

THE Apple Core

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Take This as a Cardinal Sign, 2023 is Going to be a Great Year!



Photo by Penny Diehl

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NEW YEAR = NEW CALENDAR & CANYON CHRONICLE!

BY KIRSTEN HEIM,
Communications & Recreation Administrative Assistant

The 2023 edition of the Calendar & Canyon Chronicle will be mailed on December 15. Watch for these publications



to hit your mailbox late December to prep for the new calendar year. Photos for the calendar were hand selected by the Communications Department using a pool of photo submissions from Property Owners throughout 2022. We are blessed to have some very talented photographers out here that can capture the natural beauty of Apple Canyon Lake. We urge our owners to flip through these publications to learn more about Apple Canyon Lake, the amenities, and Departments that keep this place up and running. The calendar has a handful of new events & activities to enjoy in the new year like Family Fun Nights in the Clubhouse during our colder months (January & February), Midsummer Bash in June, Independence Concert in July, & Chili Cook-off in November. We look forward to kicking-off the new year with you all, but until then, happy holidays!

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

BY JEN CALLAGHAN



A month in and I am just in awe of Apple Canyon Lake! From such an incredible team to a truly amazing set of volunteer power, ACL has got it all! I am so excited to be a part of this community and look forward to contributing whatever I can to further the ACL goals and vision.

My priorities so far have been to get to know the team, dive into the governing documents, and work with staff to identify opportunities for improvement or efficiencies. While the staff has many ideas, we have been focusing on just a couple of areas in the past couple of weeks that should have a significant impact on the bottom line.

For starters, evaluating the pro shop menu revealed many items that we were charging less than the actual cost. Because of this, our ability to meet the budget requirements is impossible. Working together, the team evaluated each item, came up with some new ideas and established updated pricing. We recognize that in some cases the increases were significant, but it had to be done to be viable. If you have

any specific feedback or questions, feel free to reach out. We are very sensitive to making sure the vibe and experience stay the same at the pro shop, so your input is essential!

Another area of opportunity includes some communication with the owners & identifying some cost savings. In the next couple of weeks, we will be making a strong push to encourage people to sign up for electronic statements before we finalize the January billing. We currently have only 880 people who have agreed to receive electronic statements out of 2700 with about 29% using our online payment methods. This year, we would like to see this double (or at least increase significantly) – not only is it more efficient and cost savings for us, but it also is easier and less time-consuming for you.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY NOLAN MULLEN



While it is hard to believe that 2022 is coming to an end already, I am excited to see what we can accomplish in 2023.

The lake improvement projects are continuing to move forward. The bathymetric study proposal was approved at the November board meeting. This should keep us on track for dredging to start in the Spring of 2023. The flood mitigation project is in the bidding phase. The plan is to start the work on the spillway before the end of 2023. The Zebra Mussel Commission is continuing to develop a treatment & monitoring plan to recommend to the board for implementation in 2023. They also have a zebra mussel town hall Q&A meeting on December 10 at the ACL clubhouse.

The Cove Search Ad Hoc Commission is actively searching for a new operator for The Cove.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors. If you are interested and possess the qualities of an effective board member, I encourage you to submit your application. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 23rd.

The Board of Directors will be having a special meeting on December 22 in the ACL clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. to adopt the 2023 annual assessment, operating budget, R&R expenditures, and the operating and building fee schedules.

Happy holidays to you and yours!

UPCOMING LOCAL DELIVERY DATES

The Apple Core reaches local homes and is posted in its entirety at www.applecanyonlake.org on the following dates.

Jan 12 • Feb 9 • Mar 9

December Highlights

- **Office & Admin:** We have hired a new employee – Gail! We are busy getting ready for the Annual Mailing & catching up on much-needed vacation accruals.
- **Maintenance & Golf:** We have been taking advantage of this beautiful fall weather in getting prepared for the winter. As the weather turns, we will be focusing on a variety of small projects that can be done indoors (picnic tables, painting, equipment maintenance, etc.).
- **Lake & Natural Resources:** A lot of progress has been made with our Prairie Restoration. Additional grants are being sought for more areas to work on. Lake dredging project is progressing. The Board has approved the bathymetric study to be completed the first week of December. Once we know how much sediment is to be removed, we will be able to a.) confirm we have adequate storage capacity for the sediment and b.) solidify dredge proposals and file for permits.
- **Zebra Mussel Ad-Hoc Commission:** Will be hosting a special town hall meeting to help educate and address concerns regarding the treatment proposals.
- **Recreation:** The Haunted Clubhouse was a blast with a tremendous turnout! Thank you to everyone who assisted. We are super excited about the winter activities the team has planned.
- **Communications:** Big push for electronic notice sign-ups! The 2023 Calendars and Chronicle are on the way.
- **Cove Bar & Grill Operator:** The Cove Ad-Hoc team has been busy trying to find our next operator. So far, we have had a couple of people interested and hope to have something to report to the Board later in December.
- **Safety & Security:** The Safety & Security team will be making sure everyone's heat lights are ready for the winter and also catching up on much-needed vacation accruals.
- **Pro Shop:** Now that the golf season has come to an end, the Pro Shop team has been focusing on menu updates, coming up with weekly specials, planning monthly entertainment, and more.



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OBITUARY



Abruzzo

Kathleen (“Kathy”) Abruzzo, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2022, at the age of 77. She was born December 22, 1944 in Burlington, Wisconsin to Judson and Kay MacDougall. She was one of five children. Her siblings (now all deceased) include her half-brother Bob, Susan, twin sister Maureen and brother Michael. Kathy is survived by her beloved husband Tony, her children Nick and Gabrielle, their spouses Debra and Paul, and grandchildren Francesca, Anthony, Isabella and Julia. Kathy is also survived by in-laws Danny & Sue Abruzzo, Mona Terpstra, Tom & Delia Abruzzo, and many nieces and nephews.

Kathy was defined by her strong Christian faith, and unwavering love for her family and friends. She was deeply involved in her church – and actively participated in women’s bible study,

taught Sunday School, helped lead Vacation Bible School and supported “Beach Reach” – a ministry in South Padre Island, TX where she served pancakes to vacationing teenagers.

She was also committed to her community and for 18 years helped her best friend Sandy run “Sandy’s Kids’ Christian Outreach,” which served 68 underprivileged kids from the surrounding area. Kathy served as Kitchen Manager with her husband Tony – and every year made enough of her famous pizzas to feed the many kids who attended plus all the volunteers. Kathy also helped run Marathon Bridge for two decades – a card game she loved playing with her husband and many friends.

A wake was held for Kathy on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Russo Hillside Chapels, at 4500 Roosevelt Rd, Hillside, IL.

welcome TO NEW ACL OWNERS

John & Elizabeth Rutherford
 Gina Leahy
 Stephen & Kimberly Ausmann
 Gary Lietz

Robert McDonald
 Justin Beard
 Jennifer Delegge

December Pro Shop Specials:

1-4 Bogey Burger: Juicy 1/3 lb. hamburger patty wedged into our popular grilled 3-cheese with freshly grilled onion, and crispy bacon served with your choice of side for \$13.50.

8-11 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich: Breaded and fried chicken breast, topped with marinara sauce, melty provolone cheese, and grated parmesan cheese on a freshly toasted bun with your choice of side for \$11.00.

