

**Crockery Lake Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Betsy Ludwick's home**  
**February 21, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Betsy Ludwick, Carl Elliott, Greg Slater, Mollie Gaggan, John DeGeneres, Bob Blauwkamp, Paula Humphrey

Members Absent: Pat Wolters & Susan McClure

Audience: Jody Hyde & Lesha Gusting

Approval of Agenda: Greg Slater moved that we accept the agenda as presented, that was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Elliott, and passed by unanimous vote of the members present.

Call to the Audience: Present were Lesha Gustin & Jody Hyde, curious about the agenda item concerning the Fireworks Display.

Presidents Report: Betsy Ludwick thanked us for moving the March meeting to February so they might be able to get away. A special thanks to Mollie for traveling across MI to be at the meeting. Noting that the April meeting will be led by Past President, Bob Blauwkamp.

Secretary's Report: In Susan's absence, Betsy read the October minutes. Mollie Gaggin motioned to accept the minutes as read. That was supported by John DeGeneres and passed by unanimous vote of the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Slater reviewed the printed document given to everyone at the meeting.

- A. Testing at \$350 wasn't done in the fall of 2021, so that remains in the budget for spring of 2022. Someone will need to make contact with PLM to make sure this is done after a hard rain in the spring at 3 inlets: Streams, Humphrey's & at Gross Park.
- B. Budget recommendation for the 2022 Fiscal Year wasn't given at the October meeting so Greg presented the 2022 General Budget. Greg Slater motioned to accept the 2022 General Fund Budget for \$2,115 as presented to cover expenses for 2022.. This received a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Bob Blauwkamp and passed by unanimous vote of the members present.
- C. Carl motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, motion carried by unanimous vote of the members present.

Member Report: Betsy has found the source for booklets on boating safety & rules to hand out to the residents of Crockery Lake. These can be acquired from the DNR. They will be available in May.

Lake Quality & Education Report: Several items of discussion were brought up, John reported.

- A. The committee is looking for a grant writer.
- B. Weed treatment contract has been extended another 3 years with PLM. This will give the committee additional time to search for other testing companies. We currently have no concerns with PLM, we just want to be good stewards of the finances entrusted to us and be diligent in receiving the best value for our funds.
- C. Betsy read an email report from Linda Lane from December 9, 2021. The committee has found 6 companies that meet the necessary qualifications for lake testing.
- D. Riparian: Mollie brought her copy to the meeting, she pointed out an article re: grant monies available through Senate Bill 565. It was suggested that we contact our Senator Luke Meerman and possibly schedule him as a speaker for a future Lake Association meeting and determine if our lake would benefit from the funds through this grant. John DeGeneres will contact Luke Meerman. Betsy Ludwick forwarded Luke Meermans newsletter to John.
- E. Karen Elliott attended an online Webinar on Shoreline Stewardship and graciously made a handout that was passed out regarding a webinar sponsored by EGLE for Training & Outreach, The Michigan Shoreland Stewards Program: Does your inland lake property qualify? This webinar would address the loss of nearshore habitat – both on the land and in the lake. It will take place on April 13, 2022 from 2:00-3:00 pm. For registration and information go to [Michigan.gov/EGLEevents](https://Michigan.gov/EGLEevents). This will be recorded and available for viewing at a later date.
  - 1) It was suggested that we invite local nursery growers to speak, possibly have a seminar on plants that would be good for the lake to encourage riparian aquatic plants and develop green space along the shoreline.
- F. It was noted that a study is being conducted at the state level concerning the impact of Wakeboards and the damage they can cause along shorelines.

Member Communication: Betsy reported

- A. Our monthly association meeting, and the change of date was noted on the CLA Facebook page as well as the CLA website.
- B. Betsy recommended that we upgrade our current email service. We are limited to 3 emails per month with our current service. For only \$10/month we would have additional emails available to us. Carl motioned that we amend the 2022 Budget, line-item Communication and increase that amount by an additional \$120/year to cover the increase for communication. Mollie supported that motion, and it was carried by unanimous vote of the members present.

Events:

- A. Pat Wolters received a letter from Wolverine Fireworks that they would be unable to provide Crockery Lake with a Fireworks Display again in 2022.
- B. Carl began a search for alternative displays and companies. Carl presented an option to the members present. See attached document. Discussion followed. The proposal from Michigan Family Fireworks, LLC out of Leonard, MI would cost \$6000, the current amount we had budgeted for the 2022 show, lasting approximately 20 minutes. Carl presented 2 dates that would be available to us, June 25 or July 9, both Saturday evenings. To have a show in 2022, after some discussion, it was decided to book this company for July 9, being the week most people would schedule vacations on the lake to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Permits will need to be submitted. Bob motioned to accept the proposal presented and that motion was supported by Greg. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the members present.
  - 1) Permits will need to be applied for.

- 2) Betsy will be able to conduct business while on vacation and will look for the E-Sign contract to get this company booked.
- 3) We should try to schedule this company already for 2023.

Correspondence: Betsy asked if anyone has received any communication from their sections of lake residents.

- A. Betsy read aloud an email response from Pastor Kaufield to our survey re: the Fireworks Display.
- B. It was suggested we canvas each of our sections to inform the lake residents of the date change for the Fireworks Display. Encourage the residents to stay connected via the website of Facebook media options.

Update Residents List & CLA Members: Welcome Committee

- A. Only one new resident has moved onto the lake since the fall. He is on Susan McClure's route. Paula will try to drop off a Welcome Packet at her earliest convenience and welcome this new resident to the lake. The Schullo's will officially become "Lake Residents" as soon as they pass final inspections.
- B. CLA Member Signs – Bob believes he has the master digital copy of that document and will send it to Betsy to be printed for 2022.

Resident Contact: We will continue using social media; Facebook and our website to inform the lake residents of the Lake Treatment schedule, our annual membership drive. If there are any people on your routes who do not work electronically then we will contact them personally.

Board Policy Update: 2022 is the year to review our By-Laws. Greg Slater suggested we look at that document after the annual meeting in May.

Round-Table:

- ~ Carl & Karen Elliott will be celebrating 50 years of marriage, congratulations to them.
- ~ The Michigan Lake and Stream Association annual conference will be held May 6 & 7. This will be available livestream this year to anyone interested in watching.
- ~ Mollie Gaggin is developing an "Invasive Weed" card to be distributed to lake residents.
- ~ Leshia Gustin asked if there could be an updated Lake Resident Contact list for cell phone numbers so people can be notified if their personal belongings float around the lake. A "5-Day Rule" was referenced, if not collected in 5-days, "Finders/Keepers". This will be mentioned again in the newsletter.

Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Slater, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Carl Elliott and the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2022

Location TBD

Minutes prepared and submitted by

Paula Humphrey