

CRYSTAL LAKE ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF MEETING
September 20, 2006

Recording Secretary, Monique Burns: absent

SECRETARY REPORT: - Mark Mickiewicz read the secretary report for July 19, 2006. Motion made to accept report as read and seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Vic Laptic

Cover period July 19, 2006 – September 20, 2006

Motion made to accept report as read and seconded.

COORESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: Jean Burns, absent

Mark Mickiewicz reported that a news letter was sent out to CLA members prior to DEP meeting held on September 14, 2007 to discuss the proposal to close the trout fishing season next year. Getting the news letter out early provided notice so that the DEP meeting was well attended. DEP will receive comments from the public until September 28, 2007 if anyone is interested in responding to the meeting. There has been no progress with CLA Tax exempt status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water Testing Committee: Bill Merson – Bill stated he will be taking water samples next week and again in October. This data needs to be analyzed and a report produced so we can evaluate how healthy the lake is and show the Town that the water testing program is an important program useful in evaluating and helping develop programs to maintain the health of the lake. \$5000.00 is currently in the budget but Mark stated that if CLA doesn't use the money allotted by the town for water testing or other tests than we may be in jeopardy of losing the funds altogether.

Fund Raising Committee: Cheryl Mickiewicz ---There are fund raising items still available for purchase. The Calendars are almost ready for production. Cheryl showed a draft copy. The price to purchase a calendar will be approximately \$10.00.

Membership: Vic Laptic reported CLA has received 2 new members. No activities for new members are planned at this time. The subject of membership drive will be discussed at the next board meeting in April of 2007. A question from the audience was asked. Has anyone followed up on the 7 old members that did not join this year? Vic said he needs to call them.

Web Site Committee: Bill Merson & Monique Burns----Bill stated he got it done we now have a web site! His wife found a man named Brian Trudeau who was willing to develop the site for free. Annual fees after the first year will be incurred by CLA however he will maintain the web site for free for as long as we have it. This man was found through

Enfield Recycle. The web address is mycrystallakeect.org. Vic suggested we have educational pages on the web. No expenses have been incurred to date and the funds allotted for the Web are still in place. Mark asked if we could link to other sites such as the Town of Ellington's web page. Bill said he could do this.

OLD BUSINEES:

Milfoil: Bill Merson reported that the milfoil section harvest pilot program that is 80/20 funded by the state and town respectively has started. Bruce Lockhart president of Lockhart Environmental began suction harvesting and over a period of two days removed twenty nine 55 gal bags of milfoil. Approximately one acre of milfoil was removed from the cove area between Rusty's property and the Holmes Road point. This location was chosen from the initial McBroom report witch sited this location as the largest concentration of milfoil growth in the lake. Bill noted that the milfoil in this location is very dense and that it has gotten a lot worse since the McBroom report in 2004. Mark asked if Bruce could give a presentation on harvesting the milfoilat the next meeting. Bill said he would ask him.

Bill stated that now that the pilot program is complete and the site marked, a survey next year will have to be performed to determine if the program worked. A report of the pilot program will have to be written and delivered to the Town and the State. One concern now is what to do next. There are no funds available to continue the program. Maintenance and cost for future removal of more milfoil may fall on the CLA. Bill said he would ask Bruce Lockhart if he will be returning next year to survey the area and when he will put a report together.

Dave Artz suggested the CLA go after more money from the town to perform future milfoil suction harvesting if the pilot program is shown to be successful. This would mean that the funds were well spent and should continue. Mark stated that there are three issues the lake is facing: water quality, the Dam, and the invasion of milfoil. Bill stated that milfoil needs the ultraviolet light to grow. As a result, you will only find milfoil growth in areas less than 20' deep. This would cause future problems in all swimming areas if left unchecked.

The Dam: No new issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Russ resigned his seat on the board. Mark asked for any volunteers. None stepped forward. Currently there are 11 members of the board and one vacancy.

There will be a lake clean-up on Saturday at 8:30 am. All volunteers are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm