

COUNTRY CLUB OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2022
Zoom Teleconference

The Country Club Owners Association (CCOA) Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom by President Mark Miller. Mark Miller noted a quorum of Board Members. Mark Miller, Rhonda Ward, Barb Beatty, Dan Thaden, Rick Parrino, and Paul Drey were present. Craig Rowles was absent.

MEMBER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The owners of 13982 Lakeview Dr were present for the meeting to discuss the current use of pyrotechnics for goose control. Mark Miller stated the Board is familiar with their concerns, the gun technique is something the association has used for over twenty-seven years. Seven to eight owners have the pyrotechnic guns. The board welcomes alternative solutions, but the guns have been the most successful in controlling the number of geese on the lake. The birds can seriously ruin a yard with droppings and picking at the grass/seed in a very short time. Several complaints about the noise they make at night is commonplace.

The owners stated they don't have an objection to the use of the bird banger guns, it's how a particular owner is using the gun in his neighborhood. They understand geese are uncontrollable but using the gun multiple times a day just chases the geese across the inlet from one side to the other

Barb Beatty asked whether there are guidelines that go out to gun owners regarding use of the guns. Mark Miller stated instructions were provided fifteen years ago. The board met with police, and they totally supported the goose control by way of pyrotechnics. There is no formal training on use of the guns. The pyrotechnic gun is simple to operate with banger or screamer cartridges and a small cap to ignite the cartridge. Mark stated the board can put new guidelines together to disburse to owners.

Mark Miller assured pyrotechnics do work, as he has personally been on the committee for 20 years. The guns will get the geese off the yards, preventing damage, but ultimately the goal is to get them off the lake. The east part of lake seems to have excellent control, but the west side is more difficult. This is probably due to a narrower waterway combined with lack of volunteers willing to help enforce. Dan Thaden added the association has had a couple firms come and talk about mitigation, but the price has been very steep for goose control services.

Mark Miller will work with the board to put a set of guidelines together on the use of pyrotechnics and post them on the website. The board has hired a company to put together an analysis on goose control. This company is working with the DNR to design this plan.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Barb Beatty motioned to approve the September 15, 2022 board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Ward. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

No opening remarks – moved onto the grounds update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grounds Update (Mark Miller)

The sprinklers have been shut down at all entrances. Edging of sidewalks at entrances has also been completed. We have one more mow scheduled. The chemical applications by TruGreen have been better this year but still needs improvement.

Lights - Lighting Bug has completed the fall check-up of landscaping lighting and timer adjustments. They will be installing the Christmas lights at the entrances. The lights will remain on from November 14th through January 1st.

Trimming - Jeff Thiel has trimmed shrubs and thinned out trees at all entrances.

Fountain – The fountain has been shut down and has noticeable staining. Mark asked how we clean the stains from the fountain. Dale Logsdon recommended an acid wash with muriatic acid used commonly for swimming pools to remove stains.

Covenants (Paul Drey)

No report

Communications (Rhonda Ward)

No report

Finance (Mark Miller)

CCOA has a strong cash position and dues receivable are down to \$2,500. Lisa will forward these accounts to the attorney to get started on collections. Rhonda Ward made a motion to approve the September financial report, Rick Parrino seconded. The motion passed.

Lake, Dam and Wildlife (Dan Thaden)

Superior Seawalls will start dredging on Monday, October 24th. Paul Drey thanked Lisa for the assistance in removal of beavers. The small lake had beaver sightings last year. Bobcat Wildlife has trapped one beaver and one was found dead in the water. We are trapping successfully. The board reported an issue with beavers over twenty years ago in the greenbelt area. The City of Clive exported them and took them elsewhere.

Compliance & Security (Rick Parrino)

Rick had nothing to report.

Update on house that was the subject of a CC resident complaint was requested. Homeowner put new fence up, but review required to determine if covenants are still in breach. Paul Drey will follow up and report back to Board.

Adjournment

Barb Beatty motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dan Thaden. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mark said he would like to start meetings in person again but will decide that closer to the first meeting in 2023. This was the last meeting for the year. The 2023 board meeting dates will be posted on the website.