

Minutes of the Crooked Lake Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Steuben County Events Center

- Introduction/Welcome/Call to Order – CLA Vice - President, Charlie Keller - Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Prayer by Dave
 - Attendance of Board Members – Treasurer, Jim Huber; Vice President, Charlie Keller, Kristie Simkins, Kevin Summers, Gail Beucler, Steve Herdman, Todd Barile, Bob Lowden, Dan Hiner, Dave Rosebrock, Jared Wiedenhofer, John Marquardt, Chad Janik, Kelly Bailey, Kim Hyland, Chris Harrington, Michelle Gladieux, Mike Stephenson (arrived in time to wrap up questions, announce election results and adjourn)
 - Board members not present – Will Gooden, Jeff Smith
 - Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting – Summarized by Dave Rosebrock all present agreed to review them on the website (available in detail on the CLA website – www.crookedlake.org). After proper motion and second, previous minutes APPROVED.
- Treasurer's Report (Jim Huber, CLA Treasurer) – Fiscal year ending April 30, 2025. Jim summarized the activity for last fiscal year. Last year there was a total of 350 members. This year: 299 Members as of today (not counting those who signed up this morning). Jim summarized the report for FYTD as of June, 2025, **See Attached reports for details**. Jim announced the full report would be posted on the website along with the minutes. After proper motion and second, report APPROVED. Jim talked about the improvement over the years and thanked the hard work of the board.
- Guest Speaker – DNR officer Gannery Htoo.
 - Talked about boating safety, provided everyone with a handout specifically for Crooked Lake. Stressed having enough life jackets for everyone as well as a throwable floatation device for boats over 16 feet. They have to be readily accessible. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate size for people on the boat.
 - Reviewed who can operate legally (ages, suspended licenses, etc.), registration laws, capacity, boat lights required by federal law, reckless behavior, alcohol laws, wakes and speed laws.
 - Accidents – if you leave the scene, it can be a felony.
 - All information is available on the DNR website, or you can call 24 hours dispatch (812-837-9536) with any questions or concerns.
- Election
 - All present board members are running for re-election
 - New nominees: Terri Richards, Paula Laurent, Matt Maddox
 - Nominations closed and ballots collected

- Lake Status

- Weed Report (Charlie Keller) – Charlie discussed the frozen funds and what the board had to pay for out of the association. Charlie provided a summary of the cost of what has already been done as well as what still needs to be done. Discussed the new three areas that are being monitored and will need treatment soon. Charlie discussed the treatment of the starry stonewort. Talked about how you can donate specifically toward the weed control fund.
- Drainage Report (Chad Janik) – Discussed about the sediment from the south channels. Chad worked with local authorities and highway department, and they have improved all the inlets to the lake. The north channel also had a lot of sediment, the county put in check dams and this has improved. They are checked and serviced twice a year by the county and the amount of sediment has decreased considerably. The small channel over by the new condos, they contacted the association about a dredging project. The association guided them to where they needed to go to get a grant and they were able to secure a grant, and they will get dredging completed this coming fall. Chad is also working with the channel on the east end of the lake to get a new pipe and a check dam. Chad discussed about the construction from 200 and the violations that were found that were affecting Crooked Lake and Lake James. There were a total of 12 violations found and they were all corrected within the 5 days they were given, which prevented diesel fuel from coming into our lakes. We hired Land Stewards out of Indianapolis. The project is still in the engineering phase and working on the approvals for the project and cost estimates. We will be filing for a DNR grant to help pay for this. Chad encouraged everyone to contact him with any concerns about sediment or contaminants in the lake. Chad also pointed out that the work on the sediment, especially closer to the beach effects the amount of e-coli in the lake.
- All were encouraged to join and support the Steuben County Lakes Council (“SCLC”) as they promote and finance excellent work to protect our lakes and watersheds.
- John Marquart reported on the efforts to change the Dam laws. An engineer came out and advised how to make repairs to the Dam after the court order is overturned by the court. The dam is currently in good shape.
- 3rd Basin LLC – Todd summarized the associations position. He encouraged people to donate through Barney’s LLC or the Association’s funds.

- CLA Events

- Light the Lake red (Chris Harrington) – July 4th – Flares available today and will post online where you can get your flares.
- Fireworks (Todd Barile) – Todd reported that fireworks will be on Saturday, July 5th with a rain date of Sunday, July 6th. NOTE – PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM THE BARGES AS THEY ARE BEING SET UP.

- Freedom 5 (Kelly) – Friday, July 4 at 8:30am. Registration available online. The 5 mile and 5K runs will be separated. (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PLEASE!). No dogs are going to be allowed this year at the start or finish. Military signs are being produced this week. Registration changed to the Lions building. The route is around the First and Second Basins. Race Director has been hired.
- Boat Parade (Kelly/Gail) –Saturday, July 5 at 2pm. Kelly announced about putting number on boat and providing photo. Line up starting at 1:30pm at the campground. Prizes will be for patriotic and creative.
- Poker Run (Kevin) – Sunday, August 31st. (Monday the 1st is the rain date). Suggestion made to not have last stop in the middle of the sandbar.
- New Business
 - Pine Canon Lake (Chad Harpster)– they have an issue with a gravel pit mining company that has grown large, and it has begun pushing toward the property line. They are dumping their waste dirt on the property line. There is no control put in place and their sediment has increased. They are also seeing their water levels in the lake have been dropping. They found out that the company is operating in violation of the zoning for that area. They have filed action, and they are attending a meeting with the BZA zoning commission this coming Monday. They have not found anyone who is going to investigate this or help with these issues. They are also worried about their wells and the future of the wetlands in the area.
 - Bob did History presentation
 - Kristie Simkins – made announcements about the Crooked Lake Sandbar Music Festival & Flamingo Fridays
- Election results:
 - Kevin Summers, Kristie Simkins, Gail Beucler, Todd Barile, Steve Herdman, Chris Harrington, Chad Janik, Mike Stephenson, Charlie Keller, Will Gooden, Jim Huber, Bob Lowden, Dan Hiner, Dave Rosebrock, Jared Wiedenhofer, John Marquardt, Kelly Baily, Kim Hyland, Michelle Gladieux – all re-elected
 - Terri Richards – NEW
- Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.