

Crockery Lake Association Board Meeting  
2470 Crockery Shores Street  
June 15, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order  
7:11 pm

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Greg Slater moved to approve the agenda, Bob Blauwkamp seconded. Passed.

4. Professional Lake Management

A PLM representative was unable to come.

5. Call to Audience

Jody Hyde: Jody said Jason Beuschel asked that people write the Ottawa County Road Commission requesting speed limit signs on Van Dyke Street. Speeding cars are a problem. Jody also said that the 24th Avenue and Van Dyke three way intersection needs a Yield sign or a three way stop sign. The Board recommended letters be sent by individuals rather than a letter from the Board asking for the signs. The Ottawa County Road Commission can be reached at 12220 Fillmore Street, #331, West Olive, MI 49460.

6. Correspondence

Betsy Ludwick participated in a Zoom call with EnBiorganic Technologies, a company which removes the algae produced by bacteria by filtering the water through a machine containing bacteria that eats the algae-producing bacteria. Betsy, Bob Blauwkamp, Carl Elliott, Paula Humphrey, Pat Walters, and Susan McClure watched a replay of the meeting after the Board Meeting was adjourned.

7. Committee Reports

a. Secretary's Report: Secretary Susan McClure presented the May minutes. Bob Blauwkamp moved to accept the May minutes. Pat Wolters seconded. Passed.

Betsy Ludwick asked about the April minutes which had not been approved at the May Board Reorganization meeting. Susan did not bring copies to the June meeting, although she had sent the April minutes over the internet in April. Several people asked her to send the copies in PDF format. Pat Wolters moved to approve the April minutes; Paula Humphrey seconded, if Susan had made the corrections Paula recommended. Susan had. Passed.

b. Treasurer's Report: Greg Slater noted CLA is over budget in Communications/Office Supplies/Postage/Bank Fees. Betsy Ludwick explained that she had purchased a two year option for the website (a savings of \$36). Future expenses from Communications will be membership signs and PayPal expenses. Bob Blauwkamp moved to move \$100 from the Rosel Memorial Fund to Communications. Carl Elliot seconded. Passed.

c. Events Committee

i. Fireworks: Carl Elliott reported the one company that might do a fireworks display was able to do it in mid June. No company wants to commit to a price or a date. Pat Wolters said that was typical in general, that a contract didn't come until January or later. Carl received one quote that

was for less than our budget but suspects it was for "cake." "Cake" would not get the fireworks above the tree line. Betsy Ludwick has done the paper work for the boat parade.

ii. Mollie Gaggin was not present to discuss a garden tour. The Board does not plan to have a garden tour in 2022.

iii. Communications and Membership: Betsy Ludwick had Boat Safety booklets for Board members to hand out on their routes. Board members expressed fear that fireworks contributions will be down for the 2023 show. Greg Slater reminded the Board that a contribution to the Fireworks Fund is tax deductible. Greg noted that \$740 has come into the Fireworks Fund to date. Bob Blauwkamp asked for a letter to hand to residents explaining the situation. Susan McClure said she would write the letter and send it to Betsy for fine tuning.

d. Lake Management and Education: Pat Wolters said she would ask PLM if the inlet testing for phosphorous was done in April. Greg Slater noted that PLM had scheduled inlet testing for April 18, 2022. CLA has not received a report.

Pat is asking the PLM representative to bring a Van Dorn bottle when a representative speaks to the Board. A Van Dorn bottle measures water quality in a lake.

Bob Blauwkamp recommended two treatments for algae before the Fourth. The treatments need to be done at least two weeks apart. Betsy Ludwick will call PLM. Pat Wolters and Paula Humphrey noted the need for a public sewer system. The property on the north side of Gooding Street, extending from 24th Avenue east to the top of the rise across from St. Francis Xavier has been divided into six plots. Susan McClure said that water carries phosphorous and nitrates downhill. The two minerals do not stay in the soil but come with the water into Crockery Lake.

Jody Hyde reported on Mollie Gaggin's phone call to the Ottawa County Park Commission about testing for e-coli in the Grose Park swim area and in Crockery Lake. The Ottawa County Park Commission does no testing.

e. Welcome Committee: Paula Humphrey said she will remove the PLM brochures about PhosLock from the welcome packet information. According to PLM, EGLE has not approved the use of PhosLock, which would bind with the phosphorous lying on the bottom of Crockery Lake, making the phosphorous inert and unavailable as a nutrient.

Paula prepared a list of Directors and Membership Drive routes. She prepared a map that color-coordinated routes, house numbers, and Board representatives.

Paula reminded Directors to give her the names and addresses of new members.

Paula also passed out an updated list of Board Members, their positions and expiration of terms, and their email addresses.

## 8. July 3 Activities

a. Boat Parade: The Boat Parade will start at 7 pm. Boats are to register and get a boat number at Treasurer Greg Slater's dock by 6:00 pm. Boats are to circle the lake twice. First (\$75), second (\$50), and third (\$25) prizes will be awarded. Anyone may participate in the boat parade but only CLA members are eligible for cash prizes.

b. Yard and House Decorating Contest: Residents are encouraged to decorate their houses and yards on the lake side with a Fourth of July theme. The winner will have a sign posted in the front yard. Participants are asked to post the house number in the yard. The judging will take place after the boat parade.

c. Ring of Fire: The Ring of Fire will start at dusk. Candles are available from Board Members for \$1.25 each.

## 9. Summer Event suggestion

Betsy Ludwick watched how a scavenger hunt encouraged residents to intermingle at Sandy Pines.

10. Resident Contact

- a. Notice of Lake Treatment Schedule: Lake treatment is scheduled by week of treatment on the webpage. PLM also posts a sheet listing products used on each affected property.
- b. Annual Membership Drive: Board Members will solicit memberships in person or by letter to the residences on their routes.
- c. Boater Safety Books: Board members will hand out boat safety booklets to residents.

10. Around the Table

Greg Slater, no; Paula Humphrey, no; Carl Elliott, no; Bob Blauwkamp, no; Pat Wolters, no; Susan McClure, no; Betsy, a number of houses are going to change hands.

Adjournment:

Greg Slater moved to adjourn. 9:11 pm

Next Meeting

Betsy Ludwick's home

July 20, 2022

7 pm