15-18 Blackened & Blue Cheeseburger: Juicy 1/3 lb. hamburger patty topped with melty blue cheese crumbles and crispy bacon on a freshly toasted bun with your choice of side for \$12.50.

22 & 23 BBQ Wing Wrap: Breaded chicken filets tossed in savory BBQ sauce, stuffed into your choice of wrap (white, wheat, or spinach) with loads of lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese, and ranch dressing with your choice of side for \$11.00.

29 & 30 Meatball Sub: Mouth-watering meatballs & marinara sauce topped with melty shredded mozzarella cheese served on a freshly toasted hoagie bun and served with your choice of side for \$10.50.

Additional Rules & Regulations Changes Coming in 2023

At their October 15, 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors the following changes to the Rules & Regulations, Board Approved Policy, and Operational Programs & Procedures –

- Motorized Kayaks, Canoes, etc. – All watercraft with a motor of any kind, including an electric trolling motor, must be registered with the Department of Natural Resources. These watercrafts must be registered with ACL as a motorized watercraft. A unique sticker will be given to all non-powered watercraft beginning in 2023 so Security can easily identify how a watercraft has been registered with the Association.
- Postmarks – All payments must be **received** on March 1. Any payments received after March 1, regardless of the postmark date, will be late. Property Owners are reminded that online payments & forms are available!
- No Boat Slip and Seasonal Campsite Waiting Lists procedural change – Any lot not in good standing as of 3pm on the Friday preceding the Slip Assignment Day or Campsite Assignment Day will be removed from the waiting list.
- Kayak Locker Waiting Lists – A Kayak Locker to Trade Waiting List and a No Kayak Locker Waiting List have been created. Kayak Lockers will be traded & new assignments made at an annual Kayak Locker Swap & Assignment Day. The 2023 event will be held Saturday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. Forms are available at the Association Office or can be downloaded from <https://www.applecanyonlake.org/group/pages/kayak-locker-waiting-list>

The revised Rules & Regulations booklet will be available after January 1, 2023. Revisions are posted on the ACL website as they are approved. The link to the current Rules & Regulations booklet and all approved amendments is <https://www.applecanyonlake.org/group/pages/rules-regulations>.



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ACLPO FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS

Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is seeking applications for requests up to \$5,000 of funding awards for the 2023 calendar year.

Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Qualifications for funding include **one or more** of the following criteria within the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association must:

- Be for an environmental program to enhance the beauty or improvement at ACL;
- Be educational in nature;
- Be in an area for public enjoyment; or
- Be helpful to the Apple Canyon Lake Watershed Management Plan.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available from the Association Office, on the Foundation webpage or by contacting jodyware2014@gmail.com. The grant application components include:

- Contact Information
- Proposal Title

- Proposal Summary
- Organization Description and History Requesting the Funding
- Background/Explanation of Problem
- Project Description
- If ACL staff will need to be utilized for project
- Project Timeline/Budget Timeline
- Proposed Budget

Requests for Proposals must be submitted to the Association Office by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2023.

Applications will be reviewed for funding allocation by the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation Board of Trustees by March 3, 2023.

All applicants will be notified by March 10, 2023 as to whether or not the application was funded.



Can you answer "Yes!" to any of these questions?

Are you up for the challenge?

- Are you a team player?
- Do you have vision?
- Can you spare some time?
- Are you interested in the long term health of the ACLPOA?
- Are you an "ideas" person?
- Are you dedicated?
- Do you love ACLPOA?
- Are you a good listener?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then won't you consider running for a seat on the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association's Board of Directors? Your Association needs you! Please read on!

ACLPOA is wonderfully diverse and equal representation goes a long way in protecting that diversity. Please consider becoming the ultimate ACL volunteer

Why should you consider running for a seat on the ACL Board?

You will have an opportunity to help make the decisions that will preserve all that Apple Canyon Lake has come to be, and set the policies that will keep it moving in the right direction within the limits of financial soundness.

REAPING THE BENEFITS. The future well-being of ACLPOA and how it is perceived by outsiders compared with other recreational communities will be reflected in the value of its properties and its reputation as an investment. We follow the adopted Mission Statement:

The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association Board of Directors shall act in a fiscally responsible manner, as a fiduciary, while exercising all powers and authority vested in the association, so as to preserve its values and amenities, and promote health, safety, and welfare for the common benefit and enjoyment of its membership while maintaining its not-for-profit status.

Surely many who have served on the Board over the past 50 years have been motivated by a genuine desire to do their share in helping govern a beautiful, well run community. They contribute to decisions that affect both property values and the quality of life at ACLPOA.

HOW NOMINEES ARE SELECTED. The Nominating Committee, made up of property owners representing all subdivisions, is responsible for

soliciting candidates. The Bylaws specify that the Committee shall make at least two more nominations than the number of openings to be filled.

The Board is composed of nine members. Each year three terms expire and three directors are elected to the Board for a term of three years. This system, specified in the Bylaws, encourages participation of new members while providing substantial continuity in the conduct of Association affairs.

On June 10, 2023, three Board candidates will be elected for regular three-year terms. While no specific qualifications are required, applicants should meet the following criteria and consider whether their circumstances will allow them to attend the monthly meetings (on the third Saturday of every month) and to devote the time necessary to prepare for the decisions that have to be made.

CRITERIA. Applicants must be a member of the ACLPOA, be bondable, never have been convicted of a felony and agree to a background check, and be at least 21 years of age. In addition, only one owner of a lot may serve on the Board at the same time. The most important element is a willingness to work with others to promote and protect the interests of the Association as a whole.

If you feel you could serve the Association in this capacity, fill out the brief form shown and mail it to the ACLPOA Office by January 23, 2023.

Your brief bio and answers to written questions will be published online, in The Apple Core and mailed with the ballot material. Also, a "Meet the Candidates" forum is scheduled for April 8, 2023 at 1:00pm. The minutes from the forum will be published as well. The election will be held June 10, 2023 at the ACLPOA Annual Meeting. The Ballots will be mailed to the membership at least 30 days earlier.

Questions may be directed to the ACLPOA Administrative Office at 815-492-2238 or email them to officemanager@applecanyonlake.org.

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY ACL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL ELECTION

(Please print) _____, hereby submit my name to be considered as a candidate for the ACLPOA Board of Directors.

This application must be received at the ACL office no later than the Monday following the January Board meeting.

Mailing Address: Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ACL address (if different) _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Home Work Cell _____

Are you bondable? Yes No

Upon receipt of this application a questionnaire will be sent to you.



Mail Completed Form to: ACLPOA | Attn: Admin Assistant/Nominating Committee
14A157 Canyon Club Drive | Apple River, IL 61001.

Or Email Completed Form to: adminassistant@applecanyonlake.org

For Office Use Only:

Date Received ___ / ___ / ___

Received By _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Following are UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the November 12, 2022 regular Board of Directors' Meeting. Minutes are in unapproved draft format for informational purposes only, pending approval at the December 22, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting.

