, rather than a "catch-up" situation, but it was the right thing to do at the time. It is my position that future increases will be necessary. The cost of goods and services goes up. Our expenses will go up. It is my hope that increases remain small, and certainly not at that 15% level. As to what merits an increase, it goes back to our priorities and related costs. We want our Association and our assets to remain at the highest quality possible and improve them when possible. We need to strike a balance between what we truly need, what we hope for, and what we can afford to do. Finally, we must do a better job of obtaining owner input on their beliefs as to what merits an increase.

DODEN - We have to hold the line on any increases. Every time we increase the dues, we cause the lots to be worth less. We have quite a few lots; until that inventory gets reduced, it will be hard to see the value increase. People buy property here for the future. But with the dues continually going up, the cost of holding a lot increases tremendously and with lots losing value it's a bad combination.

HANNON - I know very few businesses that can survive over the long run without increases in fees and prices. Everything goes up in costs and consequently they get passed along. Prior to two years ago we had no increases in assessments for five years. The budget committee and General manager at that time did an outstanding job in trimming the budget every which way they could. We have a twenty-year plan (R/R) for when equipment and furniture should be replaced or renovated and we accrue and budget for those replacements every year. Over those five years little was needed in the way of Capital needs and some R&R projects were pushed down the road. Well it caught up to us. Now that the budget has been fine-tuned, R&R projects need to be addressed. Along with that we have a need for a larger Administration building and event center, so we have Capital needs. Costs continue to rise with payroll taking approximately 35% of revenue! Insurance is another BIG cost. Indeed, we jumped ~ 24% over the last two years, if one thinks about it, that breaks down to a little over 3% a year over the last seven years. While we cannot say for certain there will not be minimal increases every year, we believe next year we can stay the course. Come join us at budget meetings for an inside look at revenue and expenses. Oh, so much fun!

that we have the funds to employ and retain people with the necessary skills to keep us in business not only protecting our well-being, but also our financial security. We need to make sure our salary schedule is commensurate with job expectations and competitive with surrounding areas in order to do this. Our assessment fees should certainly reflect this goal. Using a reasonable and economically sensitive schedule, I also think assessment fees should allow us to save for future, planned improvements to our community. We simply cannot do everything all at once or tackle too many projects at the same time in today's economic environment. I believe we have a duty to our membership to be mindful and respectful of their economic situations. This can be achieved by having a sound, prioritized plan for those improvements and sticking to it.

NELSON - It is the Board's responsibility to create and manage budgets. This and long term. The operating budget needs costs of services and amenities. Year-overyear the budget should reflect gradual increases. The long-term budget should be sufficiently funded to meet longerterm projects and capital replacements. In general, these should also reflect gradual increases. It is also possible that no increases occur over a shorter period of time due to low inflation or cost saving initiatives. A special assessment generally means we failed to save for our long-term projects. However, costs associated with natural disasters or unforeseen failures in equipment, infrastructure and buildings may require above normal increases.

8. Current property values are very low right now, especially for vacant lots. What can the Association do to increase property values and the sale price of a vacant lot?

BORST - This isn't going to change overnight and no one currently on the board or currently running for the board has a magical answer. I have some ideas on how being fiscally responsible will translate into demand for our properties and thus increases in value, like keeping our assessments down. But I need to be involved to pursue my ideas. The good news is that even if I am not elected to the board, the board just approved my commission application and I can now say I am officially a member of the Strategic/ Long Term Planning Commission. I can't wait to get started. Thank You board for approving me! I'd like to add that at the last board meeting I was saddened to hear our conservation committee chair speak about how bad WE treat our community. She reported how much trash was all over the place. She encouraged everyone to chip-in to help clean up our trails, roadways and beach. What if we keep our community clean in the first place, reprimand those we catch not doing so, and elect me to figure out how to keep our assessments in check. I am here to stay and I am here to help. It's what I do best. So to answer the question - Elect me, Keep ACL beautiful, and just maybe, our property values will go up. Whether elected to the board or not, I know I will help this cause and I hope you will too. In conclusion, hand me the baton and I'll get us to the finish line. We can do this ACL! Together we stand, divided we fall. Be safe, wear a mask and I hope to meet you soon. I love life at The Lake! DIEHL - The true value of your property is the amount that you could sell it to an actual buyer. The county tries to appraise our properties, partly by the description of the home and partly by transaction data in the county. We really don't have enough data for ACL because there are not many transactions. The county does not use all factors either; for example, I don't think they use size of your lot. We want to have good property values, but of course when they go up, we're not happy about tax increases. Nonetheless, it is in the best interests of ACLPOA to have high property values. The vacant lot issue is a difficult one. Unfortunately, there are more sellers than demand. As an association,

we can try to help by making ownership of a lot at ACL attractive. That means keeping amenities in great shape. It means marketing those amenities, stressing the great opportunities: boating, fishing, riding trails, hiking, golfing, bocce, pickle ball, tennis, dining, and enjoying a cool beverage on a warm summer day. For the properties with homes, it includes all that and more. Marketing should stress the joy of living in this community. For my wife and me, a big part of it is the great people in this community. We are blessed with so many friends who enjoy the same activities we do.

DODEN - That's why we need to control our spending. We have to show property owners that they are getting value for their money and that we do care about the lake. Until we can increase the confidence of our low owners that we really care, the lots will continue to lose value.

HANNON - I believe in the economic model of supply and demand. Decrease supply and/or increase demand will bring a higher value to all the property. Well, we can't decrease supply, our 2743 lots are not going anywhere, but we can increase demand. So how do we do that? Several ways are being discussed, realizing many little things done right can add up. Two larger methods come to mind. First have the best updated association around suitable for the next generation of buyers. That means updated and current amenities, fiber for all to work from home, and a lake bar none, that caters to fishermen and boaters alike. A community of like-minded individuals who want to see growth and participate in the development of ACL. Without growth we are stagnate. Second, we must market ourselves, get the word out that ACL is the place to live or have a second home or lot. Both methods involve money and the vision of the BOD to make it happen. We have so many of these attributes already so let's keep rolling, stronger and harder. Thanks, Gary Hannon, 8A239 Washington Lane

HARRIS - Unfortunately, the economy is the main factor in determining the property values at ACL, and the current economic situation simply will not support increased valuations. First thought suggests that additional amenities would perhaps increase the attractiveness of owning property at ACL subsequently driving up the value of the land. However, with additional amenities comes the need to increase the assessment fees. I believe it is the rising assessment fees which are steering the sales of vacant lots for as little as one dollar. Landowners are looking to get out from under rising assessment fees especially if their ownership is only to take advantage of singular amenities at ACL such as fishing, swimming, boating, and so forth. This is a cyclic situation which will be very difficult for the association to influence one way or the other.

NELSON - The Association must continually maintain and improve its amenities; lake, clubhouse, pool, golf course, campground, restaurant, trails, beach, etc. Attractive amenities draw people to the lake. More visibility of the lake results in increased purchases of homes and lots. Increased purchases results in higher property values. Owners should also take pride in their properties. Simply mowing your lawn, maintaining your house's exterior, straightening your fire address sign and mailbox provides curb appeal to prospective buyers. I believe the Association should also increase its marketing of the lake in local, regional, and state media and publications. **PAULSON -** Low property values have been a major concern since the downturn in 2008. This is not a question that can be answered by an individual candidate. I believe that we must form a task force to look at the issue of the property values of not only vacant lots but houses as well. I would like to see people with a realtor, banker, appraiser, public relations, lawyer and advertising background come together and to discuss the reasons for the low values and propose solutions to this issue.

BORST - If elected, I'd like to pursue a cap on the annual assessment. Those on fixed income are really hurting when year after year our assessments go up, and that is wrong. I've spent some time reviewing the ACL financial statements and I have a lot of questions, some may produce savings, and some may not. I believe we can improve our fiscal responsibility and still

HARRIS - Available revenue, expenses, future needs, and the prevailing economic situation must be carefully considered before making decisions on annual assessment fees. The amenities are nice, and they do attract others to become members of our community, but if we do not have the ability to maintain them or price ourselves out of business with excessive assessment fees, they will come to mean nothing. I believe it is essential

