

**Crooked Lake
Association
Memorial Day General Meeting
Lake James Christian Assembly**

May 27, 2019

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by President Dave Rosebrock with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Board members present were: Dave Rosebrock, Bob Lowden, Charlie Keller, Bridgette Guthrie, Chris Harrington, Dan Hiner, Jim Huber, Steve Herdman and Tom Dickson.

There were approximately 78 people in attendance.

The 2018 Labor Day Meeting Minutes were read by Charlie Keller and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Huber reported the following

A. For our Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019, Operating Receipts \$74,882

Expenses 37,317

Operating Fund Balance \$250,856

Weed Control Receipts \$13295	Conservancy Receipts \$17,095
Expenses 11,780	Expenses 0
Balance \$11,042	Balance \$17,095

B. For the new Fiscal Year May 1, 2019 - May 26, 2019

Operating Fund Receipts (includes \$8045 for Fireworks) \$39168

Expenses 906

Operating Fund Balance (5/26/19) \$289,118

Weed Control Receipts \$3,850	Conservancy Receipts \$1,506
Expenses 6,000	Expenses 0
Balance \$ 8,892	Balance \$18,601

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Weed Control - Charlie Keller: Good news, the grants and permits were received. Bad news, the funding from the State did not come through. The 14 acre test plot in 3rd basin will not be sprayed this year. The 18 acre North shore of 3rd basin was done in May. Site surveys will be done in June for a late June to July spray for Starry Stone Wort if funding comes through.

Lare grant money is less each year. State still controls but the money is drying up. The money come from the Federal govt through the EPA and the state distributes among lakes. More and more lakes are getting starry stone wort.

Question: who is responsible for lack of funding? Federal budget cuts.

New process of purchase orders for spraying is intended to make it easier in future, but caused timing issues this year.

Question: How much funding was lost? Not sure, maybe \$8000.

Starry stone wort now in all 3 basins. Not sure when it will be sprayed. Dave Rosebrock added that if state funds not forthcoming in the future, there's a good chance the Board will approve funding if the state approves treatment. They are balancing the harm to native plants when invasive species are sprayed. Cards are available to contact Aquatic Weed Control to request shoreline weed treatment at your property, which still will depend on state approval.

Republic Service cost benefit - Charlie Keller: Some people were charged \$51/quarter but the correct amount should be \$48.66. If you were charged too much and if you are an association member, call Republic Services for an adjustment. This is a 3 year contract with Republic.

Ditch Water Testing Plans - Dave Rosebrock: Last season the county park beach was closed two days due to E. coli levels. 2 ditches drain into lake by park, the Palfreyman and the Carpenter. Both ditches are routinely tested by the Steuben County Lakes Council coordinated by Pete Hippensteel. Results of testing have at times shown levels of E Coli higher than the state swimming standards. The Crooked Lake Association Board has agreed to share in the lab testing expense to determine if the E Coli is from human or other animal sources. The testing will be done in June, weather permitting.

We have reason to believe there are business and homes still on septic systems draining into these ditches. Phosphorus levels in the ditches has also been tested because it is a nutrient source for weeds. If human waste from failed septics is found, we will be working closely with the county and the city of Angola to resolve the problem. Information will be release on our website when the outcome is known.

Comment: those on septics should be forced to go onto city system just as residents around the lake were. Also asked about a pond area S of 69 and E of 200 W. Dave Rosebrock responded the wetlands serve as a filter area to remove some of the nutrients in the ditch. As for concerns about E Coli in the lake beyond the beach area, there is a very slim chance of exposure because it dissipates fairly quickly as you move into the lake due to sunshine and wave action.

Freedom 5 - Dave Rosebrock: After several years Captain's Cabin is not the premier sponsor for 2019. New Premiere sponsor is Realtor Patti Couperthwaite, a local Realtor. Please check our website and Facebook for more information about sponsors. Dave also noted the Save the Date card mailed out with 2019 membership applications showed the race to be on Wednesday, July 4. It should have read Thursday, July 4.

Patrol Boat - Dave Rosebrock and Chris Harrington: Last year there were 23 shifts by Sheriff's deputies on our lake with 12 warnings, 15 boater assists and 2 tickets written. Funding is the same as last year. Supplementing funds through the association has been discussed but no decisions have been made. They were on the lake this Memorial Day holiday Friday evening, 9-12 Saturday and an hour on Sunday. Chris reported on a solid used boat lift that was purchased for the patrol boat for \$2500 and installed at Casey's. Casey's donates space for the lift and boat, stores it for the winter, and supports the Association in many other ways. Please thank them when you get a chance.

Buoy Placement- Chris: Waiting till water lower so they don't move. There will be more buoys on lake this year.

Channel Dredging - Dave: According to the county surveyor, after Labor Day the Parkside Channel will be dredged of 2-5 feet of accumulation of 7400 cubic yards of muck and debris. This will be removed to the area behind the existing rugby field on Trine property. LARE grant funds and property owner assessments will pay for this.

Welcome Committee - Tom Dickson: Title companies are behind 9-12 months on new owner information which puts us behind, but 12 packets will be distributed soon

Boating Class - Steve Herdman: Boating classes on IN laws are available on-line for a fee. Also June 8 at Thunder Shooting Gallery. Question: Does patrol address buoys being put out too far into lake? No, it is a DNR issue, call them with complaints, comments. Someone shared that the water depth along the second basin side of the point can become very shallow and dangerous, and that they put their buoys out a greater distance for safety

Damn Closure was May 1

The **website Cookedlake.org** and **Facebook Crooked Lake Angola** are being kept up to date with good information.

Annual Garage Sale will be on June 29.

Other Business:

1. Any update on thefts and break-ins and special Neighborhood Watch meeting held on that? No arrests at this time although police and DNR believe they know who persons are. The special meeting minutes link is on the homepage of our website with much good information. No problems reported since May with more people around. All lakes have problems, not just Crooked.
2. Has the DNR or anyone addressed that 1/3 of the cattails near Casey's has been lost? Also boats are going over speed limit after dark with no lights on, and new county park ramp gets crowded.

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Bridgette shared that some beavers were relocated this year, they are part of the cattail problem. A property owner near the cattails is working to maintain for his property privacy. The State was told that the new ramp is on a small space, but the county needed handicap accessible ramp to comply with federal law.

3. Fireworks? Always on Saturday night closest to the 4th. This year July 6 at dark. Flares are lighted for for light the lake red at 10pm also on July 6.
4. Is there a contact to volunteer to help with Freedom 5? Yes and it takes a lot of volunteers! Email any board member listed on web site or through Facebook.
5. Casey's ramp is now closed after hours. Open Friday till 6, Saturday till 6 and Sunday 10-3.

Join us Labor Day weekend at the 4H Park for the next general meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:13am. Dave asked all members to support our business sponsors.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie Keller, Acting Secretary.

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