

Crystal Lake Association Annual Meeting

July 15, 2017

Call to Order:

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by President Deb Fitzgerald.

There were 26 members in attendance, including 3 on the Board.

Moment of Silence:

There was a moment of silence for recently deceased members and friends of the CLA .

Secretary's Report:

Secretary's report was read aloud. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Joe Downing, seconded by Deb Fitzgerald and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was read by Joe Downing. The beginning balance for the 2016-17 fiscal year was \$3,144.73. Expenses totaled \$968.00 (\$920.00 for the lake water tests and \$48.00 for PO Box rental). Income from dues and donations totaled \$550.00. Leaving a current balance of \$2726.73.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was made by Judy Johnson and seconded by Roger Beaudet. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Angela Canezin of the By-Laws Review Committee, formed after a recommendation from last year's annual meeting, spoke. She discussed the definition of a legal quorum, currently set at 40 paid up members by the CLA By-Laws. A special meeting would need to be attended by a quorum to change the by-laws. It was suggested a quorum could be redefined to be a percentage of the membership vs. a set number, or just lower the number, to make it more likely to meet the quorum limits. Currently it's difficult to calculate the number of members , due to family vs. individual dues payments.

There was concern expressed regarding the possibility of not being able to get the required 40 members to attend a special session. Mike Krebs believed the CLA email list is about 100 valid addresses.

Deb Fitzgerald suggested the CLA send an email blast to have a special meeting to discuss the current by-laws, possibly having to disband the current CLA to create a new CLA that doesn't require a quorum or some other method of revising the quorum to make it more attainable. Ken Peterson suggested that be made into a motion. Deb made a motion to schedule a special meeting to vote on revising the by-laws regarding the quorum . The motion was seconded by Judy Johnson. The motion carried.

Discussion ensued on how best to ensure we get the necessary 40 members to attend the special meeting. The date was set as the Saturday of Labor day weekend, 9am.

New Business:

Question regarding representation of seasonal property owners at selectmens' meetings by year round CLA members.

Ken Peterson suggested we lower dues cost for the Labor day special meeting to ensure good attendance. Perhaps a one day special at \$1 per membership. Ken made a motion to set the dues at \$1 per membership, Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Water Testing:

Mike Krebs had included state lab results as attachment to newsletter.

Mercury levels in Crystal lake food chain have been comparatively high. The state warns women of childbearing age and children not to consume any fish caught in the lake. Anyone else should limit consumption to two fish per year.

No known reason to explain the higher mercury content. Some feel it may be a remnant from the Iron extraction processes of the iron works factories. He assured membership the lake is safe to swim in, though.

Mike is asking for anglers to collect fish of 6-8 inches or longer so he can submit them to the state labs @ DES .

E. coli testing is done annually at the Ballpark beach by the state. There was additional discussion as to whether the CLA should test for e. coli, as well.

Surveying for exotic invasive weeds was discussed. Volunteers are needed to survey ten square yard areas along the shore. You can also be on the lookout for zebra mussels.

Roger Beaudet discussed the benefits of a viewscope. It was recommended he look into the costs of purchasing one for CLA usage along with costs for e. coli testing.

There was concern expressed by a member for possible overflow from restrooms at the Crystal Lake Ballpark. The State tests the beach for e. coli routinely, but is thought to be primarily the Canada Goose population that contributes to the e.coli danger at the ballpark beach.

Mike Krebs reminded members the benefits of shrubs and trees along shorelines to filter storm runoff. Keeping septic systems pumped out routinely and maintained, as needed. The state also recommends avoiding the use of fertilizers along shorelines, to lessen weed growth. Many members have expressed concern about excess weed growth over the years. Questions about weed removal were asked. The state would prefer leaving weeds and downed trees/branches as they lay, but they do issue permits, within rules of the Shore Land Protection Act. The state was called to the river/outlet area of the lake to address weed proliferation, recently. The state concluded that levels were natural and no dredging or weed removal was required.

Recent repaving of the Crystal Lake road entrance was applauded, but some worried of it's tendency to encourage speeding. It is State road up to the dam, whereas the town has posted the 25 mph speed limit just beyond the dam.

Issues of excess noise and late night private fireworks displays were discussed. Gilmanton has a noise ordinance that begins at 10pm.

CLA newsletter was discussed. This year's newsletter was affected by some unforeseen circumstances. We thank Mike Krebs for stepping in to publish one for the CLA. Suzanne Barnett offered to step forward as the new CLA newsletter publisher to help with future newsletters.

Questions regarding a CLA Facebook page were asked. Although There is a Crystal Lake Facebook page managed by Paige Totman. It is not related to the CLA. Her Facebook page is a closed type, where one has to be accepted by Paige to gain access. It was suggested for the CLA to have a Facebook page open to members in good standing as a way to encourage increased membership and promote dues payments. Joe Downing made a motion, Ken Peterson seconded, to promote a CLA

Facebook page open to members of good standing (paid members). The motion carried.

Nomination of Officers:

Terms are for two years ending on even numbered years. President and VP have a two term limit. Secretary and Treasurer have no term, but can voted on annually. Denise Tiralla volunteered as Secretary. No one volunteered as Treasurer, so Joe Downing agreed to continue on.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Deb Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pat Krebs seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.