

**Crystal Lake Association
Fall Meeting Minutes
October 4th, 2017 @ 7 PM
Old Crystal Lake School House**

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

One correction to prior minutes. Minutes read. Motion to accept, second and approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$3,000 written to Town of Ellington for milfoil removal. Kerry Todd presented quarterly update.

Motion to accept, second and all approved.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Dam Report

Al Breton gave report. It's been 3 years since they started talking about the dam repair. Took 2 years to get permits. Not enough funding to do it last year. Mr. Burns at the last meeting, decided to go ahead with the project. Within the next 2-3 weeks, the project will be starting. Wanted to do it early September but water level has been too high. Water is dropping now every day. Some rocks are falling off of the front of the dam so needs to be done this year.

Skyline quarry will donate sand. Need to fill 100 sandbags. Will build mafia blocks in front of dam and will use sand bags to allow them to stop the water from going over while pouring cement. Need 2 volunteers per bag. Al will be at skyline quarry this Saturday @ 9. Bags will be filled and then will be dropped by the lake so Mr. Burns can pick them up. Al is looking for volunteers for holding and scooping sand. It will be this Saturday and possibly a weeknight next week. There is room for parking up there and trailers will be filled up there. Planning for starting at 9. Bring your own shovels. Can meet at the dam and then drive up to the quarry. Skyline Quarry gave Al a tour of the quarry showing how they cut the stone and dig it out. Very interesting.

A message will be put out on the website and Facebook page to look for volunteers. Assemble at dam at 9:00 am and Al Breton will bring everyone up. Al has not picked which weekday yet, depends on how many make it Saturday. On volunteer list, indicate which day folks are available.

Al thanked everyone for their support on this, it's been a long time coming. This time it's moving, Guy has purchased the rebar, the bags and the plywood to start the process. DelRay will not allow anyone

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on the site as it's a construction site. Monique Lussier requested some pictures to preserve this effort. Al met with the mud-sucker guy and they should be able to clean out the dam really well.

Milfoil Removal

Total of 140 hours, \$3,000 donated to CLA to cover. The \$3,000 was added to the town money to allow for more removal. At the town beach, 77 hours was spent, 1.7 acres. Dam area 26 hours, 1.2 acres. 14 hours - northeast cove. 20 hours .3 acres – Aborn cove; manual maintenance was 4 hours. Dr. Knoecklein has done the annual plant survey. He felt the dam area will need to be worked on next year. There was a lot of milfoil from the Aborn brook area and it was cleared out.

Water Testing

7 runs from April to October were done to complete water testing. Thank you to Jerry Dwyer's pontoon boat. Check oxygen, 1 meter to 13-14 meters, incrementally. Do checks & water samples, also check for nitrogen & phosphorus. At end of year, Dr. Knoecklein will submit a report for the town budget. Final report will be October 11th. Update provided by Vic Laptik.

Website and Communications

Rex Joffray – working on website and Facebook. People are liking on Facebook. Water quality pictures have been taken. Rex is looking for more suggestions for the website also.

Friends of Sailing

Rusty was not here, no change.

Fundraising

MEMBERSHIP

Currently at 88 members.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Monique brought stickers to the meeting. They are free stickers to put on your boat, kayaks, sailboats, canoes. Put your name & number on it so if the boat is lost, it's easy to be found. Gene Pitney volunteered to make them and Monique made additional ones. Department of Environmental Protection created the stickers for free. She suggested that waterproof sharpies should be used so that names don't wipe off.

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3 hats are left for sale. If interested, Rex is selling, \$20 a hat, with \$5 to the CLA.

Q-was dam construction really around \$33,000. Not sure, could be unforeseen issues. Amount of concrete is estimated at this point.

Q-what's the contingency if more funds are needed? There may be more fundraising or the association will spend the rest. Guy has volunteered to do the work with his construction company at his cost.

Q-what's the plan for the remainder of the funds in the treasury? Right now, Dave indicated that we need to get through the dam work and then we'll see what future plans come up. Monique is waiting to hear more from Jean Burns on the cove dredging.

Q-what about the beach erosion? The swim dock couldn't be put in due to sand that has run off into the lake. Public works just brings in more sand. Is the town going to do anything with the sand erosion issue? A-Al indicated that they've been working with the town for years on the sand. Tim Webb said that they tried to put in some ditches to make water run towards Aborn cove to try to stop the run off. It's a very flat area and there's a lot of run off continuing. At a future meeting, perhaps Lori Spielman could address.

Next year, Al would like to invite George Knoecklein to one of our meetings to give a talk on invasive plants and milfoil.

Q-is water skiing off a dock legal? A-yes.

Q-what about the ocean boats coming in Sunday night to clean out their boats? A-not much you can do.

General Comments

Next year's meetings:

T April 24
W July 25
Th October 4

Adjourn @ 7:31 pm, second and approved.

Diane Cristelli
Recording Secretary, Crystal Lake Association