

Beach Closedown on Saturday, October 13th

I want to take a moment and thank the nine members who took time out of their schedules to assist me with the beach closedown on Sat Oct 13th. Thank you to:

Jim Brown, Frank Gutowski, Chuck Emery, Joe Kolb, Tom Preston, Pat Brennan, Jo DeRobertis, Craig Postol and John Postal



We were done in record time this year due to great weather and awesome teamwork. Disconnecting the weed curtains with calipers instead of rope made for a much easier task this year. It seemed all the members had a good time as well, especially Chuck with his jet ski and Frank with his power tools. I am sorry to say that more members don't join in these activities as, although we work, we also have a good time.

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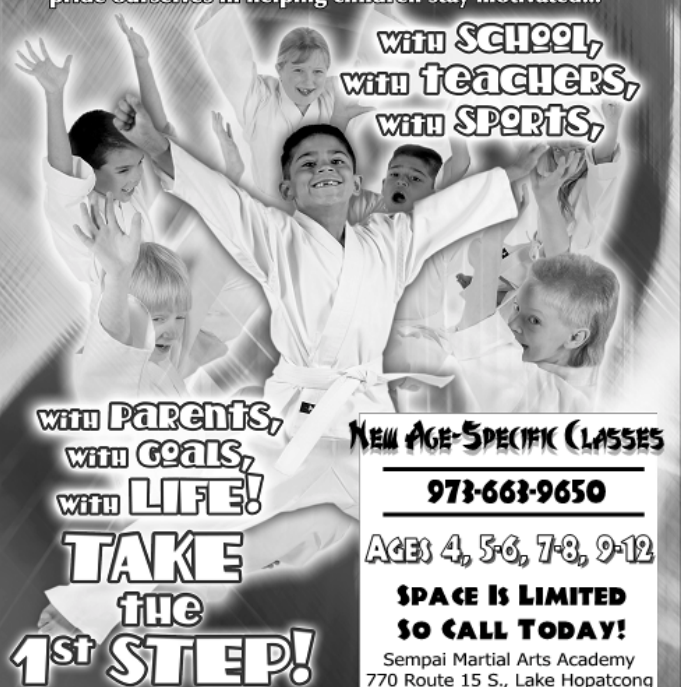
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Trustee Meeting Minutes, October 2007

10/11/07: Meeting called to order, 7:15pm

Trustees present:

Patrick Brennan, Jim Brown, Chris DeRobertis, Chuck Emery, Frank Gutowski, Tony Maciorski, Paul Sabia

Trustees not present:

None

Old Business

Few Trustee Updates were given due to Budget Discussion

Jim:

Motion by Jim requesting that we pay a bonus to both Karen and Donna for exemplary performance in running the beach this past season, seconded by Chris, unanimous approval.

Chris:

Security update:

Chris putting our security contract out for bid.

New Business

2008 Budget:

Operating figures for last two years presented along with projections for 2008. Reviewed and adjusted by the board and approved.

Review of Capital expenditures for 2008, decision was made to put half of the available Capital dollars back into a CD to replace some of the expense that the Capital projects for 2007 consumed.

Yacht Club Wi-Fi Hot Spot one of the items to be submitted for consideration during fiscal 2008 as a Capital expenditures.

Presented Budget for 2008, motion to approve as presented by Frank, seconded by Jim, all in favor.

Discussion to create a five year plan and present at the Annual meeting for review.

Clubhouse Rental rates and policy:

Options presented at the last meeting included:

Raising rental fees from \$150

Frank wants \$50

Chuck wants \$75

Include mandatory cleaning service?

Option presented to raise

the rental rate to \$175 with the option of charging \$75 for a professional cleaner to come in afterward.

Option presented to raise the rental rate to \$250 which would include a mandatory cleaning by a professional and a \$50 deposit to ensure the costs are covered.

Jim presented a proposal by ServiceMax for professional cleaning of the yacht club after each rental. \$65; discussion ensued.

Motion made by Pat seconded by Chris to increase the rental rate to \$250 which would include a mandatory cleaning by a professional and a \$50 deposit to ensure the costs are covered. To take affect 11/1, option presented that current rentals are grandfathered at the old rates and option presented for member to pay for cleaning at rate to be determined.

Unanimous approval.

Porthole: New publisher, Projected expenditures for 2008 and discussion of an online version only

Discussion ensued, about limiting the Porthole advertisements to reduce production effort required.

Tabled discussion until further investigation could be performed.

Consensus was that a print version is necessary, on-line only version would not get read.

