

**Crystal Lake Association
Spring Meeting Minutes
April 27th, 2017 @ 7 PM
Old Crystal Lake School House**

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m. by David Arzt

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes read. Motion to accept, second and approve. Dave Arzt provided several comments/corrections to minutes. They will be noted and updated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Part A – Vic Laptik read Treasurer's report from 9/28/16-today regarding general funds, and balances in the accounts. \$28,343 checking account balance. \$24,000 in cd's. Total \$53,227 assets. Including dam donations.

Part B – dam donations \$24244, of which \$1,250 is already forwarded.

Motion to accept, second and all approved.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Dam Report

Al Breton provided a historical update of the dam to educate new members on the history of when the dam was built. He explained how it was built up and Conklin road was established. Over the years, a deep hole has formed on the lake side due to rubble and sand. Water flows under the bridge as well as over the top and is causing the dam to erode & weaken. The town engineer has indicated it's in a failure mode, as of 3 years ago. If it fails, the road will fall and the lake will wash out. Over 100 feet off the properties will drain off. Repairing the road & dam would be very extensive and could cost millions of dollars. It's taken 2 years to get 6 permits for our repairs. Last fall we planned to do it with volunteers for apx. \$15,000. When we tried to get insurance, cost became prohibitive.

Al Breton contacted four contractors and received bids from \$30,000 to \$80,000. Since then, Delray, a fully insured contractor, offered to do the construction. The hole could take additional concrete and could require additional yards as well as other unforeseen costs. The lake level is too high right now. The hope is to start late summer and will be complete in one week. Guy Burns has committed Delray to doing the repairs. They will do their best to keep their costs to a minimum, but additional funds may be required due to unforeseen site conditions. Al Breton encouraged we should continue to do fund raising

Interesting, the water kept moving thru the winter and ice never formed. It was noted that the CT River never really froze, fishing derby wasn't even held as there wasn't enough ice.

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Q-Monique Lussier questioned where Attorney Robison is involved. He will donate \$1,000 and will support this repair.

Q-will volunteers be needed? No volunteers will be needed as insurance says the company can only do it, i.e. Guy's company.

Q-will permits still apply? Yes, they are good for 2 years, some for up to 5 years.

Q-will the lake level rise? No, it may not go higher, but it won't drop as fast as the season goes on. It should minimize leaking and could allow getting canoes & rowboats in Aborn cove throughout the season.

Q-is water high right now? It's at a spring high right now, and goal is that it would stay at this height as water would not leak thru the dam.

Q-what does a mud-sucking machine do? It drains into the truck and they'll cart it away. Monique wondered if Aborn cove could use it, but it was felt it would take too many trucks and would drain off too much water and muck.

Q-Compared to last year at this time, we're running higher for the water & melting snow. No drought condition. Last year was a record breaking low for the lake. Will do the work end of August/September when the lake drops down further.

Q-how much more money is needed? There will be no additional dedicated fund raising. We have raised \$24,000 for the dam support. Membership donations has raised an additional \$430 since January. We won't be doing additional fund raising earmarked for the dam. Jeannie and Guy need to evaluate what costs will be needed and they'll get back to the CLA regarding cost. They'll start buying the rebar, blocks, etc. to prepare for the repair.

Ad-Hoc Milfoil Update

No additional update since the fall. Received \$15,000 from state of CT and we matched it. Normally 25k budget, had 15k, 15k from state, and had 10k for pond weed, water testing, and pond leaf removal. Grant of 15k was a one-time thing. We applied for 25k to match the 25k of our budget and we got 15k only.

Bill Merson has moved to Las Vegas. He was a valuable member of the board and ad hoc committee. At end of May, terms of ad hoc milfoil committee come up, need 5 members, 4 will stay on. One opening. If interested, contact Lori Spielman. One year term at a time. If interested and if you have computer experience to assist in keeping track of what the divers have done, that would be beneficial. The group manages the divers to a plan based on Dr Knoeckline's plotting. Continual monitoring and adjustments

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of the divers is needed. Group will get interested person up to speed. Not a lot of meetings, just activity when the divers are active. If anyone wants to volunteer, touch base with Dave and he'll let Lori know.

Current members include:

Chair – Dave Arzt

Members - Al Breton, Jeannie Burns, Roger Hosig & have one opening

Water Testing

Vic provided an update, noting thanks to Gerry Dwyer for donating pontoon boat. Gerry, Rusty and Vic have been doing water testing, temperature testing, dissolved oxygen at different feet levels, test of water clarity, and take water samples at different points, testing for phosphates, and chemicals. First test was in April. Temperature is 53 degrees right now.

