



Board of Directors Meeting | March 8, 2022 | Via Zoom

Welcomed by AT at 10:03am

Present: D. Albert, J. McCarthy, A. Thomas, A. Kowalsky, H. Logee, J. Hubeny, K. Davies, N. Lawrence, A. Pender, J. Bielefield, R. Gackenhimer, S. Richards, P. Clifton,

Excused: M. Clifton, B. Hirsch,

Lobbyist (Non-Voting): Jay Aronson

- **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the February meeting distributed electronically by J. McCarthy. Motion to accept the 2/15/2022 Secretary's Report by D. Albert seconded by J. Bielefield. Approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Current treasurer's report distributed electronically by A. Kowalsky. Total assets as of 3/7/2022 = \$31,235.55. Motion to accept the current Treasurer's Report by J. Bielefield, seconded by P. Clifton. Approved. Down from this time last year due to decline in market share price. Annual report for CT due, Andrea working on this as well as State ethics reporting and 990 tax return.
- **Program Committee:** March 21st Day camp open forum. J. Hubeny to send link. April 6th OEC meeting via Zoom at 10am.
- **Membership Committee:** Reaching out to 2019/2021 licensed camps to talk through the benefits of becoming a CCA member. Idea to create brief video clips from current members sharing what CCA has done for them. Ryan to send out script to be used or as a starting point. Each board member will have assigned camps to reach out and share the benefits of CCA in hopes of recruiting them as members for this, and future years.
- **Legislative Committee:** Update from J. Aronson, starting this year, information sent to all registered campers must include information on the prevention of sexual abuse of children outlined by the governors task force against the sexual abuse of children. New background check legislation goes into effect 10/2022. No fingerprint requirement (although that remains an option), but comprehensive check must be completed to include DCF, national sex offender registry and more. The additional funding for camps is specific to camps that cater to campers who have special needs, trying to change that.
- **Communication:** N. Lawrence all over social media. A. Pender working on updating the website- a lot still to do there. Possibly add metrics? Ideas of what to prioritize on the website welcome. Everyone is encouraged to play around on the website and provide feedback. A. Pender needs the A. Beavers professional development fund application to put on the website. Can we change the password from Camp395 to something easier?
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** Bernie Moore scholarship committee to rework the application and change deadlines to keep on camp directors radar over the summer months/ make it more accessible to applicants within camping.

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○ **Meetings:**

April 12th, 2022 at 10am
May 17th, 2022 at 10am
June 4th, 2022 (Camp Yankee)
September 20th, 2022 at 10am
October 18th, 2022 at 10am
November 15th, 2022 at 10am
December 6th, 2022 (Annual Dinner)

J. McCarthy excused from meeting. J. Bielefield took the following notes:

Ukraine:

- Pendo shared that his camp has pulled together medical supplies that are close to their expiration dates. They have a relationship with a DR in NY who is bringing them to the border of Poland to transfer them to Ukrainian officials.
- Kath talked about the international YMCA collecting donations.
- Jay suggested Alex reach out to Camp Bobriwka in Colebrook – a Ukrainian camp and see if they have needs/ways we can help.

April 6: OEC Meeting via ZOOM 10 am. Send in questions for them so they can answer the issues we are facing. They will be asked for clarification regarding background checks and the proper procedures

How can we help camps start their summer on the right foot?

Recruiting new members is a MUST! Lots of us at the ACA NE conference to help with that?

Discussion around vaccinations and how it affects registration.

Deer Lake: Patty shared that tie camp is full. They have a rental agreement for summer 2022. There are still discussions regarding the purchase of the prop[erty]. More to come.

Camp MOE has closed its doors in the northwest corner and will be up for sale soon/ This is a huge loss for the northwest corner of CT and especially hits the day camp market hard. Notes from J. Bielefield end here.

No record of motion to adjourn

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jillian McCarthy
CCA Board Secretary 4/5/2022