

CRYSTAL LAKE ASSOCIATION

Report of Meeting for

April 29, 2009

Recording Secretary, Monique Burns
Meeting started at 7:10pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Monique Burns read the Secretary's report for September 24, 2008.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS READ AND SECCONDED.

TREASURE'S REPORT:

Vic Laptic handed out the Treasure's report covering the period 9/24/08 through 4/29/09.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS READ AND SECCONDED.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Vic stated that he has received 40 membership forms with four new members. Rusty asked if there was a way to track new members verses renewal members. In an effort to gain more membership a suggestion was made to put membership forms at the Library, the Bait Shop and/or other businesses in Town. Discussion ensued.

RUSTY MADE A MOTION THAT THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE DISCUSS MAKING OR PURCHASING A SIGN FOR POSTING AT THE BOAT LAUNCH AREA AND CREATING A MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE THAT WOULD PROMOTE NEW MEMBERS AND SECCONDED BY BILL.

COORESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Milfoil Committee: The Town of Ellington Board of Selectmen and Board of Financing approved funding of \$67,000.00 for the Milfoil removal program. An additional \$20,000.00 appropriation for the water testing program is part of the Town's Budget meeting scheduled for May 12, 2009. A request was made for people to attend this meeting and show their support for this program. If the \$20,000 appropriation passes the budget referendum, it will be used by CLA to purchase a barge and suction harvesting machine so that we can develop a maintenance program to continue to remove the milfoil in the future. The barge will be the property of the Town.

The Town is looking for volunteers for the Ad Hoc Milfoil Removal Committee. Anyone interested should down load the letter of interest form from the Town's Web site and submit it to the Town before their next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

A discussion about how the Milfoil suction harvesting will commence ensued including items such as; when it will start, how the community will be notified, who will perform the work, are any volunteers needed, will future maintenance be a part of the program, how far will the \$67,000.00 take us, etc.

Rodger Hosig stated that the US Fish and Wildlife Services grant money is not an option for us to capture funds for milfoil removal because we don't have any migratory impact at the Lake which is required to be eligible for these funds.

Water Testing Committee: Bill Merson reported that last year four readings were taken and this year he is going to try and get more. Anyone interested in participating in the water reading activity please contact Bill. This year's reading will commence in May.

Web Site Committee: Since last year's report, hits on our Web site have increased to 32,800. The Web Site Committee has contacted, Brian Trudeau, our web site creator, and he has revised the website. Bill also had a contest on the internet to create a new logo for Crystal Lake Association with the winner receiving \$50.00. So, we now have a very nice logo on our web site. Bill also wants to create stickers with this logo on it. The stickers could be used with the annual boat safety inspection sticker, could be purchased for a nominal fee as a fund raiser, or could be included with the membership. Mark asked if the stickers could be printed with our Web Site address and shouldn't our logo have the web site address on it. Bill said he would contact the creator of the logo and see if he could put our web site address on it.

BILL MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE 1000 STICKERS WITH OUR NEW LOGO FOR \$280.00 AND SECONDED BY CONNIE MILNES.

By Laws Committee: No report. Vic stated he should have something by next meeting.

The Dam: No report.

Fund Raising Committee: Bee Arzt stated that she has a vacation special provided through her travel agency where she can hold 16 cabins on a cruise ship. If a minimum of 8 rooms are sold, \$75.00/cabin will go to the milfoil foil committee. The cruise is a 5-night trip to Bermuda departing on September 26, 2009 aboard Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. Anyone interested should contact her directly.

OLD BUSINEES:

Purchase of Insurance for CLA: Bill stated that it was very expensive to have one day insurance. To purchase annual insurance is more cost effective and will cover everyone in the association. Bill asked the association present if we need or should we purchase this insurance? Discussion ensued. This needs to be reviewed in more length.

MARK MADE A MOTION TO FIND A LOCAL INSURANCE PERSON TO PRESENT INSURANCE INFORMATION TO THE BOARD AND SECONDED BY TONY.

ALL MOTIONS WERE VOTED AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS.

Mark asked if CLA wanted to give a \$500.00 Molly West scholarship to a student graduating from Ellington High School since a recipient was not found last year. It was agreed, that we will present this scholarship to any senior graduating this year that plans to attend collage and study the environment.

MARK MADE A MOTION TO ALLOT \$500.00 TO THE MOLLY WEST SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR AN ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE STUDYING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SECONDED BY DORCUS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Officers: Monique Burns nominated Mark Mickiewicz for president and Jeanne Burns for correspondence secretary, Mark Mickiewicz nominated Bill Merson for Vice President, Dave Arzt nominated Monique Burns for Recording Secretary, and Rodger Hosig nominated Vic Laptic for Treasure. Dorcus made a motion that nominations for officers be closed and that the correspondence secretary cast one ballot for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. All approved. One ballot was cast by the president for the correspondence secretary.

Meeting adjourned 8:48pm