

Crockery Lake Association Minutes
2470 Crockery Shores Street
July 21,2021

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Betsy Ludwick, President; Pat Wolters, Vice President; Susan McClure, Secretary; Greg Slater, Treasurer; Directors Paula Humphrey, Carl Elliott, Bob Blauwkamp, Mollie Gaggin, John deGeneres.

3. Approval of Agenda

Betsy Ludwick added Round the Table. At the end of the meeting, each Board member will be able to express a concern that wasn't addressed during the meeting.

Pat Wolters moved to accept the Agenda, Mollie Gaggin seconded. Passed.

4. Call to the Audience

There was no audience.

5. Secretary's Report

Secretary Susan McClure distributed Crockery Lake Association Minutes for the June 14, 2021, meeting, for the Crockery Lake Association Annual Meeting of June 16, 2021, and for the Crockery Lake Association Reorganization Meeting of June 16, 2021. Carl Elliott moved the three sets of minutes to be approved, Mollie Gaggin seconded. Passed.

6. Correspondence

Betsy Ludwick received a complaint about a mole problem at a residence on a private road.

Mollie Gaggin reported children swimming at Grose Park between 6 and 6:30 p.m. on July 20, 2021, after PLM sprayed the lake in the afternoon with Diquat Dibromide. No one should have been swimming in the area until after July 21. Mollie and her husband Brian drove to Grose Park and did not find a single NOTICE posted in the park or on the beachfront. Pat Wolters will contact PLM and copy Board Members.

Carl Elliott received a complaint from a resident who wants to fish and believes weed treatments interfere with fishing. The resident also would like no wake times.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Greg Slater has paid budgeted expenses for the CLA membership in Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, \$110, and for the Michigan Lakes and Streams magazine, \$112. The total bank balance stands at \$9731.41 as of June 30, 2021

Treasurer Greg Slater will give a tally of money collected for dues and fireworks at the August CLA Meeting. We cannot compare 2020 funds to 2021 funds until Greg has received and counted the money.

Paula Humphrey and Mollie Gaggin did not receive copies of the latest Riparian. Greg will pursue.

Bob Blauwkamp moved to have the 2021 leftover Fireworks money moved to the 2022 Fireworks fund, Susan McClure seconded. Passed.

Board members want to know who pays by PayPal. There were questions about moving money from PayPal to the CLA checking account. Betsy Ludwick sees the account and immediately transfers the money to the CLA checking account. PayPal is not like a CD or bank where money is kept. Betsy and Greg have the PayPal password.

8. Fireworks 2021--Update Review

The Directors approved the show. The display was well received once again. The Board thanked all the people who participated, from site preparation (mowing, raking, and damping down) to the morning-after site clean-up. Directors individually signed the thank you card for Frank and Carol Gunkel who permitted their land to be used for the firing of the mortars. CLA will send a donation of \$100 to the Chester Township Fire Department Rosell Memorial Fund for the department's participation in the fireworks program.

Mollie Gaggin asked if Wolverine was the only company available. Responses varied. We are a long time customer so Wolverine has been willing to do the Crockery Lake show on the third even though we are a small show. Wolverine has had a very good safety record, until this year. At another show unfortunately a mortar tube tipped over and a worker lost his leg. Board member responses indicated we are very happy with Wolverine which continues to do our show on July 3.

a. Garden Tour review

Fifteen people enjoyed the Crockery Lake Association Northside Garden Tour, July 11, 2021. Three beautiful gardens were open. Bob and Mary Ann Blauwkamp showed people their mature garden with its flowering trees, rocks, and shade loving flowers. Betsy and Tom Ludwick showed people how to use pots, complete with timed water. Betsy also noted her use of unusual 'pots' like an antique rinse tub her daughter was going to dump. Down by the lake, Betsy had created a fairy garden around a mature tree. It had everything one would find in a village. At Linda and Chuck Lanes' gardens, people saw in the shade and in full sun. There were plantings in beds on the road side and plants lining the walk to the lower level. There people saw perennials in full summer bloom circling a brick patio. A water feature included a waterfall. One visitor even found an elusive Monarch larva on a milkweed, the only plant that Monarch larva can eat. By the lake we could see why Linda was recognized this year as a Lake Steward for using plants to preserve water quality through shoreline plantings. Congratulations, Linda.

Susan McClure urged that the CLA have a Southside Garden Tour in July 2022. The date will be set at the May meeting.

9. Fireworks Sign Arrangements

Betsy Ludwick has the plaques for the sponsor signs. They will be license plate size. It was recommended that the date of installation be on the back of the sign. Betsy and Carl Elliott will install the signs. The sponsors will be recognized in the newsletter and on the website. Sponsors of the 2021 display will have their plaques displayed through 2022.

10. Lake and Inlet Testing

Pat Wolters reported that Jody Hyde gave her a list of grants available through 2021. The grants are for water quality testing. The Michigan Township Association through EGLE has made these grants available. We may need data about the water quality in Crockery

Lake in order to get a grant. Pat will send the link for the grants and will contact Jamie Conroy Desjardins at Professional Lake Management (PLM) about the grants. The consensus is that the more eyes that review the grant application, the greater the chance to get a grant.

Susan McClure said that a private contribution has been made to have PLM test the deepest hole in the lake for total phosphorus, nitrates, conductivity, pH, alkalinity, and total dissolved solids

PLM will charge \$115 per outlet to test for the same six items they will test for in the deep hole. Bob Blauwkamp stressed the need for the proper timing when testing inlets. It should be done a day or so after a heavy rainfall, not during a period when the water is barely flowing into the lake. Greg Slater recommended we have the three inlets tested this year and again in 2022 for comparison. Bob moved that we have PLM test three inlets, Paula Humphrey seconded. Greg Slater said that there is \$345 in the budget for testing. Passed.