- 2.0 Call to Order – President Nolan Mullen called the meeting of the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association to order at 9:05 am on Saturday, November 12, 2022.
- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – After the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present with the following Directors in attendance: Nolan Mullen, Mike Harris, Henry Doden, Steve Borst (via Zoom), Bill Becker, Mark Kosco, Bob Ballenger, John Anderson (via Zoom) and Laura Pratt. General Manager Jen Callaghan was present via Zoom. Ashlee Miller was also present.
- 4.0 Approve/Adopt Minutes from the October 15 Executive Session and Regular Meeting – Bill Becker motioned “to approve/adopt minutes from the October 15 Executive Session and Regular Meeting.” Seconded by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously.
- 5.0 Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer’s Report will be in The Apple Core.
- 6.0 Committee/Commission Reports
- Board Policy Ad Hoc – Mike Harris report they have not met. Information about the Multi-Sport Complex has been received.
- Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc – Mike Harris reported they sent out RFQs, advertised, and also listed in several different places. Hope to find someone soon.
- Conservation – Paula Wiener reported they met on November 5. Tyler has been working on the Hawthorne savanna and Mike Yorke has been working with him. Joe Rush made his annual fall visit. Fish shocking was done – no final report yet. No dredging done this year. Weed harvesting is done for the year. Hawthorne Prairie restoration was completed under the guidance of Roger Higgs and with the help of some Garden Club members. Marina wetland garden is complete. The two people who cared after the bluebird houses have retired. We have no one to look after the bluebird houses now. We will be looking for residents to adopt a house. We will not be meeting in December or January.
- Legal – Sean Cottrell reported they met on November 10. Did a quick recap on three motions made to the Board. Request from Commission - any recommendations coming from this Commission should be read verbatim. More discussion on operational things. Next Board meeting – another recommendation will be coming. Making sure policy and practices are in alignment. Notice of regular meetings of the Board in which budget matters will be acted upon. Not sure if there is an update on that – was the 30-day requirement actually met? Nolan Mullen – necessary changes are in New Business today.
- AECC – Joe Wiener - met November 5. AECC and Jo Daviess County have issued permits for the work that’s being done outside. Concrete work did not cost the Association anything. In the process of coming up with a reasonable price for handrails. Property Owner volunteering to do welding of the pipes for us. Discussion of the scope of ACL permits. Committee did make some permit approvals as well. Revisions to the Building codes are being drafted up over the next month or two. A Property Owner built a small addition without a building permit. Committee is requiring the small addition is to be completely demolished and we fined the property owner.
- Nominating – Mike Yorke reported that in spite of outreach programs and advertising, we have zero candidates on the hot list right now. Deadline is about two months away. We do have three people thinking about it. Meeting this afternoon to see who might be interested. We may have to radically change our advertising for these three open spots.
- Trails – Tom Ohms reported they met on the 29th with year-end wrap up. A lot of positive feedback. Going forward, creating an oasis at the bridge, picnic tables, etc. For future discussion, an information video about safety and courtesy is being discussed.
- Zebra Mussel Ad Hoc – Laura Pratt reported they are planning a town hall meeting next month with Dr Hammond and hopefully Dr Sonnenberg. We will solicit questions from property owners regarding treating zebra mussels. Will get that posted soon.
- 7.0 General Manager’s Report – Jen Callaghan reported she has spent the last few weeks getting to know the managers and looking forward to working with everybody. Diving into Northstar, evaluating costs and making some changes at the Pro Shop. Big thanks to Ashlee, she is quite amazing!
- 8.0 President’s Report – President’s Report will be in The Apple Core.
- 9.0 Property Owner Comments - Nolan Mullen made a statement – we are going to follow the rules – if you have something you have to say outside of the property owner comments, raise your hand, two Board members will have to approve you to speak. Raise your hand to ask permission.
- 10.0 Any Additions to the Agenda – No additions.
- 11.0 Consent Agenda
- 11.1 Committee/Commission Changes – Mike Harris motioned “to approve the consent agenda items: to appoint Laura Pratt as Board Liaison to the Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission; George Drogosz as Vice Chair of the Rules & Regulations Commission; Steve Borst and Kate Beals as Co-Chairs and Kate Beals as Secretary of the Strategic/Long Range Planning Commission; to appoint Mike Yorke as Chair and Bill Bourell as Vice Chair of the Nominating Committee; to appoint Gary Hannon and Tom Ohms as Co-Chairs and Dianne Carr as Secretary of the Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc Commission; and to accept the resignation of Jean Wiedman from the Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc Commission.” Second by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously.
- 12.0 Unfinished Business
- 12.1 ACL Payment Plan – Laura Pratt motioned “to approve the ACL Payment Plan as included in the November Board packet.” Second by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
- 12.2 Rules & Regulations: Snowmachines - Mark Kosco motioned “to approve the Rules & Regulations: Snowmachines changes as included in the November Board packet.” Second by Bob Ballenger, motion carried unanimously.
- 12.3 Rules & Regulations: Paddleboard Stickers and ID Numbers – Mark Kosco motioned “to approve the Rules & Regulations Section IV Boating as included in the November Board packet.” Second by Mike Harris. Bob Ballenger questions this. State casts new laws doesn’t mean we have to enforce it. Another grab for tax money. Bill Becker – we believed the state was requiring this – not the case. Only if motorized. Why are we requiring this? Mark Kosco – Security’s concern – found people on stand-up paddleboards – no flotation device, no sounding device. That is part of this regulation. If injured no way of identifying who that individual might be. Resources for staff to have registration. Thought it was a reasonable amount. Specific to stand up paddleboards. Two ayes; five nays, motion fails.
- 13.0 New Business
- 13.1 Adopt the 2023 Annual Assessment – Nolan Mullen reported there were questions on proper notice on budget items. Based off moving the November meeting and moving the notice in October, we would need to have this meeting sooner than the December meeting. Only have the budget on display for 60 days (more than 30, less than 60). Special meeting for the budget matters if majority of Board determines special meeting. Bob Ballenger motioned “to have a special session on Thursday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.” Second by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously. Will get proper notice out for the November 17 meeting.
- 13.2 Adopt the 2023 Operating Budget – November 17 meeting.
- 13.3 Adopt the 2023 R & R Budget – November 17 meeting.
- 13.4 Adopt the 2023 Operating and Building Fee Schedules – November 17 meeting.
- 13.5 Assmus Citation – Bob Ballenger motioned “to dismiss the Assmus citation.” Second by Mark Kosco, motion carried unanimously.
- 13.6 Designated Signers for ACLPOA Accounts – Mike Harris motioned “to designate Jen Callaghan, General Manager; Ashlee Miller, Financial Manager; and Carrie Miller, Accounts Payable/Human Resources; and Board of Directors members Nolan Mullen, President; Mike Harris, Vice President; Steve Borst, Treasurer; Laura Pratt, Corporate Secretary; John Anderson; Bob Ballenger; Bill Becker; Henry Doden; and Mark Kosco; as designated signers for ACLPOA accounts and CDs at Apple River State Bank.” Second by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
- 13.7 Bathymetric Study Proposal – Mike Harris motioned “to approve the sediment investigation study (bathymetric study) proposal from ILM for \$22,870, with funds being used from the Capital Projects Fund.” Second by Mark Kosco. Discussion: Henry Doden questioned surveying three dredge ponds even though we have six. Ashlee Miller – this is the bathymetric study which will tell us how much sediment is in the lake and where. Motion carried with six ayes, one nay, one abstaining.
- 13.8 Cove Renovation – Mike Harris motioned “to approve a Cove “refresh” renovation, including professional painting, professional restaurant cleaning and replacement of fans, of a cost not to exceed \$26,000.” Second by Mark Kosco. Discussion: Bob Ballenger - air duct cleaning? Would this include kitchen ducts? Would be important to know if that is included. Mike Harris – floor will be done before the cleaning. Bill Becker – cleaning seems high. Clean up ceiling fans before replacing? Fans are still working, that is optional. Ashlee Miller - we did reach out to companies for a bid, only one so far. Cleaning windows, equipment, tables, walls, everything. Henry Doden - Cove was painted three years ago. Repaint before we get a tenant? Will they like what we have done? Ashlee Miller – this is to approve to have the painting done, we don’t have to schedule it now. Bob Ballenger motioned “to amend and remove the reference to air duct cleaning (\$3,898.27).” Second by Henry Doden. Seven ayes, one nay, amended motion carried. Still have the motion to approve not to exceed \$22,000, motion fails with 4 ayes, 3 nays. So left with dirty unpainted Cove. Bob Ballenger – with new vendor, we can come back and revisit. Bring back next month.
- 13.9 Farmland Lease – Mike Harris motioned “to approve the three-year farmland lease (March 1, 2023, to February 28, 2026) with Cory and Clint Haas as presented in Executive Session.” Second by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
- 13.10 Revise Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc Commission Charge – Mike Harris motioned “to accept the revised charge for the Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc Commission.” Second by Mark Kosco. Bob Ballenger – why are we doing this? Nolan Mullen - changing from a short list to be interviewed to a qualified operator. Is it okay to bring in one? Tom Ohms – language clean up. Wanted to do this like they did the GM search. Narrow down, we do the leg work and bring you a candidate. Trust their recommendation. Mike Harris is the Board Liaison. Motion carried with one nay.
- 13.11 Legal Commission Recommendation – Safety Commission – Bill Becker motioned “to reactivate the Safety Committee as identified in ACL Committee Practices and Procedures.” Second by Laura Pratt. Discussion: Already have a Safety and Emergency Planning Commission. Advise this would be a commission that would oversee a handful of employees. Employee employer situations. Scope to oversee employees? Run into some things where documentation for an investigation could improve. How can we recognize our Security group when we are not requiring certain training. Meet the standard for security force. Training and training requirements fall back to the Association, management. Lot of animosity between committee management and employees. Different directions. Be careful – volunteers managing employees. See this as micromanaging employees. We hired a new GM with a lot of experience. Expect she would be going through this – already got a legal response from our attorney – training is not applicable to our staff. Not against training but are we going to micromanage by commission a group of employees that fall under the GM? Big difference between committee and commission. This says committee. Sean Cottrell – background – current commission (ad hoc) has this charge of safety. Their charge is to create an emergency operations plan and that is it. This motion came out of Legal stemmed from our review of the 7000 policies. Policy 7440 – assigns specific charges. Trying to seek clarification on what is the current charge. After reviewing various charges and recognizing there seemed to be discontinuity, then the recommendation to reactivate this committee. Getting involved in day-to-day management – says shall gather information and make recommendations to the Board. Objectives - to provide a communication liaison and review on an ongoing basis the policies and procedures. Is there a group that currently has this type of charge? Committee vs. commission – current name is committee. Appropriate to call it a commission. Would prepare a summary of projects, etc. Mark Kosco - constantly hearing from Security role is primarily EMS services. Governing document does state – provides for protection and safety, more than EMS services. Agree with this in that respect but sees it as a micromanagement of employees at this point. Joe Wiener – this is something for the GM

