

CRYSTAL LAKE ASSOCIATION
2016 MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 10:00 am
Crystal Sailing Club

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Meinhardt at 10:02 am.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Meinhardt, Kanitz, Manning, Hepburn, Morgan, Ayres, Engle, Kopchick, Eaton

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Annual Meeting, July 18, 2015- Motion by Siburt- Second- Ayres- PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS: Montcalm County Sheriff's Township Patrol- John Russell and Cameron Bunker and Marine Officers/Others., Coast Guard reps.- Jim Robertson from coast guard Auxillary Lansing flotilla.

John Russell- thanking the lake association without our help wouldn't not have new boat and motor. Thank to Meinhardt for all the work that he did and the CLA for all the monies they paid- and thank you to the sailing club for letting the boat have a slip. Lake business- Cameron-said in past few weeks, more than a few going the wrong way around the lake especially around the islands. they have been reminding everyone to go counter clockwise- and jet skis are to stay 150 ft per jet ski from other boats, however between 2 jet ski's they can get as close as they want, but 100 ft from shore and docks.

Usually after the sun sets the officers are not on the water- reminder to use red/green light and your white lights to know the direction of the boat, when you are mooring you only need anchor light, A few other instances were tubing without a spotter- but this is rare- been fairly quiet based on weather.

There was a question raised- Leaving the pontoon with the yellow slide near the park for very long time periods and also the one left by the Beach House the officers will contact them to see the intention and will address both of them. Another question- is there a way to stop and remind people to how far away they need to stay from docks. Officers noted they will watch for that. It has been noticed in the last few days a jet boat has been pushing the limits, Officers will make sure they are aware of the rules.

Questions- Is it a rule when 100 ft from docks there is to be no wake. Question- A few questions regarding the issues with golf carts. It seems a lot of young people are driving the carts. The rule is you cannot drive unless you are 16 years of age- reminder to CLA they are marine office not road patrol but will make the road officers aware of the concerns.

Questions- What is the law against jet skis at dark?, answer 8 am to sunset?- Question?- how often during the middle of the week are the officers on the lake- and why are they on the lake if no one is here? Maybe 4-5 boats to cover a lot of territory. They are not here Tuesday or wed. The rest of the time they do make as many appearances and they are able to accomplish.. There is only one team in the county on Thursday/Monday only 1 team on the county, although by our township they are paid to be here on weekends.

This week, boating accident and boat left at docks so they had to handle it. They drive by and decide if needed, they are assigned here all day on weekends. CLA has asked them to stagger the schedule- Question- are you on jet ski and boat?- jet ski are very useful cuz they can get in more places and the people are not looking for an officer on a wave runner. Nelsons in Greenville lend the ski jets here to the officers. Adds for the coverage-and in beginning of year did not have the whaler in use yet.

They do leave the Jet Ski in parking lot to get to other lakes, and with 2 wave runners they can deal with more than one thing at a time. Question- any tickets issued- yes they have been, but they have been for registration and usually first month they are lenient. They are aware that some things are getting worse dock space/wrong way etc. so they do maintain that watchful eye... 4th of July is our turning point- we use them as education. But if repeat then will give tickets. –

Manning thanked them on the night of the 4th. For all their help Meinhardt wants to thank especially J John Russell as he has been instrumental in getting the buoy on the big rock. Huge thanks to all the officers, they do a fantastic job.

Jim Robertson from the Coast Guard aux- appreciates being invited. Thanks to Kanitz and the sheriff dept for inviting them. They are volunteers and they provide direct support to the coast guard in all areas. Their role is to fill in any voids in various areas and to represent boater safety and education. They are also involved in local stations – radios, education, all buoys, marine education, and many varieties of areas. Some of the volunteers have been with hen for 40 years so there is a wealth of education and knowledge. Jim's agricultural back ground is what brought him here. He is fairly new to this lake. They are 30 lake members in the Lansing Flotilla. They were looking for a lake to help support and they came here last summer, They were at the boat launch, inspecting the vessels and talking to boat owner about what equipment should be on board. There will be other weekends they will be here to help and CLA will post if on face book.

