

Crooked Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes-June 19, 2021

1. Call to Order. Board President Dave Rosebrock called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. inside the Lion's Building at the Steuben County 4-H Fairgrounds.
2. Board Members were introduced by Dave.
3. Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Dave.
4. Meeting Minutes of the June 19, 2020 Annual Meeting, were read by Bob Wilson, Acting Secretary.
5. Treasurer's Report was given by Jim Huber. Questions raised include the following: 1) Can contributions still be made for fireworks? 2) Why is the balance so high in the operating fund 3) Why not invest funds to grow? 4) Why are the dues at \$75? 5) Why is membership so low? Each question was addressed.
6. Weed Control-Charlie introduced Dave Keister of Aquatic Weed Control who spoke on LARE grants and controlling, rather than eradicating, invasive plant growth. In 2021 to date, 12.5 acres have been treated. Treatment will be rotated as needed. Milfoil and starry stonewort are the two invasive plants that are being targeted. The lake will be surveyed in August to evaluate the plant community of the lake. A question was raised about the safety of swimming in areas that have been treated with the herbicide, and Mr. Keister replied that safety is not an issue; once the blue dye has dissolved no threat is present. Another question was raised about the weeds around the ski course. It is a native plant, Richardson's pondweed, and can be treated through the proper herbicide which will take up to three weeks to be effective. Another question was about the decline of fishing quality because of weed control. Charlie reported that after a fish survey earlier this year, the fishing is actually of excellent quality, and we are in the business of weed management rather than weed control.

Dave talked about water quality, mentioning that because of the drought, water samples for Ecoli, phosphorus, and DNA have been delayed through the Steuben County Lakes Council. With additional rainfall, this problem would be eliminated.
7. Republic Services Contract—Charley reported that Republic is the only viable company which is changing their fee cycle and trash/recycling system (the current rates are \$32 per quarter for trash pickup, \$36 per quarter for recycling, versus \$95 per quarter for nonmembers.

Fees will increase by 5% each of the three years of our new contract). If members wish to opt out of either service and to correct billing errors, Republic will need to be contacted by individual households.

Questions were raised about placing dumpsters at various locations around the lake instead of contracting for individual homes, and a member reported that the next scheduled recycling pickup will be July 2. Charley reported that leaving three bags of garbage next to containers is also permitted, and the new billing and new system takes effect July 1.

8. Mike reported that dam repairs were made thanks to volunteer efforts; leaks and erosion issues have been addressed. The water level was down 26 inches in November 2020, and is presently up to the DNR surveyed elevation of 988.7.

9. Association member Todd Barile reported that a fourth pontoon has been purchased for the fireworks scheduled for July 2. \$8500 has been received as donations for the fireworks. Kelly Bailey reported that the Boat Parade will take place on July 3 with two categories, patriotic and creative. She is taking registrations for the line-up which begins at 1:30 and the parade which begins at 2:00. Chris reported that \$4 donations are being taken for flares to be used for the Light the Lake Red festivity scheduled for July 3 at 10:00 p.m., and the Freedom 5 race is being held on July 4.

10. Jeff reported that we purchased three speed warning signs at a cost of \$8800, signs that record important traffic information. Signs have been placed on straightaways with the necessary line-of-sight for accurate data. If we purchase more signs we will be responsible for their upkeep.

11. Dave reported that the Patrol Boat is operational and patrols are underway. The Board appreciates Casey's Cove marina for providing the boat service and storage at a reduced cost, as well as space for the boat lift.

12. Dave then noted that all 17 current Board members have agreed to stay on for another term. A motion to accept the current members was approved. Four new member were nominated for the next term, Marshall Springer, John Marquardt, Chad Janik, and Kevin Summers which meant that the Board would be one over the maximum number of 20. Tom Dixon then resigned from the Board, so all seats are now filled as the motion to accept the new members was approved. Tom was recognized for his many years of service on the Board.

13. An Association member noted that the North channel has now been dredged and work will begin on the South channel. He requested that boats keep a safe distance from equipment as damages have occurred which has slowed the progress.

14. Other members brought up other concerns. Margy Rockwood will be circulating fliers to raise awareness of the environmental hazards of wake surfing boats; another member asked about providing Association member stickers; and another member asked that shallows be marked with more buoys, and also questioned current sewer rates and tax allocations. Dave said the stickers and additional buoys will be taken under consideration.

15. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wilson

Acting Secretary