

Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Business Meeting: July 15, 2017

Present: Dave Nuemann, Annie Rapp, Greg Wenzel, Jessica Ryden, Dave Fauntlery, Bob McGuffin, Helen Hayhurst, Tom Krautkramer, Jay Sweney, Dean Challed, Linda Hammer, Joan Cavanaugh, Al Knutson, Gene Clark, Paul Lucas, Gary Eberts, Jack Erhart and Wes Kiley.

Not Present: Laurie Cooney, Kully Rohlen, Dean Stanton and Robert Warren.

Meeting was called to order at the time of 10:07am by President Greg Wenzel. He started off with a few announcements:

1. Make sure everyone has a blue ticket for a door prize donated by Wilderness Bay.
2. We have CCROA clothing that has been marked down. Great time to buy: sweatshirts are \$15, T-shirts are \$10, PJ bottoms and hats are \$5 and all kids clothing is a \$1.
3. Joan Cavanaugh is doing a 50/50 raffle.
4. We have a paddle board as a grand prize which is a gray raffle ticket.

Greg asked Jessica Ryden to read last year's business meeting minutes. A motion to approve them came from Jean Erhart and was 2nd by Judy Challed. All in favor.

Winner for the Wilderness Bay bait bucket filled with goodies was Don Doran.

Greg remarked that exactly 25 years ago he joined CCROA. At the first meeting he attended, the main subject was about an effort to purchase the dam. Here we are today with the same intention except we have some progress to finally report.

On January 19th, 2017 FERC released the dam and sent the CCROA a notice stating so. Our former legal counsel Dave McDonald has referred us to Kendricks Bordeaux law firm in Marquette MI to represent us as the effort to purchase the

Dam moves ahead. There was a meeting with our lawyers and UPPCO in March to discuss the FERC ruling that released the Dam from the license. On April 27th, we met with UPPCO and the state dam inspector. Our lawyers discovered a ruling by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission from 1939 that appears to be still in effect. More or less it states that the Cisco Chain of Lakes lake level is set for navigation only not for power. A phone conference call was conducted recently with Greg Wenzel, Bob McGuffin, David Fauntleroy and Tom Krautkramer and our lawyers. Our main goal now is to make sure we do this properly. The board wants to be totally transparent on the ongoing process and ensure fairness and equity in regard to expenses required to operate and maintain the Dam for perpetuity. We need to gather as much information as possible from all sources to protect our interests.

Many questions were asked of the board by the membership. Areas of concern were the cost of the lawyers, maintenance costs of the actual dam, the lake level, and who will take care of the dam. We have a person in place ready to assume duties of Dam keeper. Concerns were raised on how best to fund the ongoing expenses in a fair and equitable manner. There was concern if donors to the Dam fund would get their money back in the event we do not purchase the Dam. Dave Fauntleroy has kept impeccable records as to how much everyone has donated to the dam fund and if it all fails, all will be refunded the donation amount less expense accrued during the effort. All questions were answered.

Greg had some concerns in regards to the incoming Presidents duties. There are too many responsibilities for one person to handle and requested that other people could step up to the plate and volunteer their time to ease the burden.

Greg then took some time to thank those who have been exceptional in providing their time and effort to help him during these last four years. Bob McGuffin and Linda Hammer have been his right and left hands and ensured ongoing success. Greg thanked our contracted biologist Barb Gajewski for all the grant writing and extensive paperwork she does to help CCROA secure grant monies we need to fight AIS. Greg thanked Annie Rapp for putting the entire "Picnic Survey" together so we knew what the membership wanted for future picnics Greg gave a

special thank you to past president Wes Kiley who had the vision and knowledge to bring the dam acquisition effort forward. Without his help, we would not be where we are today. Greg thanked the board for all their dedication and hard work to make this organization what it is today. We have accomplished much he said.

Bob McGuffin gave his report and to how the EWM/AIS projects are coming along. The big news is that Big Lake has been treated at just under 10 acres for the cost of \$14,000. They will be hand pulling EWM in Lindsley, Morley and Thousand Island Lake. Bob stated that we get grant money on a match basis. Bob thanked everyone for their yearly donations in the AIS fight and urged continued support.

The Treasurers Report was given by David Fauntleroy. We are in good shape financially. We are at \$460,602.39 for total liabilities and equity. He stated that he invests our funds to conserve principal and we are earning about 3 ½ % interest on our money. We were basically at a break even this year. A motion to accept came from Jean Erhart and 2nd by MJ Wenzel. All in Favor.

The Membership Report was given by Linda Hammer. We have 358 members. This is up from 351 from the previous year. Linda thanked the lake reps that distributed door hangers. There has been a good return of permission slips signed to do AIS pulling/chemical treatments, and membership renewals. She encouraged everyone to talk to neighbors and new people join CCROA. A motion to accept came from Jean Erhart and was 2nd by Deannie Wolbrink. All in Favor.

Election of Officers:

Bob McGuffin has graciously agreed to take the Presidency.

Omar Shabaz was nominated for Vice President by Tom Krautkramer.

Sue Anderson was nominated for Secretary by her husband Al Anderson.

Dave Fauntleroy remains as Treasurer.

All in favor of the new Board.

Roy Knoth will be the new lake rep for West Bay along with Mark Johnson for Lindsley Lake. Dean Stanton would like to be a member at large and Gene Clark will take over as the Thousand Is Lake North lake rep.

Old Business:

Greg introduced Denise Fauntleroy who works for ISCCW. She gave a little update on what has been going on in the organization. CCROA and ISCCW work together on all EWM/AIS issues. Some people do not know who ISCCW is and they are working hard to change this. They have put advertising on their vehicles to help build awareness. They have gotten involved in the community doing CBCW education at the public landings, parades and visiting local schools etc.

Barb Gajewski from Many Waters LLC stood and spoke about her CCROA relationship with Greg and how she will miss him and wished him well on his retirement. She talked about the ongoing fight with AIS and its early detection. She has seven grants that are incoming and outgoing.

New Business: Greg talked about the upcoming "Shoreline Workshop" up at the LVD Casino in Watersmeet, Mi on July 28, 2017. The cost is now \$60 and will be reimbursed once you attend it. "Let's find a balance between the two property rights and shoreline preservation. It starts at 9:30am and goes to 5pm.

Greg added a quick note to please remember to be sure children wear PFD's when near water.

Greg gave his finally good bye and thanked everyone he has worked with in his term as President, especially to his wife Mary Jo for her support during his presidency these last 4 years. Plaques were presented to outgoing President Greg Wenzel, Jessica Ryden for Secretary and Laurie Cooney for Lake Rep. A big thank was given you to owner of the Cisco Bar for the use of the pavilion.

Winner of the 50/50 raffle was: Dick Mehlhop

Winner of the paddle board was: Al Knutson

At 12:04pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Jean Erhart and 2nd by Jay Sweney.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica A Ryden Secretary for CCROA