

CCROA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: JULY 16, 2015

President Greg Wenzel called the meeting to order at the time of 9:08am. Greg introduced Mike Rogers, Township Supervisor of Watersmeet. Dan Balog, Land O'Lakes Town Chairman was invited as well but could not attend. The invitations were extended to foster better communication and build a greater sense of community. Mike gave the membership an update as to the breakdown on taxes and how the monies are spent. He talked about revitalizing the township and other projects intended for the future without increasing Watersmeet's taxes. A few questions were fielded from the membership. Greg gave an update on what was going on in the Land O'Lakes area since Don Balog was not present. Greg & Dan had spoken prior to the meeting and Greg was provided a list of talk points.

Greg Wenzel went into a brief explanation on the three items of that are up for vote by the membership during our annual business meeting today. The restated By-laws, amended Articles of Incorporation, and Principles of Investment were necessary for us to be prepared in the event that FERC releases the license and allows us to purchase the dam. Greg asked the membership if there was anyone who opposed this vote. There was none. The ballots were distributed and after brief discussion a vote was taken. The documents were approved unanimously.

The Vice President's report was given by Bob McGuffin. Our AIS program is Bob's responsibility and once a year he drafts a letter and solicits donations for our Lake Management Fund. He spoke of the great success we have had treating Clearwater Lake for EWM. Thousand Island Lake north and Morley Lake were treated for EWM. A single EWM plant was located in the channel between Lindsley, and Thousand Island and has been removed. In Big Lake, we can't seem to identify EWM early enough to start treating under WDNR protocols, so we plan to do some hand pulling in those designated areas. Treatment can only be done in the spring time of the year. Bob asks that all of us must educate others on how EWM fragments are spreads. There was some discussion on the matter of our no wake signs. Many people have experienced confrontations with those who do not slow down through "no wake" areas. Bob indicated a greater presence by the Gogebic Co. Sherriff has been observed on the Chain recently.

The Treasurer's report was given by Dave Fauntleroy. He gave a breakdown of the four areas in which our CCROA funds are segregated into. Those four funds consist of our Working Fund, Dam Fund, Lake Management Fund and the Walleye Fund. David provided an account of balances in the respective funds. Chuck Sauberlich asked if we have ever approached the Indian Tribes to stock fish, specifically Walleyes. Greg stated that it has not been done in a long time but will pursue that idea in the near future. Jay Sweney stated that he will investigate if the LVD Tribe is

stocking the lakes and will ask them to donate to the Walleye Fund. He thinks they have done that in the past.

Someone asked about the cost of mailing out the "Shorelines" bulletin. Our board is very attentive to and responsible in the use of monies that are in the CCROA coffers. Some people prefer a printed document in hand to read instead of the electronic bulletin that is currently being used. We use the e-mail blast to reach our membership when there is something of immediate importance. We presently send out 40-50 hardcopy bulletins to those who do not have access to a computer. The cost of printing and mailing the "Shorelines" to the entire membership would be around \$1500. We include articles/information that is important to the CCROA in each edition of "Shorelines". We will include an article about this in the next bulletin.

The Membership Report was given by Linda Hammer who also is editor of the "Shorelines" newsletter. Currently we are at 311 members who have paid their dues but we show 446 on our membership list. Folks were reminded that their yearly membership dues are due on January 1st of every year. We would like to bring in more members to the CCROA and ask that all members talk to your neighbors etc. You all are ambassadors of the Cisco Chain of Lakes. Omar Shabaz suggested that we raise the dues from \$25 to \$35 a year. He would like to see "Paypal" used as a way to pay the dues. Presently "Paypal" is for donations only. Omar is very concerned that there is not many of the younger residents of the CCROA involved in the membership.

The Secretary's Report was unable to be given by Jessica Ryden due to the fact the copy was lost somewhere in transit. Linda Hammer has that report saved on her computer and will e-mail Jessica a copy after today's meeting.

Next on our agenda was the Election of the Officers. A membership vote was required to renew the present board. Dick Barney made a motion to retain the present board. Chuck Sauberlich seconded. All in favor/motion carried. Helen Hayhurst nominated Dave Nuemann for Member at Large for the board. Joan Cavanaugh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Denise Fauntleroy has retired from the board as membership chair. Customarily a gift is given to those who have served. She has requested that we take that money that would have been spent and donate it to the AIS Fund.

New ideas and events: We are presently involved in the Citizen's Lake Monitoring Program. One component is the Secchi Disc Testing that measures water clarity. We have several people doing these tests every week. We also participated in the Second Annual MDNR "Landing Blitz" this past 4th of July weekend. That involved volunteers at the public landings talking to the boaters about EWM, other types of AIS and the Clean Boats/Clean Waters campaign. We also were asked to get information to the Condo Associations about AIS and efforts of the CCROA. We have laminated placards and packets to give to guests visiting the chain and people at the

rentals and resorts about "Clean, Drain and Dry." Joan Patten volunteered to be the contact person for the condos on Big Lake. Several people again commented on how the No Wake Zone Signs are being ignored. We may need more signs at both ends entering and leaving the Thousand Island & Big Africa area. Greg emphasized that if people report safety concerns to the Gogebic Co Sherriff, there is a good chance we may see more patrols on the Chain.

Picnic Report was given by Helen Hayhurst. She stated that today was the last day for the chance to purchase your picnic tickets for \$6. Tomorrow will be \$8. She gave some information about the time of this event, the prizes involved and the menu for our lunch. Lots of people have been working hard to give the CCROA a great picnic.

Miscellaneous Comments: Someone asked about the update on the dam purchase. Greg Wenzel stated that we have heard nothing from FERC. But with the passage of the new by-laws, we will be ready for it when it comes to fruition.

Mary Congdon made a motion to adjourn, Jack Erhard seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Ryden

Secretary for the CCROA