

**CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION  
MEMBER MEETING (WITH BRUNCH)  
05/21/2022 9:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Donna Stone. This meeting is being held in person at the Crescent Town Hall with a virtual format using Zoom also available to members.

**ROLL CALL:** Board members were introduced to the members. All board members present.

**CB/CW COORDINATOR:**

Cindy Hermel took this time to introduce Jaylen Janssen. Jaylin will be the CB/CW Coordinator this year. Jaylin asked that inspectors to look over the schedule for boat inspections and sign up for a 3-hour period. We would like to get all three inspection periods filled on Saturday and Sunday of each weekend through September.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 09/18/2021 were sent out via email to all members prior to this meeting. President Stone requests the suspension of the reading of these minutes and asks for discussion, additions, deletions, and/or corrections. There are none. A motion was made by Fred Reckner to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by John Dusenbery. **PASSED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Sandy McKitrick is present via Zoom due to a recent exposure to COVID. A current report was distributed for members to view. Sandy reviewed the 2021 income and expenditures as well as the 2022 estimated (budgeted) income and expenses. She highlighted the current balances in the available accounts.

Crescent Lake Association (CLA) made a gift/donation to the Crescent Lake District (CLD) in the amount of \$25,000.00 to help pay for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) management in 2022. The board found that this gift was appropriate since these monies were donated to CLA by property owners for the treatment of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The CLA board is considering an additional gift in the near future but has yet to determine the amount. These gifts to the CLD may ultimately reduce the tax bill as well as increase the areas that can be treated.

CLA has had audits done on an annual basis and this year's audit should be completed prior to the Annual Meeting in July 2022.

Membership dues continue to come in. Following the recent sending of a second notice, we currently have 190 paid members. Sandy asked those who have yet to pay to fill out a membership form and pay your dues today.

Sandy also stated that we received a \$1000.00 grant from Caterpillar Corp. This grant was a direct result of work done by Suzanne Mooney. She was introduced to the membership and thanked for her work on this grant. **THANK YOU, SUZANNE!**

In closing her report, Sandy asked for help from property owners to identify new property owners on the lake. If you find that your neighbors have sold their property, please pass that information on to Sandy so we can keep our owner data base up-to-date.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Tom Arts, owner of A-1 Septic Service, was invited to speak to Crescent Lake Association (CLA) members about septic systems available, installation, management and Q&A. Tom has been the owner of A-1 for the past 21 years. As Tom explained, "I know my crap." Tom passed out literature to aid in his presentation.

Although they normally try to install a conventional septic system, some properties may not allow for this. He did state that there are some newer systems that may make it possible to place a new system where before it may not have been possible. One of those systems was recently installed on the Cooper property on Crescent Lake. Set-backs for a system state that the drain field system be no closer than 50 feet from the lake or from the well.

Fortunately, Crescent Lake does not have a lot of holding tanks. This system is one of last resort because no other system is suitable for the site. They require frequent pumping.

Tom went over some of the "dos and don'ts" for residential systems. He stated that salt is not a good thing for septic systems. Frequent processing of your water by a water softener system adds salt to the septic system. This salt is very hard on the bacteria that aids in the breakdown of the solids in the septic tank. Adding oils, grease and foreign objects such as cigarette butts, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes, Q-tips, disposable diapers, etc. DO NOT belong in your septic system. Paints, oils, solvents, pesticides, and poisons not only kill off bacteria, they may also contaminate your well! Only biodegradable waste should go into your system.

Conserve water! Large volumes over a short period of time can be responsible for flushing untreated wastes into the drain field. Space out heavy uses of water such as multiple loads of wash on a single day.

Systems are required to be inspected every three years and those reports are then recorded by the county.

The frequent use of additives such as "*Ridex*" are discouraged although yeast has been known to be used as well as regular dry dog food. This helps add additional bacteria to the system to aid in the breakdown of solids within the septic tank.

Tom took time at the end of his presentation to answer questions that were asked by those in attendance. **THANK YOU, TOM** for coming and sharing your knowledge with us today.

**CB/CW UPDATE:** Cindy Hermel updated the membership on boat inspections so far this season. If you are interested in becoming a boat inspector this year, training is available for you. Sign-up for inspection shifts can be found on the CLA website. Your hours will be recorded as they are used to document our grant requirements.

