

Crooked Lake Association Labor Day Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2019

1. Call to Order:

- Board President, Dave Rosebrock, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Lions Building at the Steuben County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Board members unable to attend:
 - Jeff Smith
 - Kelly Balyeat

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by President Rosebrock

3. Meeting Minutes of the Memorial Day, 2019, meeting were summarized and approved

4. Treasurer's Report – by Treasurer, Jim Huber:

- The report is for May 1, 2019 through September 1, 2019
- Freedom 5 Run/Walk Summary:
 - Sponsor Funds \$10,050.00
 - Registration Fees Collected \$11,401.00 (just under 400 registered participants)
 - Expenses Related to Race (\$8,457.00)
 - Net Profit \$12,994.00
 - This is the largest net profit to date – thanks to all who assisted and – of course – thanks to our sponsors!
- Fireworks Summary:
 - The show cost \$10,000.00
 - \$9,115.00 was collected in fireworks donations and when adding carryover from last year, we are left with approximately \$600.00 to carryover for next year's show
- Operating Fund Balance as of September 1, 2019: \$294,324.00

- Weed Control:
 - \$11,043.00 Balance as of the Beginning of the Year
 - \$4,012.00 Contributions Received
 - (\$13,775.00) Spent on Weed Treatments this Year
 - \$1,280.00 Remaining Balance

- Conservancy Fund:
 - \$ 1,579.00 In Contributions
 - \$ 0.00 Expenses
 - \$18,673.00 Balance as of September 1, 2019

- Motion was made and seconded to approve Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report approved

5. Fireworks – Dave Rosebrock Reported:

- Next year, the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday – therefore, the Crooked Lake Freedom 5 and the Fireworks show will be on the same day
- All are encouraged to contribute to the fireworks fund when the dues notices come out next year – we want to be sure to hit the \$10,000.00 mark every year so that we can produce a great show and we do not want to draw on the operating fund – the fireworks show was brought back to be self-sustaining
- Although Sara Barile resigned from the Board, she and her husband, Todd, will continue to volunteer to coordinate with the company that puts on the show on and around the day of the show
- It was agreed by all that this year's show was outstanding

6. Crooked Lake Freedom 5 – Will Gooden Reported:

- Thanks again, very much, to our generous sponsors in making this the most profitable event yet for the Association!
- Just under 400 people registered to run and walk – an outstanding turnout for a midweek Fourth of July
- With the resignation of Sara Barile and Trishia Stites from the Board, Will Gooden and Chris Harrington have agreed to step up as co-chairs – we will be looking for volunteers and support from not only Board members but Crooked Lake residents and Association members at large
- Here's to another great event in 2020 – it will be here before you know it!

7. Marker Buoys – Will Gooden Reported:

- New buoys were purchased and placed throughout strategic areas of the Lake to mark hidden corners and shallow spots as a way to further enhance safety and boating satisfaction
- Suggestions from those in attendance included marking the buoys to indicate Association ownership and/or purpose of the buoy; also a suggestion to make a note in the annual mailer about where buoys will be located and what their purpose is

8. Weed Control – Charlie Keller Reported:

- At Memorial Day meeting, Charlie reported that we had applied for weed control funds and were approved, but the state funds did not come in in time for the early treatment
- Charlie used a diagram of Crooked Lake to illustrate where treatments were done this year
- Charlie reported on the early season treatments for curly leaf pond weed and Eurasian watermilfoil, as well as starry stonewort
- There were two applications for starry stonewort and this was the most acreage they have done yet – LARE funds paid for all of the starry stonewort treatment
- Our vendor, Aquatic Weed Control, has a new herbicide that they will use next year which has shown very good results in early tests

9. Patrol Boat and Lift – Dave Rosebrock Reported:

- Thanks to Chris Harrington for getting a great deal on a nice used lift and canopy for the patrol boat – it really protects it nicely and preserves it
- Thanks also to Casey's Cove for providing a great space for the lift right by the boat ramp where it is visible to those who come and go from the Lake, thereby creating a presence of law enforcement; thanks also to Casey's for all they do to service and store the boat and lift!

10. New Member Welcome/Membership – Tom Dixon Reported:

- Tom received some new title/ownership documents showing about 12 new residents
- Packets will go out to the 12 new residents

11. Facebook Page – Chris Harrington Reported:

- Chris took this over in July – thanks very much to Chris!
- Be sure that you are going to the “Crooked Lake Association Angola Indiana” Facebook page as this is the official site; apparently there are other Facebook pages that are not the official Association page

12. Crooked Lake Association Website – Dave Rosebrock Reported:

- The official website is CrookedLake.org
- Meeting minutes are posted and lots of good info, so check it frequently

13. Other Business – Dave Rosebrock Reported:

- Thanks to Mike McClellan, the Pleasant Township Trustee, who was in attendance at the meeting
- Questions and comments from audience members in attendance:
 - Comments were made concerning speeding by drivers on the roads around the lakes and being vigilant to report that
 - Question about fishing this year was answered by Board Member, Jon-Jon Knepp, who reported that the fishing is the best he has seen
 - A comment suggested sending out a larger envelope for the dues mailer
 - Discussion about increasing membership included potential for a discount on registration for the Freedom 5 if you are a member (although that might simply reduce income because most folks would otherwise pay the reasonable entry fee regardless of whether there was a discount); everyone agreed word of mouth is the best – ask your neighbors if they are and/or why they are not members and explain all the good that we do
 - Someone asked about the campground residents and Jim Huber reported that the County gives approximately \$6,000.00 per year to the Association on behalf of the campground
 - You are able to use PayPal on the website to pay your dues – this was in response to a comment/question as to why checks had to be mailed for dues – they do not, you can use PayPal if you wish

14. Discussion Regarding Number and Timing of All Association Meetings:

- The issue was brought up as to whether or not it was advisable to continue having two all-association meetings per year and whether those meetings should occur on holiday weekends
 - The general issue was raised because – as far as anyone knows – we are the only lake property association that conducts more than one annual meeting of all members; holiday weekends are oftentimes the only time that certain family and friends can visit at the lake and the meetings take time away from not only the general membership and their family and friends, but from the Board members who are volunteers and spend a great deal of time preparing for the meetings; also, comments were made suggesting that if we did one meeting in the middle of the summer, we could potentially make it a bigger event with a social component
 - An informal vote was taken and it was unanimous that all favored going to one annual meeting of all members per year to be held sometime in the middle of the summer
 - The Board will discuss in the coming meetings over the winter months and give notice of the date as soon as possible

15. Board Member Elections – Dave Rosebrock Reported:

- There are 16 Board Members currently. The bylaws provide for a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20.
- All are encouraged to inquire as to Board membership if they are interested
- Motion to elect the Board Members was moved and seconded – motion was approved and all current Board Members are re-elected

16. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Will Gooden,
Crooked Lake Association Board Secretary