

Meeting Title: 2026 Circle Lake Association and Fundraising Race Committee

Date: Thursday May 28th

Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm

Location / Virtual Link: Watnes House: 3480 Circle Bluff Ct, Faribault, MN

Teams Link if necessary

Facilitator: Solomon Watne

Attendees:

Solomon Watne
Dean Sunderlin
Lonna Selkirk

Berit Amundson
Jessica Watne
Darren McGann

Denise Bisbing

Jim Vogel
Lisa Carlson
Carrie Hopkins

Recap of our **Circle Lake Association and Race Committee** meeting on **May Thursday May 28th 5:30pm:**

Follow-up Tasks:

Website Management and Renewal (Lonna and Solomon):

- Meet to review the current Circle Lake Association website backend and determine whether to renew, archive, or migrate content before the July 7th domain renewal deadline.
- Create an archive of the current Circle Lake Association website content prior to any potential migration or deletion.
- Decide on the future hosting arrangement for the Circle Lake Association website, including whether to continue with Small Orange, migrate to a new platform, or consolidate with the race website, and communicate the decision to all relevant parties.
- Update the group via email with a motion if a website plan is finalized after the Solomon-Lana meeting and before the next scheduled meeting.

Race Day Registration Process (Solomon):

- Organize a training session for volunteers on using the run signup app for mobile registration to streamline race day check-in.
- Update the run signup website to reflect the correct course support time of 3.5 hours instead of 4 hours.

Race Day Logistics and Procurement (Berit):

- Contact Anderson and/or Rent and Save to compare pricing and logistics for DJ/PA system rental for race day, and secure the best option. Berit already confirmed Rent-N-Save has a DJ for only \$66 so we are going with that.
- Confirm with Leah about porta potty rental logistics and negotiate for an additional free unit if possible.

Re-Cap Meeting Notes:

Election of Circle Lake Association Officers: Jim, Solomon, Lonna, Lisa, and other board members conducted the annual election of officers for the Circle Lake Association, confirming Solomon as President, Lonna as Secretary, Lisa as Vice President, and Jim continuing as Treasurer until end of calendar year 2026, with nominations and motions handled during the meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Overview: Jim presented a comprehensive treasurer's report to the group, detailing the association's starting balance, sponsorship income, race registration revenue, major expenses, and current available funds, with Lana to receive the supporting Excel spreadsheet.

Approval of Additional Funds for CLID Pontoon and Equipment: The board, including Jim, Solomon, Lisa, and Lonna, discussed and **approved a motion to allocate \$15,000 to the CLID for the purchase of a pontoon, trailer, and lift**, ensuring compliance with 501(c)(3) requirements and timing the payment to maximize benefit.

Lake Aeration System Placement and Operation: Dean provided updates on the installation and operation of lake aeration systems, including site selection based on water flow, technical considerations, and ongoing data collection to optimize effectiveness.

Website Management and Future Plans: Lonna discussed the challenges and options for managing the Circle Lake Association's websites, including domain renewals, technical support, possible consolidation, and archiving historical information.

Race Committee Planning and Action Items: Berit and Solomon other committee members reviewed and updated action items for the upcoming race, covering logistics, volunteer coordination, registration improvements, social media outreach, and cost-saving measures.

Circle Lake Association Bylaws and Membership Dues Review: Solomon and Jim led a discussion on reviewing and updating the Circle Lake Association's bylaws and membership dues' structure, reflecting changes in funding sources and the association's evolving role.