Agenda for the Annual Meeting finalized.

Provisional beach memberships will be introduced at the Annual meeting for discussion and possible inclusion at the semi-annual meeting for a vote.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 10:52pm.

Next Trustees Meeting – November 8, 2007, 7:00pm, Commodores Room LFYC. Submitted by Patrick Brennan, Secretary. Note: Minutes are condensed, for publishing in the Porthole. Please contact the LFYC Office to view a full set of minutes.



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1991-1992 Nominees

Lake Forest Legacy

Trustee Candidate Bios from the 1991 Election



Greg Plička

Hi! I'm Greg Plička and I've lived in Lake Forest for the last four years with my wife, Leslie. We now have four children. I've been a LFYC Trustee for the last two years. I really believe that the LFYC exists only to satisfy the needs of its members. Without members who are interested in those things the Club has to offer, we simply have no reason to operate a Club.

We need more mothers who are interested in a top quality nursery school, kids who are more interested in participating in recreational activities than vandalism, families interested in boating or beach facilities, men's and women's tennis groups, couples hoping to develop long lasting social ties, seniors looking to re-establish activities from years ago. We need to pay attention to any group that would like the Club to provide them with some sort of activity.

I'd like to see the Club's facilities used to a much larger degree. The more participation we can encourage, the more likely it is we will continue to have the opportunity to live in the best neighborhood on Lake Hopatcong.



Paul Murray

As a Lake Forest resident and member of the Yacht Club for the past 2 1/2 years, my family and I have enjoyed many of the Club sponsored activities. As Trustee, I hope to give something back to the Club and help direct it through the early 90's.

I believe the Club is at a critical juncture, a time when hard decisions will have to be made. Decisions regarding the scope of our activities, ways to generate revenue and revitalize our declining membership must be faced.

Our Club is made up of diverse opinions and ideas. I hope, as Trustee, that I can assist in turning those ideas into positive action.



Jim Gray

Two years ago I submitted a letter of introduction (for those of you who did not know us) on Elizabeth and I. Hopefully, that information piece on our family, my career and my thoughts about our club and the neighborhood provided you a candid insight about me.

We are now well into our 9th year of residence in Lake Forest and membership in the LFYC. We are, at this time, even more proud of our community, home and our Club.

Having served as a Trustee of the Club for this past two years has been for me a very special time. I have seen many projects, goals and ideas become reality. I am proud to say that I feel confident that my input and advice was a large contribution to

those successful realizations.

I am also confident of the Club's ability to develop projects, set goals and achieve realization of the dreams and ideas we all have for our community.

We are still grandparents, with children and grandchildren in the immediate area, and a couple of new ones (grandchildren, that is) since my last note. I mention that, first because I am a very proud "PaPa", but more importantly because that is the impetus for me to promise you that if I continue for another term as your Trustee I will be doing all that I can to make this Club and our community the best it can be for mine and yours.

Our Club is still a very warm and friendly place. I've watched it become even more so this past two years. It has become an even greater place to be as a result of our activities these past two years and I am proud to have been a part of that change. To that end I stand ready and willing to continue to work in any area that promotes the positive and promising future of LFYC.



Bob Dalton

I have been a Club member and resident of Lake Forest for six years, and live here with my wife, Debbie, and our two children, Michael and Matthew. My interests include tennis, the beach, and having fun with my family.

My main objective as a Trustee would be to emphasize more family oriented activities at the Club, particularly those which cater to our children. As a father, I would like to see us offer activities that would be tailored to the specific needs of the various age groups of our children.

To achieve this goal, I would seek to involve a wider cross-section of the membership in planning and organization, so that we could develop a program with widespread family appeal. This could encompass team sports and special events by age group, as well as family picnics, trips to NY sporting events, etc.



Ron Sorenson

My name is Ron Sorenson. I am employed by Hoffmann LaRoche as an Energy Conservation Engineer and I am also President of Lake Hopatcong Marine Corp. My wife, Lois, and our two children, Randy and Ryan, have lived in Lake Forest and have been members of LFYC since 1979.

I believe the main objective for the Yacht Club should be to get more families involved and use our beautiful facilities to the fullest extent. Probably easier to say than to do! I see other lakelakefront communities who have much less to offer in terms of facilities but seem to have more spirit as a community; and as a result they are more active. I think we can improve here.

As far as the future of the Yacht Club, I think things are starting to change for the better. I think our Trustees made a good decision this past year when they decided to start a LFYC swim team. Maybe the swim team could be a vehicle to get more people involved, more people interested in LFYC. It would be nice if the whole community could rally around the Lake Forest Swim Team!!!