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

to take care of. If GM doesn't, then talk to the GM. Please don't take a bunch of people and have them look at training of our staff. We don't need another commission. Steve Borst asked Sean Cottrell – what is the overwhelming benefit to the Association? Can Legal take Kevin Smith's expertise and do what you want to do through Legal rather than a new commission? Arm of the Legal Commission. Mark Kosco – did discuss, but felt it was outside the scope of Legal. Sean Cottrell – Bylaws do not require Board assign a member to any commission. Echoes Mark and Steve – does not seem to be within current charge of Legal. Example: value this commission would add – IDNR rules and applicability to the Lake. All rules will be enforced on the lake by IDNR and ACL Safety and Security. We do require that of our Safety and Security office. About 20 other instances refer to Safety and Security office. Steve Borst – if Safety Commission was still running would we have development an Emergency Safety Commission Ad Hoc. Could create a Safety Commission and get rid of ad hoc. Sean Cottrell – issues Kevin raised with proposed 7470 policy, Legal made a number of changes that Board Policy did not accept. This commission would be making recommendations, would be the Board making the determinations. Recommendations only. Micromanagement concern, where is that coming from and this is not what the group will be charged with. Mark Kosco – comes with training requirements/contracts. Training is GM, reviewing is GM. Nolan Mullen – wording not correct and members getting appointed should be separate from this agenda, not lumped together. Reminder – we enjoy the benefits of having qualified first responders, but keep in mind, our Security personnel has very little policing authority. Only way we will refine and enhance on the security portion of their duties is training. Training again is the responsibility of the employer. Henry Doden – vehicles equipped with lights and sirens. They have to get permission to turn them on. Nolan Mullen – wording needs to be changed (commission/committee). Change committee to commission. People should be on the consent

agenda. Ashlee Miller – board policies do have safety and security, has not been approved. 7000s have to be approved. Reactivate Safety Committee was the motion. Bill Becker – define better. Good points about micromanaging – not what we want to do. Might be just as simple to say what we think we need and discuss with the GM. Steve Borst – we don't need a membership vote to change the charge? No, we can kick back to Legal to bring back with a revised charge. Motion fails with 7 nays. John Anderson absent.

Mike Harris motioned "to suspend Roberts Rule of Order." Second by Mark Kosco.

- 13.12 Assignment of Transferable Dock Form – 1st Reading – Discussion: Steve Borst – lawyer recommended having the licensee and signee sign and the date is not on the form. Megan is a notary. Come to the office to sign. Laura Pratt - will the Property Owner know this has to be done before or at closing? Sign before they sell the dock? It is communicated to them if asked. How will they know this? Steve Tribbey asked if a letter can be sent giving them this information and the slip to sign. Joe Wiener – people want that property, paid a premium for that transferable dock. Way it is worded and timing – not fair. Bob Ballenger - we can have procedures but doesn't mean it will hold up in court. We don't get damaged, guy that bought the lot is severely damaged. We would lose every time in court. Ashlee Miller – this would make the slip [form] more useable, already a slip [form] being used. Mark Kosco – just put date on the form. Will be Property Owner's responsibility. Could be done at closing, but don't want to suddenly say we have to sign this before final closing. Can't be done after closing – at or before. Laura Pratt – what if closing falls through? Steve Borst - go back to basic facts – yellow part 13.12, not trying to make any changes, just tweaking the form so they know it was done. Megan is trying to change the form to include a date, so she knows it was done at time of sale. Signatures notarized also. Ashlee Miller will gather more information.
- 13.13 Capital Projects Update – Dredging – bathymetric

approved so will move forward. 319 Grant for Winchester Bay has opened, and we are applying. If we don't get the grant, we will try again the following year. Paula Wiener noted that IEPA also has grants available. Flood mitigation going through the bidding process. All three projects are moving!

Bob Ballenger motioned "to reinstate Roberts Rule of Order." Second by Mark Kosco.

Motion to adjourn from Mark Kosco at 11:11 a.m.

Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry
President, Nolan Mullen
Corporate Secretary, Laura Pratt



BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2022 UNAPPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: ACL BOD President Nolan Mullen called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.
The following Board Members were present: Nolan Mullen, Bob Ballenger, Bill Becker, Henry Doden, Mike Harris, Mark Kosco and Laura Pratt. John Anderson and Stephen Borst present by telephone. Jen Callaghan, General Manager, also present in person.
- 2.0 Topics Discussed
- 2.1 Pending, probable or imminent litigation
- 2.2 Appointment, employment, engagement, or dismissal of an agent, employee, independent contractor, or provider of goods and services
- 2.3 Interviews of agents, employees, independent contractors or other providers of goods and services
- 2.4 Violations of Rules and Regulations
- 2.5 Non-payment of a unit owner's share of common expenses
- 2.6 Consultation of the Association's legal counsel
- 5.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:59 AM.
Respectfully submitted, Laura Pratt

BOARD ACTIONS

SEPTEMBER

- 10.1 Committee/Commission changes – APPROVED
- 10.2 Appeals Board decisions - APPROVED
- 11.1 Building Code – Sequential Floating Docks - TABLED
- 11.2 Publication of the 2023 Annual Assessment – Budget Commission recommendation - FAILED
- 11.2 Publication of the 2023 Annual Assessment – APPROVED
- 11.3 Publication of the 2023 Operating Budget – Budget Commission recommendation – FAILED
- 11.3 Publication of the 2023 Operating Budget – APPROVED
- 11.4 Publication of the 2023 R & R Budget – Budget Commission recommendation – FAILED
- 11.4 Publication of the 2023 R & R Budget – APPROVED
- 11.5 Publication of the 2023 Operating and Building Fee Schedules – Budget Commission recommendation - FAILED
- 11.5 Publication of the 2023 Operating and Building Fee Schedules – APPROVED
- 12.1 Foreclosure of liens - APPROVED
- 12.2 Maintenance Commission reinstatement – APPROVED
- 12.3 Zebra mussel recommendation - TABLED
- 12.4 Indoor & Outdoor Storage Licenses - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.5 Board Policy – Postmarks - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.6 Rules & Regulations: Pets – 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.7 Rules & Regulations: Motorized Kayaks, Canoes, etc. – 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.8 Operational Procedures: Boat Slip and Campsite Waiting Lists – 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED

- 12.9 Operational Procedures: Kayak Locker Waiting List – 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED

OCTOBER

- 10.1 Committee/Commission changes – APPROVED
- 11.1 Building Code – Sequential Floating Docks - APPROVED
- 11.2 Indoor & Outdoor Storage Licenses - APPROVED
- 11.3 Board Policy - Postmarks – APPROVED
- 11.4 Rules & Regulations: Pets – APPROVED
- 11.5 Rules & Regulations: Motorized Kayaks, Canoes, etc. – APPROVED
- 11.6 Operational Procedures: Boat Slip and Campsite Waiting Lists – APPROVED
- 11.7 Operational Procedures: Kayak Locker Waiting List - APPROVED
- 12.1 Lot Combination Agreement - Bathum - APPROVED
- 12.2 Ratify electronic vote – November meeting – APPROVED
- 12.3 Dissolve GM Search Ad Hoc Commission – APPROVED
- 12.4 Campground Commission Designated Fund Purchase – trees – APPROVED
- 12.5 Recreation Commission Designated Fund Purchase – mobile event stage – APPROVED
- 12.6 Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission – APPROVED
- 12.7 2023 Calendar – APPROVED
- 12.8 Legal Commission request – Committee/ Commission training and document update – APPROVED
- 12.9 Legal Commission request – affiliated organizations – FAILED
- 12.10 Legal Commission request – Zoom chat feature – APPROVED
- 12.11 Dredging proposal - APPROVED

- 12.12 ACL Payment Plan - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.13 Board Policy –Rules & Regulations: Snowmachines - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.14 Rules & Regulations: Paddleboard Sticker and ID numbers - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 12.15 Capital Projects Update – NO MOTION REQUIRED

NOVEMBER

- 11.1 Committee/Commission changes – APPROVED
- 12.1 ACL Payment Plan - APPROVED
- 12.2 Rules & Regulations: Snowmachines - APPROVED
- 12.3 Rules & Regulations: Paddleboard Stickers and ID Numbers – FAILED
- 13.1 Adopt the 2023 Annual Assessment - TABLED
- 13.2 Adopt the 2023 Operating Budget - TABLED
- 13.3 Adopt the 2023 R & R Budget - TABLED
- 13.4 Adopt the 2023 Operating and Building Fee Schedules - TABLED
- 13.5 Assmus Citation - DISMISSED
- 13.6 Designated Signers for ACLPOA Accounts – APPROVED
- 13.7 Bathymetric Study Proposal – APPROVED
- 13.8 Cove Renovation - FAILED
- 13.9 Farmland Lease – APPROVED
- 13.10 Revise Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc Commission Charge - APPROVED
- 13.10 Legal Commission recommendation – Safety Commission – FAILED
- 13.11 Assignment of Transferable Dock Form - 1st READING, NO MOTION REQUIRED
- 13.12 Capital Projects Update – NO MOTION REQUIRED

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 Beckel, RonMember
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Board Policy Ad Hoc

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 Ware, JodyChair
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 Borst, SteveBoard Treasurer/Chair/Liaison
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 Nelson, SteveMember
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 Witt, MaryMember

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(2nd Saturday of Each Month
 8:30am, April-October)
 Carpenter, RonChair
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 Wiener, PaulaChair
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Cove Operator Search Ad Hoc

Hannon, GaryCo-Chair
 Ohms, TomCo-Chair
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 Hendren, AllenChair
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(Meeting Dates TBD)
 Hannon, GaryChair
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Flood Mitigation Ad Hoc

(Meeting Dates Tbd)
 Hannon, GaryCo-Chair
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(Meeting Dates TBD)
 Hesselbacher, TylerStaff
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 Doran, WilliamChair
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Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc

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Safety & Emergency Planning

(Meeting Dates TBD)
 Cammack, MikeChair
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 Ware, JodySecretary
 Pratt, LauraBoard Liaison
 Janssen, JulieStaff
 Ziarko, EdStaff
 Cook, RobertMember
 Hannon, GaryMember
 Winter, JoshMember
 Zobjeck, SusanMember

Strategic/Long Range Planning

(Meeting Dates TBD, usually Weekdays)
 Beals, KatieCo-Chair/Secretary
 Borst, SteveCo-Chair/Board Liaison
 Ware, JodySecretary
 Beals, KatieMember
 Cottrell, CarmelMember
 Ford, DonMember
 Williams, GordonMember
 Zobjeck, SusanMember

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(Meets for Annual Meeting)
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 Pratt, LauraBoard Liaison
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 Detwiler, MarilynMember
 Hendren, RugeneMember
 Makar, KathyMember
 Sershon, VickieMember

Trails

(Last Saturday of Each Month, 8:00am)
 Ohms, TomCo-Chair
 Diehl, PennySecretary
 Becker, BillBoard Liaison
 Doden, HenryMember
 Drogosz, GeorgeMember
 Hannon, GaryMember
 Hendren, AllenMember
 Laethem, DebMember
 Laethem, RobertMember
 Manderschied, RonMember
 Meyer, RandyMember
 Rice, JeffMember

Zebra Mussel Ad Hoc

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 Becker, WilliamVice Chair
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- Monday, January 2
- Saturday, December 24
- Thursday, December 29
- Saturday, December 31
- Tuesday, January 3

The Office will re-open at 8am on Wednesday, January 4 to accept in-person payments. Online payments can be made through the Member Portal on the website after January 1. If you do not remember your Member ID or password, please contact the Association Office and we will help you get logged in.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 25 - Campsite Swap & Assignment Day – 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 25 - Slip Swap – 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 – Kayak Locker Swap & Assignment Day – 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 1 - Slip Assignment Day & Sublicense Assignments – 10 a.m.

