

January 31, 2024; Meeting of the Board and Executive Committee of the Crystal Lake and Community Association, 7:00 p.m. Zoom format

Present:

John Fernandes, President/Board Member
John Hubbard, Past President/Board member
Chris Brickman, Vice-President
Carol Ing, Treasurer
Linda Mielewczyk, Membership
Sharon Brickman, Secretary
Rainey Weidauer, Board Member
Shawn Baldwin and Nakita Siappas

John Fernandes, President, called meeting to order;

Minutes:

-Minutes of December 6, 2023, Executive/Board meeting were adopted, they will be sent to Jim R. for posting on the CLCA website
-the October 30, 2023 minutes have been posted on the CLCA website

Membership; Linda

-an e-mail was sent to all pre-paid members confirming membership status
-in response to the renewal reminder, 32 payments have been received
-Linda and Carol have completed the reconciliation between the membership records and the bank account

Advertising:

-Carol has sent messaging to all advertisers for renewal

2023 Budget/Financials

-Carol is sending the updated 2023 financials to Terri for review
-Carol will develop the 2024 budget for review and approval
-Carol will complete the final filing with CRA for the name change, update; this has been completed

Corporate Constitution update (ONCA)

-Sharon/Linda have had a preliminary meeting and will continue to meet throughout the winter to complete the required changes to the constitution and any other documents in order to conform to new legislative requirements

Welcome sign repairs:

-John D. and Rainey have reached out to Mike Leblanc regarding current status of the signs and they will proceed with repairs over the winter months.

Emergency equipment/training:

-Rainey has purchased an 8” auger and it is now in the Fire Hut.
-Several replies have been received in answer to the “emergency team” recruitment e-mail
-Rainey, Linda and Sharon will meet on February 8 to discuss next steps

Buoys:

-Chris will complete the map and distribute it as soon as she is able
-there was a discussion related to possibly updating the beacon light on Gulls Island, it was noted that it is important to balance night sky preservation with navigational guidance, some passive options such as reflectors could be considered, further discussion will take place at a future meeting

Lakeshore Signage;

-there was some discussion on possible signs related to loon nesting sites, further discussion will take place at a future meeting

Membership Survey;

-Linda as sent out an e-mail to all members outlining the survey results

Events/Activities for 2024

After reviewing the input received through the survey, it was determined that we would proceed with the following event for 2024;

- winter event; March 9th, Sno Pitch game and frisbee golf on Lower Black Bay, CLCA will provide hot dogs and hot chocolate, BBQ will be at Shawn and Linda's. Organizing team required; Sharon and Rainey volunteered
- spring clean-up; CLCA will encourage residents to clean up sections of road in their area on May 18/19, each person will be responsible to sort and dispose of the garbage they collect
- AGM; June 3rd, Monday, 7:00 p.m. via zoom. Any members of the executive team that are available are welcome to meet at John F.'s
- Toxic Tackle; May 18th and June 22nd, see below. Shawn will advise what support he requires
- Name that Tune; Carol will determine the available dates in May and June. Update; June 22nd is tentatively booked pending confirmation from Galway Hall. Set-up and Clean-up crews required
- Canada Day; June 29th Sat., scavenger hunt with wind up at the beach, some games for kids. Carol will send her "concept" to the board for discussion and input. Organizing and execution teams required
- Members only Meet and Greet; July 20th 2-4, Fernandes cottage, beer/wine and snax. Organizing team required
- Haunt the Docks; August 24th
- Food Drive; Oct 4/5/6 and Oct 11/12/13/14, Linda will lead this event and others will help with pick-up, etc. as required. Sharon has a large green bin available for South Shore
- Events teams will be established

Lake Health/Environment/Water Levels;

-an e-mail address for "Lake Stewards" will be created and correspondence will go to both Shawn and Nikita "behind the scene"

Lead Sinkers Program;

- Shawn is proceeding with the purchase of 300 non-lead sinkers/jig heads
- 2 "toxic tackle" events will be held at the dam boat launch on May 24th and June 30th (opening of bass), mid-morning
- Shawn is planning to connect with the property owner to ensure there is no issues with using the boat launch at the dam
- old tackle will be exchanged for stainless, Shawn will determine the numbers to be distributed (members/versus non-members)
- zebra mussel awareness will be a part of both events
- communication will be carried out via; signage, FB and an e-mail blast
- need to get confirmation regarding possible loon carving as a "prize" for the most lead tackle returned

Environmental Information;

- oxygen levels have decreasing but not to an alarming extent
- Nikita is preparing an environmental information pkg., this information will be included in the newsletter
- Shawn has reached out to Nolan Pearce – no data has been shared to date

Fish Stocks;

-Shawn is going to contact MNR to get an update on the Lake Trout stocking program. 2000 fingerlings were stocked 2 years ago

Executive/Board;

-communication within the Board and Executive Committee; this topic will be brought to a future meeting

Next meeting Wed. February 27, 2024; Zoom

Agenda Items that are being forwarded to next meeting due to time constraints;

On-going Items - please provide updates as needed;

Financials;

-Chris and Carol have developed an accounting and travel policy which Chris that has been shared with the Exec./Board– we will move this forward to a fall meeting

Insurance;

John H. is reviewing our policy related to some clawbacks – may be additional cost of \$200ish

Library Box;

-Chris is going to talk with Trent Lakes staff regarding possible updates on boat launch status
-still in limbo

Welcome to Crystal Lake Brochure;

-the original document that Sarah created is now in dropbox
-Linda is going to review this for required updates and get input for revision

Derelict Dock Removal;

-Sharon followed up with a response to the person that suggested this project, we will not proceed in 2022. To bring to a future exec/board meeting for discussion
-Sharon to do some research on affects of un-encapsulated foam products