Mike Sutcliffe

I am Michael Sutcliffe. My family and I moved into our Lake Forest home twelve years ago on the first day of the Potable Water Ban and have enjoyed the community, Club, and beach ever since. My wife and I are educators and my four children, who have all attended the Lake Forest Nursery School, go to the Jefferson Schools. Presently, I have just completed a four year term on my church's vestry.

I am pleased to have been asked to run for a position on the Board of Trustees and am willing to serve the two year term if elected. My main goal as a Trustee is to serve with other residents of the community on committees that will maintain and hopefully continue to improve our Club facilities.

The future of the Club is a major concern of mine, because I see the Club as a positive asset to my home's property value and a good social/recreational facility for my family. Unfortunately, membership is down, finances are tight, taxes and gas keep going up, and many of us fear a recession in the near future. I want to look at all the options open to the Club to bring in the dollars that we need to operate a facility that is clean, safe, and pleasant to use all year round.

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Social Activities/Calendar



Friday, December 7th - Lake Forest Yacht Club Annual Meeting -- 8:00pm.

Quorum needed by 8:15pm. Support your Trustees and voice your concerns. 2008 Trustee Election



Saturday, January 26th, 7:00pm - Beefsteak/Comedy Combo

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Tables of (8) minimum may be reserved – maximum of (10) people per table.

Members: \$30 per person/ Member Guest: \$35 per person. To hold seats, PREPAID RSVP required to the Lake Forest Yacht Club Office. The Office will begin taking reservations on November 13, 2007.

Lake Forest Bulletin Board

All requests must be submitted to Rebecca D'Alauro (973-810-3051, or porthole@lfdc.org) with a contact name and telephone number.



Birthday Greetings

- Happy 3rd Birthday to Tia Kapusta, November 8th.
- Happy 9th Birthday to Liam Brennan, November 13th.
- Happy 12th Birthday to Lauren Gutowski, November 16th.
- Happy Birthday to Mike Dalton, November 19th.
- Happy 10th Birthday to Amanda Hyland, November 22nd.
- Happy Birthday to Dana DeSantis, November 25th.
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Lake Forest Nursery School News

In October we had lots of fun experiences. There was our trip to Tranquility Farms in Allamuchy. The children loved the hayride to a real pumpkin patch. We pulled the pumpkins and gourds from the vine. There was a fun hay bail maze and a big field for the children to run and play. This month both classes learned about the number 3, color black, and the shape square. They also learned all about Fire Safety with a visit from Fireman Mickey. Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge with our children Fireman Mickey. The PM class also learned about the letters Cc, Dd, Ee, and Ff. We also went on a trip to see Walking with Dinosaurs. This was a great learning experience for the children and a lot of fun for the parents too. Everyone is looking forward to our Halloween parade and class party.

Our next parents meeting will be held on Monday, November 5th at 7:00 pm.

We still have spots available in our 3-year-old class. Please send us an email to the following, if you are interested:

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Trustee Election for 2008

This year, the Nominating Committee asked each of the candidates to write a bio, 250 words or less, for the Porthole. The goal was to allow the community to get to know the candidates and what each candidate can bring to the club if elected as a trustee. The Nominating Committee asked the candidates to include statements in the following areas:

1. Family & LFYC History:

Tell us about you & your family. How long have you lived in Lake Forest? How long have you been a member of the Yacht Club?

2. Prior Involvement in the club:

Have you served on any committees? Have you participated in a clean up day or beach closing? Do you attend social functions? Do you use the facilities?

3. Availability:

Can you attend a monthly meeting? Are you able to handle any responsibilities during the day? Are you available on the weekends? Does your schedule allow you to oversee the various subcommittees that may be assigned to you?

4. Special Skills:

What is your occupation? Do you have any special hobbies or interests that would benefit the club? What is your personality like? Can you motivate people?

5. Goals for the club:

What is your vision for future of the club? Why are you running for trustee?

Please plan to attend the Lake Forest Yacht Club Annual Meeting, at which the election will be held. The meeting is December 7, 2007, at 8:00pm. A quorum must be reached by 8:15pm.

As per the By-Laws, all members must be "in good standing" to vote -- meaning the property's Master Lease and the 1st half of Membership Dues billed 10/1/07 must be paid. Absentee ballots must be received at the LFYC Office by Tuesday, December 4th, 2007. They may be mailed to LFYC, P.O. Box 217, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 or dropped off at the LFYC Office prior to deadline. There will be no allowances for reception of absentee ballots after this time.



