

CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING JULY 18, 2020 12:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting called to order by President Dennis Southworth. Due to the current Covid-19 crises, this is a virtual meeting via www.zoom.us where all meeting participants have audio and video input. This meeting was originally planned to take place at the Crescent Town Hall on this date and time.

ROLL CALL: All Board members are present.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual Meeting on 07/20/2019 had been sent out via email to all board members and CLA members to preview prior to this meeting. The minutes were read in their entirety by John Dusenbery. There were no additions although there were a few typographical errors noted and corrected. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Jim Gehrke and seconded by Alan Janssen. **Passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sandy McKitrick reviewed the current balances and expenditures for the CLA accounts. Our current membership sits at 174 properties with some properties having more than one membership. There are 263 properties on Crescent Lake. Sandy also stated that in past years, CLA has made a donation to the Crescent Volunteer Fire Department since they have always had volunteers standing-by during the July 4th fireworks display. A motion was made by John Dusenbery to accept the Treasurer's report and to make a \$300 donation to the Crescent Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Kay Gehrke. **Passed.**

JULY 4TH FESTIVITIES:

Donna Stone reported that this year's Boat Parade was a big success with 18 boats participating. This year we also had 17 local businesses contributing prizes for the parade. The Kleckler family won 1st place. As 1st place winners, the Kleckler's received the "*Donna McLaughlin Memorial Traveling Trophy*". Second place went to the Janssen family. The Gehrke's had the "Most Creative" pontoon and the Stone family toted home the prize for the "Most Patriotic" boat. Our judges again this year the Darrel Mack family and the Parade Marshal was Terry Goldbach.

Larry McKitrick was not present to give a report on this year's fireworks display so Sandy read Larry's report. His report thanked all of the volunteers that helped with set-up, take-down and clean-up.

HARVESTING OF EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM):

Dennis Southworth reported that the DASH boat has been out on the lake harvesting EWM. Thus far, the boat has harvested 590 pounds of EWM with a total of 74 volunteer hours. Hand pulling has resulted in 387 pounds of EWM with 40.75 volunteer hours. The DASH boat has recently been out of service due to some needed repairs but is now back in service.

UPDATE ON CB/CW INSPECTIONS:

Cindy Hermel gave an update on the current status of boat inspections. Due to the Covid-19 situation, we were unable to begin boat inspections until June 27th. We are in need of inspectors so members are asked to go to the CLA website and sign-up for shifts at the boat landing. Our volunteer hours are needed to help pay for our grant responsibilities. The DNR has asked that inspectors follow some guidelines while inspecting – they have provided face masks for use and they will be kept in the store room at the landing. Also, pens and clipboards will be sanitized following weekend use.

SPREAD OF EWM AND TREATMENT ACTIONS TAKEN:

Terry Goldbach reported that the recent *ProcellaCOR* application went very well. The EWM in the area of Engstrand's Bay is located in a little deeper water and was a bit slower in responding to treatment but is now showing signs that the plants are indeed dying.

This year we submitted an application to the DNR to treat 22 acres and we were approved for those 22 acres. Eight days before the treatment was to begin, the DNR notified us that they were now going to allow us to treat only eight acres. Their concern was that there was also a fair amount of native northern milfoil in the area and that treatment may kill it as well as the EWM. The DNR did come out to reevaluate the area and we were able to add an additional two to three acres to the treatment area south of Wausau Bay and in Engstrand's Bay.

Discussion took place voicing both concern and displeasure with how the DNR has been addressing our concerns. We need to address how we will move forward next year and what areas of concern we will submit to the DNR for approval.

Lake users are being asked to stay out of the areas where EWM is present. Running through these areas with motorized watercraft chops up the plant, sending fragments to float to other areas of the lake and then become implanted in those areas.

LAKE DISTRICT:

Ryan Peterson introduced himself and gave a short presentation regarding the potential formation of a Lake District. He stated that the Crescent Lake District Subcommittee is now distributing petitions for property owners' signatures. In order to proceed with the formation of the Lake District, 51% of the property owners must sign the petition. You may request a petition by contacting a Subcommittee member.

Ryan also shared the Subcommittee's webpage and invited property owners to visit the site and to attend the two up-coming Webinars. **The first Webinar, "Forming a Lake District" is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 PM. The second Webinar, "Operating a Lake District" is on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 PM.** Attendees are encouraged to submit and ask questions. Property owners may also request an "In Home" visit by a Subcommittee member.

<https://ryanpeterson220.wixsite.com/crescentlakedistrict>

At this time, President Southworth asked if the Subcommittee should continue in their work in the formation of the Lake District. A vote was held of the meeting attendees. All were in favor of continuing with the formation. There was no opposition.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Donna Stone stated that she is currently the Board representative on the committee and introduced the other committee members; Sue Binder, Mary Shandley and Carol Hitchcock.

Mary Shandley reported that there are four (4) Board members who are currently up for re-election. Those individuals are Dennis Southworth, Jim Gehrke, Cindy Hermel and John Dusenbery. Dennis and Jim have chosen to step down from the Board. Cindy and John have agreed to remain on the Board for another two-year term.

The committee then presented two individuals who have agreed to have their names submitted and placed on the ballot. Those individuals are Maria Rudesill and Mark Mergenthaler.

President Southworth asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor; there were none. Glen Peterson made a motion to accept the four (4) individuals and to place them on the ballot. The motion was seconded by Roger Shandley. **Passed.** A vote was then taken on the ballot. **Passed** with no opposition. Dennis then welcomed the new Board members and thanked them for their willingness to come forward to fill the vacant positions on the Board.

FRIEND OF THE LAKE RECIPIENT:

Each year, the previous recipients of this award are polled to decide who the new recipient will be. As last year's "*Friend of The Lake*" recipient, Connie Anderson was asked to introduce this year's award winner. **This year's recipient is Jim Gehrke.** Jim has been active in the lake association and on the Board of Directors for 22 years. He has served as President, Vice President and Secretary. He was instrumental in the formation of the First Response Team and has served as our first Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) coordinator. She stated, "One would be hard-pressed to find someone who has volunteered more of his time and shared more of his passion in the care for our beautiful lake. We as property owners on Crescent Lake thank him for his years of

dedication and service.” **Congratulations to Jim Gehrke, our 2020 Friend of The Lake!**

OLD BUSINESS:

Connie Anderson wanted to introduce her new neighbors, Brian and Sue Tesch. They are the new owners of the property at 3019 S. Rifle Road. Sue was introduced at the Board of Directors meeting on June 17, 2020. Dennis Southworth welcomed them as new CLA members.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Donna Stone to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alan Janssen. **Passed.** Adjourned at 2:05 PM.

**John D. Dusenbery,
Secretary**