Website and Communications

Ryan & Coleen will be turning over website development to Rex Joffrey. Rex met with Coleen and Ryan and turned over the fund raising, go-fund-me account and website. Feel free to email Rex or through the board any comments, suggestions, etc. Roger Hosig ran before Coleen, and Rex will transition everything from Roger and Coleen to Rex.

Friends of Sailing

Rusty indicated last year 3 people signed up, and 1 went out. Monique indicated that her son is still interested in sailing lessons. Rusty is going to work with Bob Tedford for advertising the program. He encouraged everyone here to look at the town website and the Crystal Lake website to sign up for a sailing lesson.

Fundraising

No report

MEMBERSHIP

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As of 12/31, had 102 members. So far 60 folks have paid dues. Vic thanked everyone for prompt payment.

Jim questioned if anyone knows what percentage of folks around the lake are eligible to join who have joined. Vic felt maybe 30% only have joined. There are still numerous homes/families on the lake that have not joined yet. There are 104 actually on the lake, as well as additional homes beyond those directly on the water.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for Elections

Al will be coordinating nominations. All positions are up for nominations, term of 2 years. Actual election will be held at the July meeting.

Vic Laptik, after 12 years of treasurer has decided not to run. All positions are open.

President – Dave Arzt currently in position, he was nominated again. He accepted nomination.

Vice President – Al Breton currently in position, polled for any nominees, he was nominated and he accepted

Treasurer – held by Vic Laptic, Kerry Todd volunteered to be Treasurer. Kerry & Terry Pepin moved in recently and Al & Vic introduced themselves. She's getting graduate degree in Finance and works for TD Bank.

Recording Secretary – held by Diane Cristelli, polled for nominees. There were none so she was nominated and accepted.

Corresponding secretary – held by Coleen Brown. Role is to prepare meeting notices and agendas, keep official correspondence stored. 3 meetings a year, need notices sent out. Tyler Pepin volunteered to be Corresponding Secretary.

Directors:

Bea Arzt – still interested

Ryan Brown – still interested

Jeannie Burns – still interested

Barbara Campbell – still interested

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Rex Jofray – still interested
Connie Milnes – still interested
Walt Moody – still interested

Monique Lussier – interested (or support mil-foil committee)
Vic Laptik – interested
Tyler Pepin – interested
Jim Laughlin - interested

5 Officers & 7 Director's positions are available

Folks have up till the July meeting to submit names for the Board for any of the positions. Al encouraged everyone to continue to donate to the dam so the Burns' are not impacted financially. An LLC has been set up to pay for the dam. The LLC was set up for purposes of paying and then will be dissolved after payment. Dave encouraged that donations continue to support the Burns' work. Looks to be definitely more concrete needed. For the mud sucker, it costs \$240 an hour, and estimated 4 hours of work. Perhaps wait till work is completed and then if it goes over budget, encourage members to donate.

July meeting will be Tuesday July 25th. Ballots will be prepared with all Officer Nominations and all the names of the folks interested in Directors with 7 to be chosen.

Wednesday October 4th will be the final meeting for 2017.

Spring picnic – June 19th Monday rain date June 26th. 24 Private Grounds Road. 5-7pm, hot dogs will be served. Chips and soft drinks. It's a fun meet your neighbor's activity.

New business – Monique Lussier indicated that there's a lot of trash on 140, and she called the state to complain and the state will come out and clean it up. She offered to provide information if anyone wanted to call.

General Comments

Memorial Day Parade

Need volunteers to set up desserts, coffee pot and cookies. Monique Lussier volunteered to set up the parade table. Al Breton has the coffee pot. Karen Whitesell will also help Monique for the parade. Dave Arzt has the little flags that get handed out and a banner for marching. Everyone is encouraged to march representing the CLA. Kick off at the beach is at 9:00. 8:45 is where folks should gather to march.

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Al has CLA magnets and applications for joining the CLA.

CLA did purchase new boat stickers last year, updated to the current website. These will be given to the police to give out stickers when inspecting boats.

Q-what about the sand runoff. Roger Hosig had talked with Director of Public Works but continued discussion had not gone on. Roger & Dave were to talk to Tim Webb to discuss sand runoff. The sand is sealing off the cove. It was encouraged that Jim Keohoe talk to Roger to see what's been done to prevent sand runoff. Jim indicated that they should do a sand reclamation effort to put the beach sand back. And Jim will have the Aborn Road Association tie in with it.

Monique is trying to get a grant about possibly cleaning up of the cove. Removal of material, i.e. wetlands soil is almost impossible to remove but can remove sand that washes in from the beach.

Note – for paddleboard, rowboat, canoe, & kayak usage, need to wear a life jacket and DEEP says you need to wear a whistle now. Life jacket needs to be worn till Memorial Day. Can't just have a life jacket, must wear it.

Adjourn @ 8:11 pm, second and approved.

Diane Cristelli
Recording Secretary, Crystal Lake Association