Sandy McKitrick passed around the snail shell that she found near their shore. She contacted Stephanie Boismenu from Oneida County Land and Water Conservation regarding the snail and it was felt that the shell was likely from a Chinese Mystery Snail. If this is indeed correct, we now have documentation of yet a new invasive species in Crescent Lake. This alone justifies the need for inspection and education at the boat landing as there are many invasives out there that we need to "catch" before they get into Crescent Lake. It's not just EWM that threaten our waters.

Wendy Goldbach stated that there will be a live training session to be held today at 4:00 PM at the shore of the Goldbach home on Bible Camp Road. This training session will teach people how to identify the difference between northern milfoil and Eurasian milfoil and the proper way to remove Eurasian milfoil from the lake bed.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>:** July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Monday this year. The board has discussed the activities and has decided to hold both the boat parade and the fireworks on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be used should rain wash out the activities on the Saturday.

The boat parade will begin at 2:00 PM from the narrows. There will be three award categories this year: most patriotic, most creative, and best over-all. Darrel Mack was supposed to be the Parade Marshal this year since he was the 2021 Friend of the Lake recipient but he stated that he would rather remain the judge. So, Jim and Kay Gehrke have agreed to act as Marshals for the parade this year.

All boats in the parade this year will receive a gas card for their participation. This year we will be adding another category this year: **Best Cheerleaders.**

The setup for the fireworks will be on Friday morning at 9:00 AM. If you wish to help with the fireworks this year, please contact Larry McKittrick at [lsmckitrick@charter.net](mailto:lsmckitrick@charter.net) .

## **EDUCATION:**

Tim Kilgore is the Chairperson of the CLD. He introduced the CLD commissioners: Jim Gehrke, Maria Rudesill, and Jim Ketterson. Bob Thome is the representative of the Oneida County board. Jim Gehrke's term will be expiring in August so an election will take place at the Annual Meeting in August to choose a new commissioner to fill that vacant position.

Tim suggested that all property owners should familiarize themselves with the CLD website at <https://www.crescentlakedistrict.com> Here you will find the names and contact information of the Commissioners as well as the future meeting dates and minutes of past meetings. A link to this website can also be found on the CLA website.

He stressed the importance of attending the Annual Meeting. The second Annual Meeting of the Crescent Lake District will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Crescent Town Hall. The 2023 activity plan and the 2023 proposed budget will be presented at that time. All property owners are strongly encouraged to attend and vote on the issues at hand.

Tim then introduced Terry Goldbach. Terry is the Chairperson of Crescent Lake's Rapid Response Committee. Terry introduced the members of the committee: Jim Gehrke, Cindy Hermel, Steve LaPorte, Dick Lower, Darrel Mack, Dennis Southworth, and Harvey Wolf.

An aggressive treatment plan has been approved for this year for Crescent Lake. The \$25,000 gift to the CLD from the CLA allowed us to treat approximately 15 additional acres this year. This was added to the monies generated from the tax revenues allowed us to be more aggressive in our treatment plans for this year. Therefore, we are looking at treating some 65+ acres in the areas of Wausau Bay, Tony's Bay, and Radke Bay as well as much of the south shore of the lake.

A few years back, we made the decision to map the lake. This gave us information regarding the littoral zone - where does the vegetation grow? This year that same mapping was used to help establish what areas would best be treated as well as how deep that treatment would need to be placed. The monies spent back then helped us in our treatment plans for this year as well as for treatment plans for the future.

## **OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Mergenthaler stated that at the Annual Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>, members will be voting to elect candidates to fill vacated seats on the Board of Directors. More information regarding those candidates will be coming soon. The Nominations Committee consists of Carol Hitchcock (chairperson), Kay Gehrke, and Janell Solinsky.

Maria Rudesill announced that beginning June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Bible Camp will be opening up to anyone on the lake who would like to attend non-denominational worship services at the chapel. Worship will take place on Sundays at 9:00 AM. All are invited.

Alan Janssen handed out a flyer entitled "The Negative Effects of Light Pollution." This flyer invites interested individuals to attend an informative presentation by Mary Beth Kiczenski on June 3, 2022 at 12:45 PM. The presentation will center on the effects of light pollution on mammals as well as reptiles and amphibians. This is free to all and will be available on Zoom only. You must register to attend at the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsce-gqTMrHdZHYHTSVYGkNbkYy3jAw30y>

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Gehrke and seconded by John Dusenbery. **Passed.** Adjourned at 11:35 AM.

**JOHN DUSENBERY**  
Secretary

**Approved July 16, 2022**