Did you know we have an online calendar?

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Here is a snapshot of the calendar from early July -

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Buddy Bass Tour...	Solid Waste & Re...	General Primary ...	Solid Waste & Re...	Solid Waste & Re...	Solid Waste & Re...	Solid Waste & Re...
Solid Waste & Re...	Morning Workou...	GM Search 9:00 ...	Morning Workou...	Legal 5:30 PM	Morning Workou...	ACL Fireworks...
Mass on the Terr...	Board Policy 10...	Solid Waste & Re...	Zebra Mussel 4:0...			

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ACLPOA PAYMENT PLAN

The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association is offering two payment plan options for property owners needing assistance paying their annual assessment (dues) and fees – three (3) installments or five (5) installments. There is a \$35 Payment Plan Processing Fee per lot entered on either Payment Plan. All payments will be automatic ACH withdrawals initiated by ACL; other payment types are not offered as part of the Payment Plan.

The terms for the three installment ACLPOA Payment Plan are as follows:

Withdrawn on March 1

- \$415..... 1/3 of the Annual Assessment [Dues]
- \$38..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$76, if three owners \$114)
- \$35..... Payment Plan Processing Fee
- \$130..... Trash Fee (if applicable)
- \$300..... Seasonal Boat Slip (if applicable) plus corresponding boat registration fee
- \$850..... Seasonal Campsite/Camper Registration (if applicable)
- \$25..... Outdoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
- \$125..... Indoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
- \$25..... Kayak Locker (if applicable)

**All other recreational vehicles such as ATVs, golf carts, boats, non-motorized boats, and snowmobiles, Heat Light Program, Camper Storage, etc., must be paid with the payment plan or removed from the account until used. These fees will be included in the March payment unless staff are instructed to remove them from the account at the time of signup.*

Withdrawn on May 15

- \$415..... 1/3 of the Annual Dues
- \$36..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$72, if three owners \$108)

Withdrawn on July 15

- \$415..... 1/3 of the Annual Dues
- \$36..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$72, if three owners \$108)

The terms for the five installment ACLPOA Payment Plan are as follows:

Withdrawn on March 1

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Assessment [Dues]
- \$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$40, if three owners \$60)
- \$35..... Payment Plan Processing Fee
- \$130..... Trash Fee (if applicable)
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Withdrawn on May 15

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
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Withdrawn on June 15

- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
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- \$249..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
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To sign up for the ACLPOA Payment Plan, property owners must do the following:

PRIOR TO JANUARY 31, 2023, SEND A VOIDED CHECK AND THE PAYMENT PLAN ACH FORM TO THE ACLPOA OFFICE. Any incomplete forms or forms returned without a voided check will not be included in the payment plan for 2023. Payment Plans set up after January 31, 2023 will also be subject to a Late Signup Fee of \$25 per lot. Payment Plan submissions cannot be accepted after February 25, 2023.

DO NOT SEND A CHECK FOR PAYMENT IF USING THE PAYMENT PLAN. Make sure all of the owners on the lot are aware the lot is on the payment plan. Duplicate payments will be applied to the balance due unless everything is paid in full. Overpayments will be credited to the account for future use or refunded via check upon receipt of a written refund request.

MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER EACH WITHDRAWAL. All insufficient funds for ACH will be charged a \$35 fee. If there are two NSF, the lot will be removed from the Payment Plan, and payment in full by cashier’s check, money order, cash, or valid credit card (4% convenience fee applies) will be required within 10 days, or a lien will be filed. The Delinquent Dues Fees and Interest will be assessed immediately. If a boat slip, campsite, kayak locker, indoor storage, or outside storage is licensed to the lot, or another lot owned by the same property owner, applicable late fees will be assessed immediately, and the forfeiture process will commence. If a property owner has had one or more payments returned NSF (non-sufficient funds) or otherwise been removed from the payment plan in past years, the General Manager may, at their discretion, prohibit a property owner from participating in the payment plan for up to three (3) years and/or from receiving amenity tags, auto stickers, etc. until the final payment has been completed successfully.

CHANGE REQUESTS After the initial setup, any change requests will incur a \$10 fee per change request. The fee(s) will be collected in the next installment. Change requests include, but are not limited to, the installment type selection, the checking or savings account being used, and the date of withdrawal. Any requests to change a withdrawal date must be submitted at least 7 days in advance of the installment to be considered. Requesting a withdrawal date change is not a guarantee that it will be approved. Property Owners signing up for the Payment Plan agree that funds will be available on the dates outlined in the terms above.

BANK CHANGES Owners must submit a new Payment Plan Authorization Form and voided check if their bank account information has changed. Changing account information after initial setup will incur a \$10 change fee as outlined above. Failure to do so will result in a \$35 returned payment fee and the lot will be removed from the Payment Plan as outlined above in regard to NSF returns.

Please call the Association Office at (815) 492-2238 if you have any questions about the payment plan.

<p>Payment Plan ACH Debit Authorization Form MUST BE RETURNED BY JANUARY 31, 2023</p> <p>I (we) hereby authorize ACLPOA, hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate debit entry to my (our) account indicated below and the financial institution named below, hereafter called FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, to debit the same account for (Application). I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of the US Law.</p> <p>The debit to my (our) account will be made on (mark one): <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings</p> <p>(Financial Institution Name) _____ (City/State) _____ (Zip) _____</p> <p>(Routing Number) _____ (Account Number) _____ (Name (s) on Account) _____</p> <p>The COMPANY has my permission to initiate a debit entry to my (our) account for the total amount assessed to my (our) lot listed below, plus any applicable Processing Fees, including Late Fees, The Processing Fees, and payment installments will be calculated by Association staff in accordance with the Board-approved ACL Payment Plan. The authority/permission granted herein to ACLPOA shall remain in full force and effect until ACLPOA has received payment in full or ACLPOA has received written notification from the undersigned of its termination, in such time and in such manner as to afford ACLPOA and the Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act upon it.</p> <p>(Lot(s)) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date) _____</p> <p>(Phone #) _____ (Email Address) _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACLPOA can only accept ACH payments initiated by ACL. This form must be completed in full.</p> <div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>VOIDED CHECK MUST BE ATTACHED HERE IF USING A CHECKING ACCOUNT.</p> <p>DEPOSIT TICKET MUST BE ATTACHED HERE IF USING A SAVINGS ACCOUNT.</p> </div>	<p>3 Installments <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Office Use Only:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> \$ _____ March 1 \$ _____ May 15 \$ _____ July 15 Lot(s) _____ </p> <p>Total Amount Owed: \$ _____</p>	<p>5 Installments <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>For Office Use Only:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> \$ _____ March 1 \$ _____ May 15 \$ _____ June 15 \$ _____ July 15 \$ _____ August 15 Lot(s) _____ </p> <p>Total Amount Owed: \$ _____</p>
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- 9:30am - Move Well, Feel Well
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga
- 5:40pm - Just Move!
- 6:00pm - Core Glute