11. Update Residents List and CLA Members

Betsy Ludwick asked to be relieved of her route because she oversees the website, social media and writes the newsletter. John deGeneres will take it over to collect dues, firework display money, and to sell candles. Pat Wolters said that people on Crockery Woods do not live on the lake and have never been asked for money. Nor can they see the fireworks from their houses due to the trees.

Greg Slater said that Susan McClure had written a letter that she handed to people on her route explaining why they should be CLA members. He asked that she send a copy to all Board Members, which they could then adapt to their own route. She said she would.

Board Members and terms: Carl Elliott, Betsy Ludwick, John deGeneres 2021- May 2024; Mollie Gaggin, Susan McClure, Pat Wolters May 2020- May 2023, Bob Blauwkamp, Paula Humphrey, Greg Slater 2019-May 2022. Each term is for three years, running from the Annual Meeting until the next Annual Meeting.

12. Residents Contact:

Notice of Lake Treatment Schedule: The projected treatment schedule should be posted on the Website and in the Newsletter. The actual day of treatment should be posted again on the Website and in the Newsletter as early as possible.

The difference between the proposed date and the day of treatment may be due to permitting, weather, and plant growth. Plant growth may warrant an unscheduled treatment, especially around July 3rd.

Mollie Gaggin asked why we aren't doing more to keep the lake clean. There were a number of responses. Susan McClure noted that Crockery Lake is a settling pond for the surrounding runoff, whether from farmers' fields or "natural" erosion. Susan also noted that Crockery Lake has a mud bottom rather than a natural sandy bottom. Carl Elliott noted that the more weed treatments the lake has the more heavy metals that enter the lake. The tipping point is unknown. Also, there is no sewer system. Pat Wolters noted that Crockery Lake needs habitat for the fish and the deep rooted plants to prevent erosion.

Annual Membership Drive: Dues will be collected at the Annual Meeting. The membership drive will be done the same way as in other years--Board Members going door-to-door on assigned routes soliciting dues and donations for the fireworks for the following year. They also sell plumber's candles to benefit the fireworks fund. Usually Board

Members have a pamphlet about boat regulations to give residents but this year none was available.

Facebook and Website: Betsy Ludwick is "up to speed" on managing the Website. The Board thanks Betsy. Susan McClure asked that the article she wrote about Wake boat use be put in the Newsletter and on the Website.

13. Board Policy Update and Review

The Board Members reviewed item by item the changes Paula Humphrey and Betsy Ludwick made to the Policies last amended in 2019. The Board had reviewed the reorganized Policies at earlier meetings. The Policies were reorganized to facilitate committees, with specific Board Members to chair the committees: Administrative, Finance, Membership, Lake Management and Education, Secretary, Special Events, and Nominations. Greg Slater recommended the Nominations Chair be named at the September Board Meeting.

Mollie Gaggin asked if PayPal should be listed as a financial option. Betsy Ludwick and Greg Slater said no.

Changes include a new title on the Table of Contents page, omitting serving food at the Annual Meeting, adding the Fireworks Display procedure and Boat Parade Policy as Addenda. "Donations" was moved to Finance. *Approved* is a definition and should be included in VI-C. VI -G will be "CLA sponsors will be recognized. . . ." Other changes were of a grammatical nature. Greg Slater moved to accept the revised Policies, Bob Blauwkamp seconded. Passed.

Committees are to be chaired by Board Members. Board Members may serve on more than one committee. CLA members may serve on committees. Mollie Gaggin moved that non-CLA members may serve on committees with Board approval. Greg Slater seconded. Passed.

Betsy activated committees: Administrative, Financial, and Secretary are chaired by the President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. Lake Management and Education--Pat Wolters, Chair, with committee members John deGeneres, Susan McClure, and Linda Lane. Communications--Betsy Ludwick; Events Coordinator--Mollie Gaggin, Chair, with committee member Carl Elliott; Membership--Betsy Ludwick; Welcome--Paula Humphrey, Chair, with committee member Karen Elliott.

Paula Humphrey recommended the Board Members bring the By-Laws up to date. Communication is done over the Internet and the By-laws do not reflect that change in how we communicate. Pat Wolters noted that all changes to the By-laws need to be registered by the State of Michigan because the CLA is a 501(C) Non-profit Organization.

The Board commended Paula Humphrey and Betsy Ludwick on their work over the winter revising and reorganizing the Policies to make the Board operate more efficiently.

Round Table

Paula Humphrey said that Linda Lane suggested Don Scott, Realtor, write a newsletter article about lake quality affecting the price of lake property.

Another suggestion for the newsletter was an article about landscaping around the

lake with native plants. Pat Wolters has pictures of the plants.

Carl Elliott said he had heard from a resident about establishing a no-wake time. An honorary deputy sheriff could monitor the lake. Pat Wolters noted that calling for law enforcement on the lake invites DEQ to monitor the lake.

John deGeneres, Mollie Gaggin, and Bob Blauwkamp had no comments.

Susan McClure repeated the need to educate Wake Boat users through the newsletter and website.

Greg Slater said he is glad that he and his wife Ellen are becoming full time residents at the lake.

Carl Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting.

9:39 p.m.

Next Meeting
2470 Crockery Shores
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August 18, 2021
7 p.m.