LETTER TO THE EDITOR & POLICY

KILLEEN -

In January's Apple Core, the board president wrote about all the volunteers that serve on our board and commissions. As we all know, volunteering is the back bone of our community. ALL volunteers put in endless hours of their time to help make our community a place we can be proud of and call home. The Spring Clean-up takes many volunteers from across all the property and the Garden Club takes countless hours of volunteers' help to beautify our grounds, also the group of volunteers that adopt-a-hole on the golf course and plant flowers at the Teeboxes and maintain them throughout the year. The Pancake breakfast, Farm to Table, BBQ Cook-off and Ice Cream Social all takes months of preparation and coordination by the commission but relies heavily on the countless volunteers to pull everything together and make these events a success. These events encourage socialization and community, something we all are missing during this horrible time. The 4th of July festivities, Relay for Life, Haunted Trail, Halloween at the Campground, and all the Children's activities all bring us closer together and encourage us to be a family-based community. All the volunteers that dedicate their time should be recognized (at the Appreciation Dinner) and applauded them for all that they do. Most of our volunteers are busy all year long dedicating their time to make Apple Canyon a place where we can be proud and enjoy a little slice of heaven. Although, there are too many individual volunteers to name and list their contributions, I would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers that dedicate themselves throughout the year! Keep the Shine on the Apple!

LeAnne Killeen 12A62 McKinley Ct

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ACLPOA Board Approved Policy

THE APPLE CORE: ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

The Apple Core is published by the ACLPOA for the benefit of its Members to keep them informed about developments with respect to the lake, facilities, activities and finances; to report Board decisions; to provide a handy reference about rules, fees and coming events; and to afford a means of communication on questions and issues of importance to property owners.

The Editorial Review Committee shall consist of a member of the Board, who shall be the Chair; the General Manager, who shall be Vice-Chair; the Editor of The Apple Core, who shall be the Secretary; and such other members as the Board may appoint from time to time. This Committee shall prepare policies for the acceptance of material to be printed in The Apple Core, including, but not limited to, letters to the editor and policies for advertising material printed, which policies shall be submitted to the Board for approval annually.

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- Letters to the Editor must be:
 - a) Submitted and signed by a Property Owner.
 - b) Received by the 15th of the month previous to publication.
 - c) Confined to 250 words or less.

The following guidelines for treatment of letters have been adopted for the purpose of encouraging expression of views with the focus on discussion of issues not people. Publication of letters does not necessarily imply agreement or endorsement by the Association or the Board of Directors.

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- Letters must be in good taste. Those containing offensive or derogatory language, libelous statements or expressing personal grievances or conflicts will not be published.
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- Editorial comments will be limited to factual clarification or update on the matter at issue. No point of view will be expressed.

With respect to Board Elections:

1) Candidates will be presented in the March and April issues.

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Classifieds are just \$10 for 25 words and your ad is displayed in *the Apple Core* and on the website for the entire month!

Download the form from the www.applecanyonlake.org and submit your classified ad and payment by the 22nd of the month.

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For Sale: Apple Canyon Lake wonderful location, great benefits for summer retreats, vacation times, relaxation, family get togethers, boating, fishing, camping, price \$200.00 "Great Price." Call 815-281-2489 for more info.

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- Must have a valid drivers' license
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2) A special section for questions regarding candidates will be included in the March and April issues of The Apple Core. Questions regarding candidates must be received thirteen (13) days prior to copy deadline in order to provide the candidates with the opportunity to respond in the same edition. Candidate responses must be received two (2) days prior to copy deadlines.

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Elizabeth Ambulance Seeks volunteers

Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service is in need of additional volunteers to help provide ambulance service to the Elizabeth and Hanover area.



Our volunteers have an important role in helping

family, friends, neighbors and the community when emergencies occur. As a Volunteer you will give back to the community, make a difference, and develop new skills! For additional information please contact Dan at 815-238-1999 or Richard at 815-289-2940.









& ROLL BALL RACE * Saturday, June 27TH, 2020

at Nixon Beach

Parade Line up at 10:30 am R&R Ball Race at 11:00 am Parade to the campground and back <u>follows the Ball Race</u>!



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The first 6 balls into the finish line win cash prizes!

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