Tuesday **NEW CLASS!**

- 6:30pm: Sustainable Strength

Wednesday:

- 5:00am - Small Group Training
- 6:00am - Small Group Training
- 9:30am - Move Well, Feel Well
- 10:30am - Gentle Yoga

Thursday:

- 8:30am - Embodiment Yoga
- 9:40am - Just Move!
- 10:00am - Core Glute

Friday:

- 9:00am - Vinyasa Flow

Saturday:

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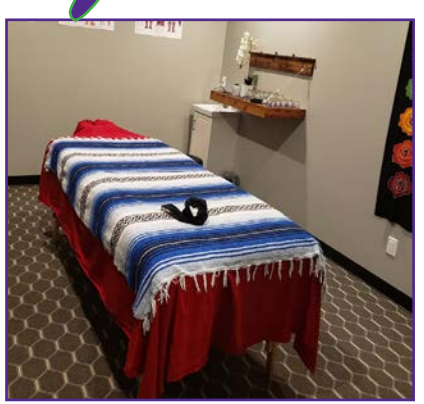
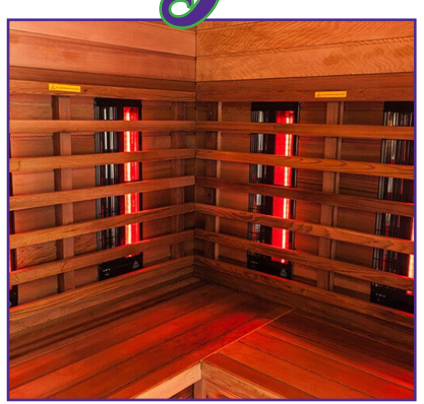
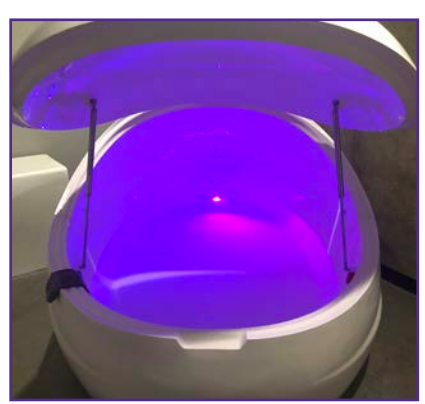
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BY PAULA WIENER, Conservation Commission Chair

The definition of an apex predator is one that sits at the top of the food chain and is not prey for any other creature. Only one of our featured predators, the eagle, is a true apex predator. The other two – the bobcat and the coyote – are classified as mesopredators. But unless one of the occasional cougars wanders through, here at ACL they are at the top of the food chain.

The bobcat is a fierce feline with 18 very sharp claws and 4 long sharp canine teeth used to sever the spinal cord of their prey. They can sprint at speeds up to 30 mph and have all the natural abilities of your house cat: agility, balance, and speed. Bobcats are also strong swimmers when necessary. They love to vocalize emitting screams, yowls, growls, and hisses. A bobcat scream can carry for up to a mile. They are mainly nocturnal, hunting at the same time as the coyote. Generally, these two give one another a wide berth since the bobcat can inflict serious injury on a lone coyote. Although not a common occurrence, a pack of coyotes has been known to surround and take down a lone bobcat. Both animals enjoy a good rabbit dinner. Bobcats have between one and five babies called kits that may remain with their mothers for up to a year.

With the exception of man, the only predators of coyotes are cougars, wolves and bears. They are omnivores with up to 90% of their diet coming from meat. The other 10% is fruit, veggies and berries eaten mainly in the spring and fall. You can identify a coyote by the position of its tail when running. Dog tails are up, wolf tails are straight out, and coyote tails are down. They usually hunt alone but work in packs to bring down a deer. Mating occurs between February and April. There is a two-month gestation period, and the female will produce between 1-19 pups with the average being 6. Coyotes pair off and mate together for several years. After the pups are weaned at around four weeks, both parents provide food by regurgitating their prey. Males will leave their mother, but females remain with their mother's pack. Coyotes can live up to 14 years. They have 5-10% wolf DNA and almost all wolves have some coyote DNA.

Although on the brink of extinction, the bald eagle has made a major comeback and was officially removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in 2007. The female is about 25% larger than the male and size increases the farther north they are from the equator. Birds can reach speeds of from 35-43 mph while



gliding and flapping their wings. Eagle nests can be up to 13 ft. deep and 8 ft. wide. Nests are reused over many years with new material added each year. Females lay one to three eggs each year with the average being two. The chicks fledge between 8-14 weeks and begin leaving the nest about eight weeks after that. It takes four years for them to reach sexual maturity and they have a lifespan of about 20 years. They are opportunistic feeders, mainly on fish but some have met an untimely end from cars while diving for a deer carcass.

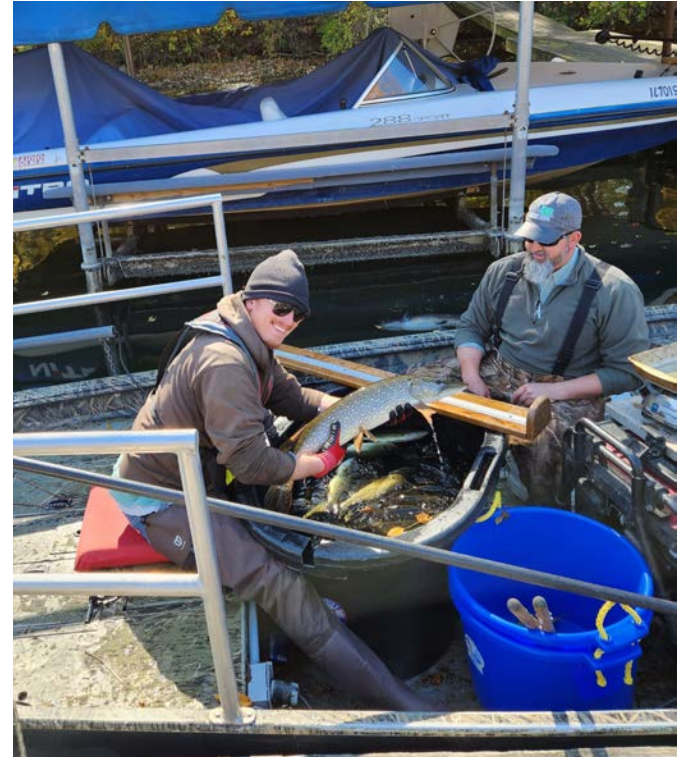
You may notice that our apex predators have relatively few offspring each year. This naturally keeps their population under control. Compare their reproductive practices to that of one of their favorite foods. Rabbits have seven to eight litters each year with the first litter having 4-5 kittens and the last litter of the year having as many as 8.

FISH STOCKING AND SHOCKING AT ACL

BY PAULA WIENER, Conservation Commission Chair

It was a beautiful October day when our Lake Consultant Joe Rush and his team of volunteers did our annual fall fish shocking. We do not have the full report at this writing, but we do have some highlights. The walleyes were fantastic, the large mouth bass looking good in all slots with good weight to length ratios, and small mouths are coming up. Joe explained small mouths are sight feeders and we should see larger sizes and quantities with the higher clarity of the lake water. A big surprise was the 33" northern that shocked up. It seems our stocking efforts from 2018 are paying off.