Trustee Candidate, Paul Sabia

My name is Paul Sabia. I've lived in Lake Forest for eight years as a homeowner and member along with my wife Bonnie, a past trustee, and my two sons Colin, 3 and Nicholas, 10 months. The thirty years prior, I was a member through my parents, Paul and Peggy Sabia. My father contributed a great deal of time to the club as a trustee and commodore. He designed the roof for the clubhouse and assisted in the building of our previous raft.

Growing up with my father so involved led me to become involved as well at a young age. I have attended most beach opening and closings for approximately the past 20 years. I've also served on the maintenance committee for the past 3 years. Not only have I been involved with maintaining the club, my family and I have attended many social functions over the years. And just this past summer Colin started swimming lessons. Last year I was asked to step in to fill the vacancy created when Pete Marniscalco stepped down from the board. I am looking forward to the opportunity to be able to serve the members of our community again with another term.

I work in New York City designing, building and providing service for video and audio post production systems. While that restricts my availability somewhat during the week, I have a flexible enough schedule that allows me to attend board meetings and other related functions as needed.

Having been a member of the community for so long, I've seen how the club has grown and stagnated throughout the years. I'd like the opportunity to continue the growth the club has seen over the past 5 years. My goals are to keep improving the look and value of the club at as minimal a cost to all of the membership as possible.

Trustee Election for 2008

Trustee Candidate, Bryan Highland



If you have attended a social event in the past 5 years, then I'm sure most of you may already know my name, my face, and what I'm all about. For those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, let me share a bit about myself. I have been a leader on your Social Committee since 2002. We have succeeded with tremendous results that all involved in the Social Committee are proud of.

My wife and I have been residents of Lake Forest since 1993, we have always enjoyed and believed in this community. We choose to raise our daughters Amanda and Kelly among your good hearts and kind acts. Both of our children attended the nursery school and my wife acted as a board member and co-president through their tenure. In our opinion, this is a "family style" community with many offerings and we aim to keep it that way.

Career wise, (the boring stuff) I have developed and managed two, successful 'start-up' Surety and Construction Departments for large New Jersey insurance agencies. The last 5 1/2 years, my professional home has been with the Otterstedt Agency, a family owned, operated, and growing organization with 8 offices in NJ. Both operations, involved business plan development, marketing, advertising, contract negotiation and hiring. I will not bore you here with the aspects of what surety involves, except to say it based on forensic and predictive accounting to obtain bond lines of credit, enabling contractors to bid and build public and private construction projects. (told you, but you kept reading).

In closing, through the Social Committee, you have seen my vision of what this community is capable of and what can be achieved. If you would welcome more of that, cast a vote for me. Together we can continue to steer this community to its full potential. Thank You.



Trustee Candidate, Patrick Brennan

My name is Patrick Brennan and I live on Crescent Drive. After being elected in 2005, I am one of the incumbents for one of the Trustee vacancies. Over the past two years as a Trustee I have also assumed the position of club Secretary. I am a life long resident of Jefferson Township, and a resident and member of the Lake Forest community since 1995. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and am currently pursuing my MBA. I would like to continue my commitment to this community and have requested to be considered, and hopefully elected.

During my tenure as a Trustee, I assisted in the kickoff of the Ifyc.org web site, reduced numerous expenses, and moved the reservations for the Yacht Club into the Office. I also work hand-in-hand with Jennifer, the Office Manager, to ensure all office responsibilities move smoothly. I am proud to say that our membership is at an all time high. I also assisted in streamlining and documenting procedures. Lastly, in anticipation of turnover we may experience, a procedures manual was created to prevent an interruption to operations.

On a family note, my wife Isabelle, was the Lake Forest Nursery School Chairperson for two years, while both of our children attended, and is also a member of the Social Committee. We have a 9 year old son and a 7 year old daughter, who, along with my wife and I, love the amenities and families of this wonderful community. Both of our children are members of the Lake Forest Swim Team.



Letters from Lake Forest Members

Dear Readers of The Porthole News,

I would like you to join me in welcoming the new publisher of The Porthole News, Rebecca D'Alauro. Rebecca is an active Lake Forest member, who will bring fresh ideas and a new enthusiasm to the publication. I'm confident you'll be pleased with her ability to take The Porthole News forward.

Thank you to all the members, advertisers, and trustees who have made my past two years as publisher an enjoyable experience. Your support has made our community newspaper a professional and informative publication to be proud of.

Best wishes to you all!

Laura Squier
Past Publisher

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