



# Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes July 15, 2023 11:00 AM

## Call to order

The business portion of the Annual Member Meeting was called to order by President Donna Stone at 11:52 AM after a picnic lunch. It was held at the Crescent Lake Bible Camp.

## Roll Call

The Board of Directors were asked to introduce themselves. All board members were present. There were a total of 61 attendees.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Crescent Lake Association (CLA) Spring Member Meeting on 5/20/2023 were emailed to all current CLA members for review. There were no corrections or additions. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Henry and seconded by Maria Rudesill. The minutes were approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Sandy McKittrick handed out copies of the 2023 Budget Report dated 7/10/2023 and briefly reviewed income, disbursements and current balances.

Sandy mentioned the financial records for 2022 were recently audited and found to be in order.

Later in the meeting Sandy made a request to the membership to please send in their membership dues early, preferably shortly after the dues letter is sent out. If a donation is being made to the association, Sandy stated she needs to know if the donation is for a specific purpose such as the fireworks or a general-purpose donation to be used as needed.

## DNR Fisheries Report Update

Nathan Lederman, DNR Fisheries Biologist Sr., Bureau of Fisheries Management provided an update on the fish survey conducted on Crescent Lake over the past year. Last year a survey

of walleyes, bass and panfish was conducted. This Spring the survey of muskies was completed. The Spring survey estimated a total of 112 muskies in the lake with the maximum size measured at 48.5 inches. Last fall the survey of the survival of newly spawned walleyes (age 0) produced zero results, indicating a poor survival rate of new walleyes in 2022. The estimated walleye population from last year's report was 2.9 walleyes per acre which is at the lower limit for self-sustainment in the lake. The population of walleyes in the lake has been declining since 2018. Other lakes in northern WI are experiencing similar declines. The DNR is working to understand the cause of the regional decline but thus far nothing has been identified as the cause. To help with the population decline the DNR has decided to stock larger walleye fingerlings in the lake this Fall. Stocking will be at the rate of 10 fish per acre. There is a follow-up meeting on the use of ProcellaCOR herbicide in the lake on July 20 with all parties involved in the decision to use or not use ProcellaCOR in Crescent Lake. Members of the Crescent Lake District staff will be in attendance.

A final Crescent Lake fisheries report from the DNR will likely not be available for distribution until the Spring of 2024.

## **Crescent Lake District Update**

Tim Kilgore restated that the primary mission of the Crescent Lake District is the eradication of Eurasian Watermilfoil. A Spring update on progress thus far was mailed out is available on the district website. Tim mentioned the district annual meeting has been postponed from August 19th to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at the Crescent Town Hall at 10:00 AM. The 2024 plan will be presented at the meeting.

Terry Goldbach, coordinator for the response team, talked briefly about EWM control activities but encouraged property owners on the lake to attend the district annual meeting in September to hear the latest information.

## **Board Member Election**

Mike Henry stated there are three seats on the Board of Directors that are up for election. The seats are held by Donna Stone, Sandra McKitrick and Wendy Goldbach. All three have indicated to the nominations committee they would like to be considered for another term on the board. Janell Solinsky gave a brief profile of each of the nominees.

Mike Henry asked the membership if there were any additional nominations. Since there were none, Donna Stone asked for a motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as presented. The motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees was made by Chris Bendickson and seconded by Jim Solinsky. Passed.

## **Fireworks Show Explanation**

Larry McKitrick talked about the equipment used and the overall process for putting on the fireworks show. He stated that we have the proper equipment and a good system for carrying out the fireworks show. The sequence of the show is programmed to a master control in advance and is relatively easy to operate during the show. Larry explained that planning for the show starts in January with determining the budget for the show. Larry contacts the fireworks supplier (Spielbauer) and asks for a proposal based on the budget. A month later Larry and the supplier agree on the type and number fireworks and Larry places an order. In May, Larry contacts the O'Melia family and asks for approval to use their property for the show. Larry then contacts the Crescent Lake Fire Department to obtain a permit to purchase and display the fireworks. A couple weeks before the show Larry has an email sent out requesting volunteers to help with setup and cleanup afterwards. Also prior to transporting the equipment to the site for setup he looks over the mortar tube boxes and multi-shot box platforms and performs any necessary repairs. About this time Larry determines and sequence of firing for the show and programs this into the master control. Setup for the show begins a day in advance and loading the mortar tubes and placement of the multi-shot boxes the day of the show. Wiring of the electronic firing system also takes place at this time. In preparation for the show buoys are placed at points in the lake to keep boaters a safe distance away from the fireworks. After the show any unfired fireworks are shot off manually to make it safe for the fire department to enter the area and put out any small fires that may have started. Cleanup of the site takes place the following day. Larry reiterated the fireworks show would not be possible without the extensive help provided by volunteers and funding by CLA member donations. Thank you volunteers!

## **Friend of the Lake Award**

Jim Gehrke stated that in 2007 the CLA started presenting the "Friend of the Lake Award". The award was established to give a special "thank you" to an individual who has made significant contributions to the lake and the lake association over a period of several years. Each year, the prior award recipients are asked to nominate an individual who is worthy of receiving the award. This year's recipient has been a member of the CLA for many years and has graciously offered his time to coordinate the fireworks show for over twenty years. This year's award recipient is Larry McKitrick. Larry received a trophy and his name will be placed on the "Friend of the Lake" plaque at the Town Hall. Congratulations Larry, and thank you for your service to Crescent Lake.

## **Boat Parade Recap**

Donna recapped the boat parade and thanked those that participated. A total of 14 boats participated. Top honors went to the Frasier family's "Hodag" boat with a close second to the Corr family's "Pirate Ship". The Engstrand's boat received the award for the most patriotic and Kleckler family's "Igloo" boat for the most creative. Donna thanked the Mack family for volunteering again as the judges.

## **Adjournment**

Donna adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

**Mark Mergenthaler**

Secretary

Date of approval

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