His role is to ask voluntarily to have the boat inspected, for all the necessary information. And give recommendations- In May they checked 161 boats- 143 were power boat, 17 wave runners and one paddle craft.- - what is the outcome- majority are interested and want the inspection and want to know where they are – so they know what they are forgetting- and mostly it was just forgotten items. Of the 161 inspected and 48% passed, not a great pass ratio but he feels next year it will be better due to just forgetting certain items.-55 failed on registration and numbers on boats which is not uncommon in the beginning of the year- the throw able and it should be on a rope so you can throw it and pull others in. , - most people forget that- Next larger one- fire extinguisher not on board or expired or lights are not working- during the day they don't have to be on but they need to be working . 40 of the 161 boats were new to the owner –therefore lack of knowledge attributed to most of those errors. Many thanks to CLA for the awareness they have brought to the lake. Question- how old is too old for a fire extinguisher- they must be in good working order. They just need to work- possibly they expire in 7-10 years but coast guard just wants them to work. We can post coast guard schedule again on FB... He

left brochures for everyone. – July 20-21, 2016 boater safety class in Lansing. – Huge thank you to them.

Charley Noll- running for Montcalm county sheriff. Local- gave his bio. Working as deputy for many years. In addition he is commander of the swat team, very extensive bio. Over 20 years in law enforcement.

Amy Meinhardt- superintendent of CMPS.- talk about the vote in the fall. Effects Montcalm school district- August 2nd, 2016 and please vote- bond main goal is to move the offices out of the schools. Please vote.

Sailing club representative- express our thanks to Joe Kopchick (retired commodore) he thanked the officers again for putting the boat here- always looking for new members. Watch for the 4th of July with the sail boat parade.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

President – Meinhardt-Explanation of our organization- we follow the guideline of our bylaws. We are a 501 C 4 social welfare nonprofit organization- very proud of how we have conducted ourselves. Monitor the fish stocking, water quality, fireworks, etc, (look at the stuff that we do)- We added two board members Kim Morgan and Nancy Ayres. Most important thing we do is keep you informed. Please join the on line- systems to keep in the know. For those that are new to the board, all board members are involved with other committees. Some of the big things are the boat motor, the rock buoy, the water treatment. Fireworks but they are a lot of committees that keep this board running smoothly.

Vice President: -Knits-to follow up to steves comments- We copy things from the social media and add it to our facebook. We try to keep you informed so that you know what is going on- please join if not.

Treasurer- Ayres- see report- we have a new system called Aplos- great program has made our accounting system a lot easier to understand. We are able to keep a much better track of our monies and able to pull reports for all categories. Huge push for the water quality donations there is nothing that affects our lake more than water quality. Presented info on all income/expenses- Touched on all categories. Great report- (see notes for actual numbers) . went into detail about budgets etc. Manning motion to accept as presented. – Kopckhick seconded motion – PASSED.

Secretary – Eaton- any information please get to me – for any things- email etc. Minutes and agenda are out- any questions. Please let me know.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fireworks– Manning- Information on Explosion on barges/new barges to follow (watch email and FB)- set up for next year. Same contractors as last year, everything went well – except had to fix motor. Pyro techs were ready, went to get them about 830- the barges are 4 of them and they are hitched together. The shooter is removed from the barges that have the fireworks, the Hepburns were again

able to take the shooter – 9 minutes into the show- a good show is 20 minutes- 474 shells that were put off- he upgraded from last year. There was an explosion about 9 minutes into it- no one was hurt- it went off on one barge the big flash. The contractor lost about \$5000 of equipment on bottom of the lake- he feels horrible. Had to wait until owner- got there. The shooter did shoot off with as much as possible. The owner has never had a mishap. The pieces from the wreckage were picked up- 2 sheriff boats and a DNR boat out there trying to keep 500 feet from the barges- thanks again to the cops for helping out- Meinhardt/Manning have talked to owner many times- questions? What happened? What do we owe him, don't want it to happen again. Did shoot off 70 % of the shells but only 50 % of the show- 2 of our barges were destroyed, we are going to pay 50% of the fireworks, but we still have not paid anything yet. We have two leads on a few barges. We are going to look at all options. Trying to avoid this happening again. We are going to look at a different way of hooking the barges. - if we do it differently we would have a better show. Will make it harder on the sheriff's to protect the area, this will also take more time. Look at possibly at two different places. Not many agree to the two locations. Thanks to Manning and Meinhardt and many more conversations to come. . Will do the show next year for the same price- question/comment- the board should make the decision. Not just the opinion. Comments on the sat before or not – questions- any environmental blow back up- we don't think so. But we will retrieve the stuff at the bottom of the lake-

What about the 3rd versus the 4th. Will do a survey to see what everyone thinks. For many reasons. Questions- just appreciate the efforts that the board makes a great show- thank you. To the board.

