

Crystal Lake Association Annual Meeting May 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by our President, Mark Mickiewicz. The following board members were present: Bill Merson, Vice President and Vic Laptik, Treasurer.

Mark asked Vic to give the Treasurers report covering the period 9/20/06 to 5/9/07.

Water Testing: Rusty Moody

Rusty reported that water testing for May would begin soon. He said George Knoecklein was preparing a report based on data for the past years since his last report.

He also said he had ordered maintenance parts for the oxygen meter.

Bill Merson brought the water sampling unit and described how it was used to take water from different depths of the lake. He also stated that he was going to take pictures at the next sampling, and post the story on the web site.

Website: Bill Merson

Bill reported that we have had over 2500 visits to our site. We have 13 people registered. He also said that you did not need to register to visit the site, but if you wanted to comment in the Forum that you would need to register.

He reviewed the site content and mentioned the interesting Links to other sites about Crystal Lake. He also stated that the Weather channel has a spot on the site for the Ellington Temp and forecast.

Fundraising: Mark

Mark reported that we still had some mugs, keychains, and koozies available for sale.

Mark reminded us of the fall cleanup on Saturday May 12 and to meet at 8:45 at the town beach for the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.

The 2007 Marine Patrol stickers are available as you get your boat inspected.

George Knoecklein arrived for the meeting and was asked to answer questions and give a short report on his findings.

In summary:

Millfoil is growing at 20 ft depths.

The pond across from the town beach at the south end of the lake is full of millfoil.

If we don't do something about it, it will flush into the lake and create new plants.

Maybe the best way to eradicate it is by using a herbicide, but the it is unknown what the risks to local wells would be.

Motor boats fragment the plants, but the State of CT will not allow marking off areas to prevent boating in that section.

There are four acres where the weeds are the worst. The suction harvesting removed one half acre, and he will inspect it this year to see how well it is holding up.

From the sand bar to the dam is solid millfoil.
A draw-down does not necessarily kill millfoil plants.
Columbia Lake has rules on new homes around and near the lake.
Bill Merson asked about holding ponds in developments.
George said they are good but must be maintained which most of them do not have a designated group to do it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Merson