



Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes July 20, 2024 11:00 AM

Call to order

The business portion of the Annual Member Meeting was called to order by President Donna Stone at 11:49 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 except for Sandy McKitrick. There was a total of 68 attendees.

Crescent Lake Merchandise

Joel Knutson talked about plans to open an online store to allow Crescent Lake residents to purchase Crescent Lake logo merchandise. Pictures of example items were provided on handouts. Paper catalogs will also be provided if anyone prefers to purchase items by contacting Joel directly instead of online. Garment samples will be available to try on at the business on 37 S. Brown St.

Lake Conservation – Michele Sadauskas

Michele Sadauskas, Oneida County Conservationist, spoke to the membership about her department. Their focus is on conservation of surface water quality and shorelands. She spoke on enhanced wakes, shoreline protection, and the lake classification system. Michele's department recommended to the Oneida County board that a resolution be sent to the state legislature to adopt a regulation on enhanced wakes restricting wake boat use to 500 feet from shore and in a minimum of 20 feet water depth. The concern is the potential propwash scouring of the lake bottom affecting vegetation and resuspending sediment on the lake floor. Lake Tomahawk and Town of Newbold have recently passed ordinances regulating wake boats. Michele expects the state legislature may not take action until February 2025 at the earliest.

Michele spoke about the lake classification system adopted by her department. Her department is working on establishing a classification system for the 451 named lakes in

Oneida County. The goal is to group them based on certain characteristics to help identify those lakes that may need better protection. The lake classification is a measurement of the lake's sensitivity to certain stressors. It looks at both physical characteristics and the lake's health. Crescent Lake is classified as a lower sensitivity lake due to its physical characteristics and higher health quality.

Michele passed out a guide on Shoreline Stabilization that homeowners can reference. Currently the allowable viewing corridor (clear zone) is 35 feet per 100 feet of shoreline. Her department is currently looking at potential changes to the allowable viewing corridor to increase the amount of vegetation and help conserve the natural shoreline.

Michele Sadauskas mentioned her website has example letters that were sent to legislators regarding the enhanced wake issue. The website for the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department is www.oclw.org . The phone# is (715)369-7835. Michele's email address is msadauskas@oneidacountywi.gov .

Town of Crescent – Robb Jensen

Robb introduced himself and spoke briefly about his and his wife's background in the area. He mentioned the town board is currently taking a look at the ordinances recently implemented by Lake Tomahawk and Town of Newbold. In his opinion, enforcement of an ordinance is a challenge and is an issue for the town. Squash Lake has recently approached the town board on enhanced wake regulation. Review of the Lake Tomahawk and Town of Newbold ordinances will be on the agenda at the August town board meeting.

Response Team – Terry Goldbach

Terry encouraged people to attend the Crescent Lake District annual meeting in late August. Like last year, the DNR did not approve the permit to apply herbicide on the north end of the lake to control EWM growth. EWM did expand and become denser on the north end of the lake since last year. The lake district is planning to use DASH boat services to pull weeds in the some of the affected areas this summer.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the Crescent Lake Association (CLA) Spring Member Meeting on 5/18/2024 were emailed to all current CLA members for review. There were no corrections or additions. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave Schwanz and seconded by Mike Henry. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Maria Rudesill filled in for Sandy McKitrick who could not attend. Copies of the 2024 budget report dated 7/9/2024 were handed out in advance at the picnic tables. Maria talked through the income, disbursements and current balances.

July 4th Activities Recap

Mark Mergenthaler and Jack Geisel were mentored this year by Larry McKitrick to coordinate the fireworks show. Due to the forecast of rain on Friday, the fireworks were moved to Saturday. A total of 908 shots were fired over the 25-minute show. Thank you to all of the volunteers that showed up to help with the setup and cleanup!

Donna mentioned there were 12 boats in the boat parade. The Frasier received the best overall prize. The Goldbach family took the most patriotic prize. The Leinss and Peterson families received the prizes for most creative. Thanks again to the Mack family for being the judges of the boat parade.

Board Member Election

Kay Gehrke, chair of the nominations committee, stated there are four seats on the Board of Directors that are up for election. The seats are held by Maria Rudesill, Mark Mergenthaler, Joan Karls and Mike Henry. All four have indicated to the nominations committee they would like to be considered for another term on the board. Each of the nominees gave a brief description of their duties on the board.

Kay Gehrke 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 Marybeth Mack and seconded by Jim Gehrke. Passed.

CBCW Coordinator

Jim Gehrke introduced the current CBCW Coordinator, Kaylee Brown. Kaylee became the coordinator this year. She graduated from Rhinelander High School and UW-Green Bay. Since Kaylee was studying abroad in Great Britain for a month during the summer, her mother Terri volunteered to fill-in for Kaylee. Jim mentioned there are 42 CBCW inspectors but more would be helpful.

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; served on the board; wrote requests for grants of funds from the state; lead the effort to develop the Crescent Lake AIS Prevention and Planning Project; worked as the CBCW Coordinator; and along with her husband, pulled EWM with their pontoon boat for several years to control its spread. This year's award recipient is Cindy Hermel. Cindy received a trophy and her name will be placed on the "Friend of the Lake" plaque at the Town Hall. Congratulations Cindy and thank you for your service to Crescent Lake.

Miscellaneous

Jim Gehrke mentioned he has been contacted by lake residents about the Chinese Mystery snails in the lake. They are an invasive species so if someone finds them along their shoreline, he recommends removing them from the lake and disposing of them. The snails compete for the same food as minnows.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Gehrke and seconded by Sue Binder. Passed, meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Mark Mergenthaler

Secretary

September 14, 2024

Date of approval