Directory- Eaton- comments- if you have any changes please let me know ASAP. The directories will be delivered on Memorial Day as usual- always look for new advertisers.

Membership – Kanitz- - 261 members – last year we had 288 members at this time. Goal this year 300 people. We did raise the dues \$10- so the money was not a huge reduction, but we would like to have everyone join. Love to see the placards in the window. Question- find it convenient to pay on line- was not working but we will resolve that. Had one member join today.. Love to see the placards.

Goose Relocation – Engle-62 geese on first run- they didn't bunch up so missed the 20 that are still here, we had lots of help- potential of 82 geese because we didn't get them last year. Can only round up within 2 weeks time period. Had 7 people on ground, and 12 pontoons. Takes lots of help. 11 adults-5 babies, 46 juveniles- the removal people said that they have 3,000 moved geese that they would like to see moved to soup kitchens and serve two purposes.

Public Safety – Meinhardt – see above reports- township contracts are with the county to cover the officers no recent break-ins.

Water Quality – Kanitz-lake got scanned June 17th, the lake treatment will be next Tuesday the 12th. Email was sent out to show the dates, they should be no swimming on July 12 to ensure safety. Please give us your email if at all possible. 10.75 acres down from 13 acres that need to be treated. \$5000 raised from our members, Cost 4500-5700 to do the treatment 3000 to scan and make sure the only spots that need it are to be done. One before and one 6-8 weeks after- \$800 for the permit. Kanitz still does the tests as a volunteer for the other water tests. We are short about 2500 for the water treatment. Please join us in protecting the lake, top 15 of the lakes for quality. We must maintain the lake to keep our property values and the tourists that bring in the money to help the community. Warning to jet skis not to play where the milfoil is because you break them off and they took route. Brought back from the water conference tons of brochures, please help yourself.

The areas that need to be treated are new areas then last year – so we are trying to contain it. July 15th will have the MSU DEQ boat wash at the landing, so please take advantage of that. It is free to us, please take advantage of that. The state of Michigan has many invasive weeds, we have to be aware

On Line/Website- Kopchick- if you have anything new, let him know.

Township- Morgan- there is a blight ordinance in Montcalm county- they do have a complaint form that can be completed-and can be used for blight. They do respond very quickly, local DDA- had some trees that were in the way, they may have dwarf trees, they are looking to put up new signs – crystal park they have made improvements- the fence is down. The Avery/Patten memorial is there and there will be plans next time – hopefully never needed again but with a bit more regulation.. No new discussion on garbage pickup- comment- trying to make it equitable for the price for the summer people only.

Newsletter – Hepburn-next issue around Aug 1st deadline is July 15m comments and send suggestions. Still printing and mailing- would rather send electronically, and then can eliminate the cost and we could get it in color and no limit on pages. Thanks to Hepburn and Kanitz for all their work on it.

Facebook- Eaton/Kanitz 722 friends.- try to spread info on the face book. -

REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Buoys on huge rocks- see above

Sign at the corner of Sydney/Pine Grove- done - need some weed control. Question-Should we put pressure on township to do swim buoys. Not there this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Questions- is there an ordinance for docks- answer no there is not. At some point you need a marina permit. Check with Michigan.gov and go to the marina section. Question- water level- it is court ordered when it is to be adjusted.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS- S. Hepburn will nominate Meinhardt, Manning and Eaton agreed to run again. Open floor to nominations- Chalmers said no- Deb Moumee nominated. And second. Moved her 3 years ago. Nominations closed- by acclamation the 4 of named will be on the CLA board.

ADJOURNMENT Manning made motion, Hepburn seconded , PASSED 11:46 am