

Crockery Lake Association Minutes
Grose Park
June 14, 2021

Due to the Covid 19 virus, there were no meetings in April or May of 2021. The Annual Meeting to be held on the third Wednesday of May will be held June, 16, 2021, at Grose Park.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Susan McClure moved to approve the Agenda, Mollie Gaggin seconded. Passed

4. There was no audience.

5. Secretary's Report

Greg Slater moved to approved, Pat Wolters seconded. Passed.

6. Treasurer's Report

Greg Slater noted that the only expenditures were for the Association's membership in the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association and for the down payment on the July 3 fireworks display. There has been \$700 collected for the 2022 fireworks display.

There has been confusion about ordering Crockery Lake memorabilia through the web page. Betsy Ludwick sends information to Katie Lane who posts it. Katie said that the site has been "updated." Greg Slater explained that "updating" is done to improve security.

There was a query about liability for the fireworks display. Pat Wolters explained that liability insurance is part of what we pay Wolverine. The insurance covers Wolverine employees, plus Crockery Lake Association and Chester Township as second parties.

Slater will have an end-of-the-year Treasurer's Report for 2020 and a year-to-date report for the Annual Meeting.

Carl Elliott moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Betsy Ludwick seconded. Passed.

7. Fireworks Display

All the paperwork has been done for the Township's approval and for Wolverine. Pat Wolters talked to Frank and Carol Gunkel for permission to use their land for the display. Carl Elliott will mow, rake, and remove the dead grass. Elliott said that the Chester Township Fire Department surveys the site and wets it down before the fireworks display if the area is too dry.

8. Fireworks Display Fund Raising

Betsy Ludwick said she can make a metal license plate size sign to attach to a supporting post of the Crockery Lake Welcome signs. Directors noted that signs hanging from the bottom of the sign would obstruct drivers' vision. Susan McClure needs to get a business card from Precision Manufacturing so Ludwick can acknowledge Precision Manufacturing in the newsletter and make the metal sign.

Paula Humphrey talked to Lesha Gustin about the Gustins again making and selling 4th of July shirts for a fireworks fundraiser. Humphrey showed a picture of the proposed shirt. Board Directors admired the shirt and suggested that the name "Crockery Lake" be on the shirt.

Mollie Gaggin suggested the CLA sponsor a Garden Tour. She, Betsy Ludwick, and Susan McClure will organize a tour on the north side of the lake and announce it at the Annual Meeting. A donation of \$5 will be asked. The money will go to the 2022 Fireworks Display.

9. Lake and Inlet Testing

Paula Humphrey reported she checked with four companies that test for contaminants and found that testing one vial of water for one item could cost about \$50 per vial. Humphrey contacted six companies for information: <https://www.plmcorp.net/services/aquatic-services/>; <https://www.lakeproinc.com/services/weed-and-algae-control/>; <http://www.aquaticdoctors.com/services/>; <https://lakeandpond.com/>; <https://aquaticcontrol.com/>; <http://clearwaterlakemanagement.com/>. Greg Slater said that the CLA has budgeted \$400 for testing. The ensuing discussion included which of the inlets to test (the stream entering at the park seemed to be have the highest priority although the inlet near 2255 Van Dyke Street was noted for its strong flow). Testing the inlet at the park is important because more people swim at the park. Testing for phosphates and e-coli are both important. Phosphate supports vegetative growth in the lake and hastens eutrophication; e-coli sickens people. But e-coli dissipates rapidly and is difficult to capture. The Directors are not looking for malfunctioning drain fields. (However, Susan McClure said that she would learn more about sniffer dogs' services--what they can detect and the cost.) Bob Blauwkamp said that the collection kits had to have the instructions for use. It was noted that Professional Lake Management (PLM) will test for the items we want but that work would be beyond what their contract for weed control covers. Greg Slater suggested we ask various companies for quotes and references.

Crooked Lake was mentioned. It is a private lake that PLM manages successfully. But Crooked Lake residents use a sewer system rather than private drain fields.

Mollie Gaggin noticed lake residents raking their shore lines. Raking is detrimental if the weed is Eurasian Milfoil because every piece of the plant that is broken will become a new plant.

Blauwkamp said that Linda Lane reported a product called EutroSorb which sucks phosphate out of the water. According to the pictures in the literature, bags of the product are placed at inlets. Jason Broekstra of PLM will be asked about EutroSorb at the Annual Meeting.

Carl Elliott asked about how residents are billed for PLM's weed treatments. Blauwkamp said that Chester Township only pays for the treatments, no matter what has been budgeted. Residents pay for the treatments via their tax bills. The amount residents pay is based on their lake frontage.

After the last treatment some Directors noted that the algae on their rocks had died; others said that the algae had not.

10. Updated Residents List

Directors thanked Betsy Ludwick for keeping the Resident List. Ludwig asked that all changes/corrections be sent to her via email.

11. Weed Treatment Dates

Bob Blauwkamp wondered about notifying residents of the dates PLM will be spraying the lake. It was noted that the information is in the newsletter, on the website, and that paper copies of the schedule were put in paper boxes around the lake. However, there will be a handout of the dates provided at the Annual Meeting.

12. Policy Review

Policy Review was deferred to the July meeting.

13. Newsletter Items

Carl Elliott asked that Betsy Ludwick put an article in the Newsletter about a boy who died of carbon monoxide poisoning while riding in the back of his parents' boat.

Directions for signing up for the boat parade are to be in the Newsletter.

Ludwick will include a recipe for dealing with swimmer's ear. Susan McClure will write a short article about avoiding Swimmer's itch.

Greg Slater noted that PayPal use was up. The problem with PayPal is that it does not provide addresses. Another service, Vanco, does. It charges the same price as PayPal.

Directors will again sell and deliver candles for \$1.25 apiece to residents on the Director's assigned routes.

Aside--The secretary will provide paper ballots for the election of two Board Directors at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Annual Meeting--June 16, 2020

Grose Park, 7 p.m.

Reorganization Meeting immediately follows the Annual Meeting, June 16, 2021, at Grose Park.