



Crescent Lake Association

Spring Member Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2023 9:00 AM

Call to order

The business portion of the Spring Member Meeting was called to order by President Donna Stone at 9:45 AM after brunch. It was held at the Crescent Town Hall.

Roll Call

The Board of Directors were asked to introduce themselves. All board members were present. There was a total of 44 attendees.

Upcoming Board Member Election

Mike Henry talked about the board member election coming up at the annual member meeting on July 15th. The three board positions up for election are currently held by Donna Stone, Sandra McKitrick and Wendy Goldbach. These three board members have already agreed to be nominated for another term but if anyone else is interested in being considered they can contact Mike in advance of the July meeting.

Protecting our Lakes: Doing "What it Takes"

Ted Rulseh (RULL-see), our featured speaker, is a freelance writer, lake advocate and author of two books on lakes and lake science published by the University of Wisconsin Press (*A Lakeside Companion* and *Ripple Effects*). He lives on Birch Lake and is president of the Oneida County Lake and Rivers Assoc. He is also a graduate of the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute and writes the weekly column, "The Lake Where You Live" for the Lakeland Times and Northwoods River News. He is known online as "The Lake Guy".

Ted talked about the need to address failing septic systems that can introduce phosphorus into the ground water and eventually into our lakes causing algae blooms and excessive aquatic plant growth. Another issue is zoning regulations (lack of) that allow boat houses on the shoreline or homes close to the shoreline that take away natural vegetation and potentially allow erosion into the lake. Ted mentioned gaps in the Clean Boats Clean Waters program can allow the introduction of aquatic invasive species into our lakes. Many boat landings do not have a CBCW program and others that do cannot monitor them every day. Lead poisoning

from fishing tackle of Loons is a significant cause of their mortality. Wake boats can enhance shoreline erosion and stir up phosphorus on the lake bottom from prop wash. Road salt from runoff is another stressor for lake water quality.

Ted mentioned we all need to do what we can to preserve our lakes: Fix or replace defective septic systems, support CBCW efforts, monitor shorelines for AIS, restrict use of lead fishing tackle, etc.

For more information see Ted's website: <https://thelakeguy.net>.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Crescent Lake Association (CLA) Fall Member Meeting on 10/8/2022 were emailed to all current CLA members for review. There were no corrections or additions. Donna made the comment that as mentioned in the minutes, release of the DNR Fisheries presentation has still not been authorized by the DNR. We will make it available after it is released. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dennis Southworth and seconded by Patty Wrycha. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy McKitrick handed out copies of the 2023 Budget Report dated 5/17/2023. Earlier this year the Association donated \$4,500 to the Crescent Lake District for EWM control.

Sandy mentioned we have 185 paid members of the association so far this year. Last year we had 234 paid members. We expect more dues payments to come in yet this year around the July annual meeting.

CBCW Report

Jim Gehrke reported that the responsibility for CBCW has been transferred to the Crescent Lake District. Jim has a list of past volunteers and is making training available for new volunteers. The system for signup of shifts at the boat landing is not yet available on the lake district website. Jim mentioned volunteers can contact him in the interim to volunteer. A non-lake resident has been contacted for becoming a paid inspector when volunteers are not available. A suggestion was made to educate wake boaters on areas of the lake that are most suitable for their boating activity.

A request was made for the forms to record volunteer hours for the shore monitoring. Wendy Goldbach offered to bring copies to the next member meeting.

Crescent Lake District Update

Tim Kilgore mentioned that all are welcome to attend Crescent Lake District meetings. The next regular meeting is July 6th. The annual meeting is August 19th at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall. The annual meeting is where the next year's budget and action plan are presented and approval is requested from those attending. Tim mentioned that the Oneida county board representative for the Crescent Lake District, Bob Thome, resigned recently from the county board and lake district. The county board is in process of appointing a person to fill the vacancy. In addition, the Crescent Town Board may consider replacing the at-large commissioner position currently filled by Maria Rudesill.

Terry Goldbach, coordinator for the response team, provided an update on EWM control plans. The DASH boat was not used last year because divers were not available to pull plants. So, the lake district is trying to sell the boat.

Terry mentioned a plant survey is planned for the north end of the lake. The DNR tentatively approved a treatment plan for 2023 but has now asked for a new plant survey before giving final approval. The cold lake water conditions have delayed growth of EWM and timing of the requested plant survey. Terry mentioned Curly Leaf Pondweed is a potential invasive species we need to be aware of. It is now found in the southern Wisconsin.

July 4th Weekend Activities

The fireworks display is planned for Sunday, July 2nd. Larry McKittrick, coordinator for the fireworks, plans to start setup on July 1st and cleanup on July 3rd. Larry asked that those interested in volunteering to help with the fireworks contact him via email or phone.

Donna Stone said plans for the boat parade are for Sunday, July 2nd at 2:00 PM. Prizes for most patriotic and most creative boats will be given. Also, a prize will be given for best shore participants.

New Lake Property Owner Packet

Joan Karls talked about a recently developed welcome packet for new lake residents. It contains information about the lake, the Crescent Lake Association and Crescent Lake District.

Crescent Lake Bible Camp Sunday Worship

Maria Rudesill mentioned that worship services at the Bible Camp chapel are available to all lake residents. The Sunday services will start on June 11th at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Lower and seconded by Dennis Southworth. PASSED.
Adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Mark Mergenthaler

Secretary

7/15/2023

Date of approval

APPROVED