

CLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday March 9, 1:00 pm Shepard Bar
MEETING MINUTES.

CALL TO ORDER: Meinhardt –called to order at 1:00 pm

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: Meinhardt,, Manning, Kopchick, Ayres, Dorch, Eaton, Morgan, Mc Neil

EXCUSED ABSENCES:- Engle

Unexcused : none

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Sat. 8/18/19 at Roth Residence Roth made the motion, , Ayres seconded, , PASSED with minor changes.

Guest Speakers: Grant Jones, from RLS (*Restorative Lake Sciences*), filling in for Jennifer, she will be overseeing everything but Grant will be doing the surveys and the inspections. They will be raking and then using GPS to mark it and then when back in the office, they will follow up from the report. We have a 5-year agreement with them to hold their prices. Grant gave us a lesson on the species in the lake and what is native to Michigan and we don't worry about what is native. The *hybrid Eurasian water milfoil that has crossed with native milfoil* is the one that is harder to kill. The first of May the process will start with the southern lakes and then move north. Mid may is when you will be able to see the culprits in Crystal. Last year we had about 6.4 acres and that is less than previous years. We are heading in the right direction with our process.

The chemicals that are used are approved by federal EPA and they have to sign off on the chemicals and they put the restrictions on it as to amount used, then it has to be signed off by state DEQ as well and then they have to add the restrictions on the labels. They do not spray on Fridays. The canal committee (separate from CLA) has contracted to have all the weeds in the canal treated due to the nature of the canal. This is not a problem in the rest of the lake due to the depth. There is a natural weed at the bottom of the lake called chara. This is the weed that comes up with your boat anchor. This treatment does not kill the fish. Grant will let us know when they will treat the lake so that we can have people ride along if there is anyone that wants to do so. Grant touched on funding available through the state and there is none available at this time.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

President- Meinhardt- First off wanted to say thanks to Kent for offering his bar for a meeting. Thank you to Grant for coming to talk to us about the lake treatment. Meinhardt looked into the property lines over by Engle house and they have a lot of frontage, of the opinion that it is not likely they will get a permit for the marina use where the dock is located now, but if they move it, very possible to get a permit. The homeowner will more than likely not going to apply for a permit. A lot of conversation about the situation but at this time CLA will not be doing anything further. The neighbors have brought the issue in front of the township board.

Vice President-Ayres- No report at this moment

Treasurer: Morgan- From 8/18/18 to 3/8/19 we have a loss of \$563.60 . This is normal for this time of year. The income statement balance sheet as of 3/8/19 shows \$35,559.54- budget and actual difference of \$2040.03 big difference is that we are in a time frame crunch. We are not in a money budget problem at all. Reminder we had the donations from Eddie Cusack family, and it went to the water quality. The rationale for the water quality budget was a percentage of the lake acreage. Manning motion to accept treasury report, Ayres seconded, PASSED. Meinhardt to check Aplos for access for Ayres and this was done. In Aplos can we accept money such as PayPal. Morgan to check into it.

Secretary: Eaton- agenda and minutes are out for the board approval.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fireworks: Manning /Roth- Manning reports we are switching over to Trident Tech owned by Jack Stutting. We have the brochures and the contract. Manning talked to Bill Collins- (previous shooter) many times and Bill has decided to step back, he doesn't have a shooter and doesn't have a license anymore. Trident is from Greenville and also does the race track fireworks. We told him the budget, and he guarantees we will have a show that we will be proud of. \$8800 is the budget number. He adjusted the show to match our price. Manning spent a lot of time and effort to ensure that we have a great show. Trident wants to have a shooter on the barges. Roth made a Motion to enter into contract into the firework show for \$8800 Dorch seconded, PASSED. . Manning and Roth will check on barges and make arrangements. Thanks to Manning for his diligence in completing this task.

Water Quality- Lake treatment, contract, funding. Joe had asked Grant to come to the meeting. Kopchick is going to Lansing March 15, 2019 for a conference on starry stonewort. Kopchick motioned to pay Restorative Lake Sciences up to \$15,000 for water quality, Manning seconded, PASSED. They are being paid today \$1500 for the overview and management of the program with continued sampling in Sept 2018 that was submitted to grand rapids. The next sample will be the 3 weeks after the ice is off the lake. Kopchick needs to get registered for water testing with MiCorps (Michigan Clean Water Corps). Asap and will continue to do the samples throughout the summer. There is a website that you can check to see where we are in comparison to other lakes in Michigan, he will go on the boats with RLS when they do the samples. Thanks to Kopchick and Kanitz for the help.

GOOSE ROUND UP-Engle/Manning- mailed out the application for the nest destruction. Roth is going to go in Grand Rapids on April 4 for nest destruction training. Manning went last year and is still certified. Roth will take care of the nests that are on the island. Manning explained the process last year of the training, appears to be very relaxed but necessary to complete.

DIRECTORIES: Eaton- Next year Eaton will change the invoicing program so that it says proposal on the paperwork that is sent out. All past advertisers and many new ones have been sent the information at this time. Eaton to make sure that Morgan receives an invoice with all checks.

MEMBERSHIP: Ayres – she has her goal at 300 for this year. She spent a lot of time last year going over to the campground to get them to join. Proposal to offer the heights and the campground a lower amount but based on past experience it may not be a good idea. We will wait to see if any other ideas come forth.

ONLINE: Kopchick- Meinhardt did check with Amy M. and they were not able to help with the website.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Waiting on a bill to find out what our portion of the bill will be for sheriff patrol. Officer John Russel is back, and we are so happy. There are 3 new officers this year.

TOWNSHIP: - There is a new officer covering Crystal Twp and it is Nick McConell and he was the former boat patrol officer. Information -only the township is opting out of the medical marijuana ordinance. Lots of conversation of the redoing of the Crystal park and possibly move the beach area, and place a transient dock to where the beach is now or near where the old palladium was located. There is a five-year plan hopefully funded by state and federal funds and possible private donations. Anti-funneling ordinance-we need to hold off bringing the ordinance to the township. Dorch to continue with more information. 9/2012 is the last time it was brought up to the township. In November 2018 the township bought 6 more buoys.

FACEBOOK: Eaton to appreciate the help from Kanitz in also getting information to the site.

NEWSLETTER:- McNeil needs articles March 25th for the newsletter. Looked into postage for saving due to nonprofit status but if we were approved it would be almost 4.7 years to pay off the expenses. Ayres to send article regarding membership which is very big in the spring newsletter. Engle to send In something for goose roundup. Water quality- Kopchick, Manning fireworks. Will be an article about where does our money go using graphics. Also, possible include the article on the freeloaders. Need dates of what is coming up. Check with Engle to see if he will sponsor again. Or possible other advertisers. Ayres made a motion to charge for advertising in the newsletter at the following rates, \$400 for full page, \$200 for half page, and \$250 for front page banner page Dorch seconded then an Amendment to motion was presented by Ayres \$500 for full page, \$300 for half page and \$350 for front page banner, PASSED. Need to have to the printer by April 1st.

REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES: Township dock is now a mute point due to the township park proposal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Eaton to drop off the flags that we had the poles to make sure.

NEW BUSINESS: -

ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned 3:56. Motion by Ayres, Seconded by Dorch. PASSED

**NEXT MEETING -
June 1, 2019 at 10: 00 am. At Ayres residence.**