Our stocking order this year consisted of 500 small mouth bass, 50 muskie, 250 catfish and 3,000 walleyes. This is the last year of our muskie stocking program, and we will skip stocking catfish next year. Those funds will go to purchasing redear sunfish to help control the zebra mussels.



Above Left: Just a few of the 3,000 walleyes that arrived at the lake on November 5. Above Right: This 33" northern was an exciting surprise during the fall fish shocking.

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Almost 50 members and guests enjoyed the ACL Garden Club Fall Luncheon. The theme for the event was *Remember* what we have accomplished, *Reflect* where we are now, and *Reach* where we are going. Thank you to Penny Diehl and the luncheon committee for providing six soups and beverages. Every participant brought a dish to pass and gave a non-perishable food donation for the Elizabeth, IL Food Pantry. A great time was had by all. The Spring Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023.

The officers for 2023 are President, Therese Nelson; Treasurer, Rosemary Pope; Secretary, Terri Ward; Children's Garden Coordinator, Kathy Rogers.



CHILDREN LOVE THE LIVE SCARECROWS

On October 8th, Scarecrows in The Children's Garden event brought in over 120 people. It was a beautiful autumn day for decorating pumpkins, harvesting seeds from sunflowers, leaf rubbing, scavenger hunts, and enjoying entertainment from Just 2 Scarecrows. The Children's Garden has been put to bed and the committee is starting to work on its 2023 Butterflies and Blooms event which will be held on July 29, 2023.

On a beautiful June morning, volunteers from the Garden Club gathered in the field behind the Maintenance Office. The Association allowed us to plant the first ever "pumpkin garden". We dug, we planted, we fertilized, we fenced, and we watered. Now the rest was up to mother nature. Come fall we harvested 65 pumpkins!!! Not too bad! For next year we will plant earlier and apply Miracle Grow in the hopes to increase output. Our pumpkins were used for decoration in the island gardens and the Children's Garden.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHTS IN THE CLUBHOUSE

BY ASHLEY RANDECKER, *Event & Activities Coordinator*

Who wants to have fun during the cold months with me? Join me for Family Fun Nights in the Clubhouse this January, February, and March. Each night will consist of different crafts, activities, games, and a movie. Drinks and popcorn will be provided by the Recreation Department to enjoy during the movie. Saturday, January 7 is the first Family Fun Night in the Clubhouse where we will be making mitten and melted snowman crafts, having a game to play, and doing a snowball fight inside, don't miss out! Movie to be announced the night of. Then, on January 21, we will be doing a snowflake and snowman in a bag crafts, indoor bowling, and then end the night with another movie with popcorn and drinks! Don't forget to wear your jammies, and please bring a blanket and/or sleeping bag with pillows to get comfortable to watch the movie at the end of the night. Please see the poster on the back of this issue of *The Apple Core* for more information. February Family Fun Night crafts and activities will be announced in the January edition of *The Apple Core*. Stay tuned to learn more! I can't wait to have a blast with you all during the cold months here at ACL!

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"What's Trump" Relay for Life Update

BY MARY BEHAN

Thanksgiving is past and Christmas is just around the corner. I guess what my mom said was true...the older you get it seems the faster time goes!!!!

I'd like to update you on our team activities.

- **The Monday Night NFL Pool** is underway and already we are halfway

through the season...with 2 winners each week we will have lots of happy people when the last Monday game is played in January.

- When these Monday games are finished, we will begin selling **Super Bowl Pool squares**. As in the past we sell a 100 square pool at \$20 per square and will have several winners during the Super Bowl Game. If you are a football fan and would like to participate and buy a square, please contact me at (815) 492-1320 or marybehan48@gmail.com. Between these 2 pools we are able to donate \$2,000 to the American Cancer Society.

And, speaking of donations, we recently sent a check to the ACS for \$7,500!!!! This is a result of the 2021 pool sales, our "Spring into Summer BBQ Raffle" and the '21 July "TT5k for a Cause" held here at the lake.

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BY TIM BROKL,
Communications & Recreation Manager

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ACLPOA Board Approved Policy

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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.

The General Manager is responsible for having the paper produced. The Communications Director is the Editor. Any and all editorial material (copy other than paid advertising) must be submitted to the Editor's office.

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- Initial Setup:** \$250, includes all equipment.
 - Then \$100/year after initial setup paid.
- Signup:** Contact the Association Office.
 - (815) 492-2238
 - customerservice@applecanyonlake.org

Questions? Contact the Safety & Security Department. (815) 492-2436, security@applecanyonlake.org.

ACL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 29
Association Office lobby & Pro Shop
Donation Boxes On-site

TYPE OF DONATIONS ACCEPTED:
Monetary - Checks only made payable to: "The Bread of Life Food Pantry" presented to Pro Shop or Association Office Staff, food & household donations.

WE'RE HUNGRY FOR DONATIONS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

DONATE TO THE ACL PAWS FOR A CAUSE PET SUPPLY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 29
Association Office lobby
Donation Box On-site

Any monetary donations must be in the form of a Check made payable to: "Safe Haven Humane Society" and presented to Association Office Staff

Wish List:

- Iams Minichunks Adult Dry Dog Food, Chicken
- Purina Pro Plan Adult Dry Dog Food, Chicken & Rice
- Purina ONE Healthy Kitten Formula, Chicken
- Purina ONE Indoor Advantage, Adult Cat Food
- New cat trees of all sizes
- Cat & Dog toys
- Pill pockets (Greenies)
- Spray Cheese (Cheese Wiz)
- Peanut Butter
- Clumping cat litter
- Rescue One-Step Disinfectant, Wipes
- Ziplock bags
- Toilet paper
- HE laundry detergent
- 13-gallon strong garbage bags
- Swiffer dusters

Scan me to see Safe Haven's Amazon Wishlist!

YOU ARE INVITED

Eat, Drink & BE UGLY

Sweater Party

Saturday, December 17

Live music by Just Jake from 7:00 - 10:00pm. food & drink specials!

Apple Canyon Lake Invites Property Owners & Their Guests to

Family FUN NIGHTS

In the Clubhouse!

January 7 & 21, February 11, March 4 & 18 from 5:00 - 8:30pm
Canceled in case of heavy snow.

5:00 - 6:30pm - Games & Activities
6:30pm - Food & Movie

BYO Pillows, Blankets, Snacks & Dish to Pass

Featured Movie Title: TBD
Movie selected night of.

FREE Drinks & Popcorn! Provided by The Recreation Department.

APPLE CANYON LAKE ALL-AGE PINewood DERBY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & CO-SPONSORED BY STRICTLY SHINGLES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
CHECK-IN: 12:30PM | RACE START: 1:00PM

REGISTRATION: (INCLUDES CAR KIT)

Early Registration: \$15 until January 31
Late Registration: \$20 until February 16

ONE CLASS: ALL-AGES
Trophies awarded to 1st - 3rd Place, Best of Show, & Most Original!

NEED ASSISTANCE?
Call Brian to schedule a time for assistance (815) 492-7663

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE!

the THISTLE GROUP

General Contracting for New Construction & Renovations
Apple River, Illinois Phone: 309.573.7070

Merry Christmas