Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, April 13, 2017

Time of the meeting: 7:00 to 8:00pm

Notes taken by: Peter Landgren

Present at the meeting:

• Committee members
  1. President: Isabela Morales
  2. Vice President: Jessica Brown
  3. Treasurer: David Cho
  4. Social Chair: Vicky G.
  5. Garden Coordinator: Kyle Oskvig
  6. External Relations Delegate: Merle Eisenberg
  7. Secretary: Peter Landgren
  8. Webmaster: Jon Macart (Absent)

• University
  1. Olivia Martel

• ACC
  1. Mark Clemmons

• Residents
  1. Charles Swanson
  2. Levi G.
  3. Eugene Evans

Discussion Points

1. CSA

Isabela: CSA program is a go, it was approved for this year, we have 60 shares available. If more than 60 sign up we will see if there is a way to accommodate them.

Kyle: The application has gone out. Applications are done through
Honeybrook farms directly. I haven’t gotten any updates yet.

2. Composting
Isabela: The office of sustainability will be funding 4 bins for lakeside up to Spring 2018. There will be a bin at each main trash location, please use them!
Kyle: More info on using them will be coming out. We have some resident volunteers helping with flyers and such.
Isabela: So have the bins arrived?
Kyle: Yes, they look similar to the garbage bins though. I got an email that they came.
Update: They HAVE been delivered. Please use the bins appropriately!

3. Community Garden Applications
Isabela: Instructions for signing up for the garden have been emailed out, or you can check the community garden page of the Lakeside Committee website.
Kyle: Also, we will not be getting raised beds for everyone, but will get some raised beds. We also will be fixing the hose.
Isabela: Have you gotten any response to the application?
Kyle: Yes, double digits thus far. Last year we had 35 plots and we were able to fit everyone it. There is a randomization process if we get too many though.

4. Lithium Ion Battery disposal
Resident: Is there a spot at Lakeside for Lithium-ion battery disposal?
Mark: Not here sadly.
Olivia: You can check the sustainability website for locations.
5. Mailroom

Resident: Are the outgoing mail boxes picked up every day?
Mark: Yes, I believe so, but the times vary.
Resident: Great, so it should work for taxes then.

6. Packages that Sit

Merle: What should we do with packages that sit for a long time?
Mark: Just let us know or bring the package to us.
Vicky: That would be nice, some people have left packages with food in our building.
Mark: Yes, some people go away for a long time and we’ve ended up storing their packages.

7. Constitution

Vicky: The constitution still hasn’t been updated on the website with the changes from September 2016. We also wanted to make some amendments regarding the CSA.

Correction: The Constitution had been updated with the September changes and is up-to-date on the website.

Isabela: So the September updates are approved so all we need to do is put them online. For the CSA responsibilities we may need to discuss them more. It was unclear thus far if David was just helping with the CSA this year, or if that should be a treasury responsibility every year.

Kyle: So my understanding was that we wanted to make the CSA official and permanent, so I was understanding that David was volunteering the position of treasurer. I think it’s pretty painless to update the constitution if we’re just changing our responsibilities, we don’t too much resident involvement for that. We just want this in the case that things go wrong so we have extra lines of defense.

Olivia: What do you guys think?
Jessica: My only concern is that it means another person has to be here during the summer. Currently that’s only a requirement for the garden coordinator.

Isabela: Do you think we can make this work with volunteer backups over the summer in case they’re gone?

Kyle: Probably, but it would be good to have it be official.

Vicky: Do you think an extra person is necessary?

Kyle: I think so, this year I think we’re over the main difficulties. There is a good amount of setup and paperwork at the start of the year.

Isabela: So if we amend the constitution to make this part of the garden coordinator position do you think we need to put it is as a treasurer responsibility as well?

David: Perhaps, I think it may also be a bit unfair to put this on the garden coordinator, since it’s not an official responsibility. So I think it’s just fairer and will allow for more continuity to assign it to two people.

Isabela: So can we just put in a general requirement that one or two committee members just take care of the CSA?

Kyle: No no no, I think it needs to be clear. Also, just because we assign the treasurer to the CSA doesn’t mean they have to be here for the summer. It can be worked out.

Vicky: Does the garden coordinator have to be here in the summer?

Kyle: Yes, at this point they do.

Isabela: So we do need to send out the text of the proposed amendments. Last year we sent out the text of the amendment in the minutes and then had an online vote a week later. We can also add language about the social chair being responsible for organizing 2 social events per semester.

Kyle: Sounds good, I can draft the changes and send them around.

8. Various Committees Update
Merle: No new info on the housing committee, and I’m now on a new transportation committee, but we haven’t met yet. If you have any requests for me to bring up please let me know. The only thing I’ve heard is more buses running from here to the GC on Friday and Saturday nights for the D-bar. Anyone can also bring up housing questions with me and I can bring it up at the Graduate Housing Advisory Board meeting. They’re also getting a new princeton.edu website, it should go live on May 18th. I asked if the internal features that only work on PU wireless could be extended to Lakeside wireless, and they said they’d look into it.

9. Committee Meeting Over Summer

Vicky: When do the meetings end for summer?

Isabela: Next month, and then we’ll pick up in September!