

**Crystal Lake Association
Summer Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2013 7:00 PM
Old Crystal Lake School House**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

SECRETARY REPORT

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. It was noted that there are 71 families paid for in our membership.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

No report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Testing Committee – Bill Merson gave report that water testing has been conducted twice. There is exceptional clarity, measuring up to 5 & ½ meters. The Milfoil removal contractors noted that this was the first lake they'd seen where they could see the bottom.

Fund Raising Committee – it was noted that there was some fundraising conducted at the Memorial Day parade.

New Website Committee – Bill reported that the new website is up and running well. He encouraged everyone to explore by choosing the various tabs across the top. Also, Google doesn't recognize the website address in a search, so it was suggested folks save it as a favorite/bookmark. Roger will post things that are sent to him, i.e. stories, pictures, items for sale, etc.

Milfoil Committee – The lake was surveyed and there was quite a bit of milfoil found in the Aborn cove and some in the Northeast cove. There is a detailed map for the cove.

It was discussed and agreed upon that annual maintenance needs to continue to be done in the open water. There is very little in the swim area and it appears to be concentrated in Aborn cove. Bill provided a report on how the company was progressing. They have started the Northeast Cove and then they are planning to spend most of their time in the Aborn cove.

There is a \$21,000 contract, \$208 an hour and they will begin work shortly. They will continue to look at how to use barriers to keep down the milfoil. The company won't go near the dam due to the fisherman fishing there.

Last year's report was given to Roger to put on the website. There is more detail in the report including more detail on the location of the plants in Aborn cove. We'll continue to support the recommendations from George on removal of the milfoil.

Bill discussed that they are finding other invasive plants, after removing the milfoil and those are being removed also, i.e. long leaf pond weed.

It was agreed that Aborn Brook could be pushing milfoil into the lake and that the hardest part of the removal is what's left.

By Laws Committee – no report.

Molly West Scholarship Fund report – At the previous meeting, it was decided to fund an Ellington Scholarship, to be managed and given out by the Ellington Scholarship Committee at this year's award ceremony. Diane Cristelli reported that the scholarship was awarded as planned. It was awarded to Leah Gerber and the association received a thank you note from her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police presence at lake – Sargent Sweeney was invited but had another obligation tonight. It was suggested that he attend a future meeting. Questions could be prepared and submitted to him ahead of time. It was also suggested that there be a smaller group meeting off-season to review rules and confirm when they are in operation. We should plan to have this with the larger group next season.

Viridian Electric Company – Based on a presentation last year, Bill had switched electric company's and found his rate was 11.9 cents. Donna, from **Viridian** had mentioned that the rate should have been 7.4 cents and Bill followed up and they said they'd drop the rate, but it didn't drop. Mark indicated that his electric bill doubled but after a phone call, they agreed to drop the rate and lock it in. It may take several months for the credit to come through. They do contribute to the Crystal Lake Association for anyone that does decide to switch to them.

Offseason Docks – it was mentioned that folks with docks should take care to either remove them from the water or if they do leave them in, they need to ensure they are secured so they don't float away. The Rockville Fish and Game Club expressed their concern to Mark Mickiewicz that property owners leave their docks in all winter and have a bubblers to keep the ice from forming which creates a hazardous condition to ice fishermen who fish before daybreak and at other times when they are unaware of the thinness of the ice around the holes caused by the bubblers. They requested that if owners are using bubblers that they place cones around the open ice to warn of the potential danger.

Upcoming events:

- DEEP will be out doing a survey of the lake and the results of the milfoil removal. They are working with the milfoil removal contractor.
- A Triathlon will be held Sunday July 14th, consisting of a swim, bike ride and running. It will start at 8am.

Bolton Lake Inspection Training:

- On July 20th, a training session will be held at Bolton Lake to train on how to inspect boats going into the water. Anyone taking the training would be deputized for checking out boats. Last year, 20-30 people were in attendance.
- The purpose of the boat inspection training is to identify invasive plants and you can become a DEEP agent to perform inspections on boats.
- Being trained in this would allow you to provide support to the DEEP. They've been at the boat launch last weekend.
- If DEEP finds an invasive plant on a boat, they can issue a fine.
- Certification is for invasive plants, not safety inspections.
- DEEP can give out invasive plant brochures to continue to educate people on these plant species. It was mentioned that the police patrol could also hand out pamphlets.
- It was suggested that we possibly plan this for next year and connect with Wendy Flynn of the DEEP to get on the DEEP mailing list to become aware of invasive plants.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45. Seconded and approved.

Next meeting will be September 18th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cristelli, Secretary
Crystal Lake Association