

Crescent Lake District

Annual Electors/Owners Meeting – 08/20/2022

The Crescent Lake District (CLD) Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. CLD Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Gehrke, Jim Ketterson, Bob Thome, and Maria Rudesill were present. Also present were 55 electors/owners. This meeting was properly posted according to Chapter 33 and Open Meeting laws.

A motion was made by Alan Janssen to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes. Jim Binder seconded. The motion PASSED.

Tim introduced the current Commissioners with Tim as Chairperson with a three-year term, Jim Ketterson as Treasurer with a two-year term, Jim Gehrke who is finishing his one-year term, Bob Thome, appointed by Oneida County and Maria Rudesill, appointed by Crescent Township. As part of his opening statement, Tim reviewed the history of the CLD from its inception via the Crescent Lake Association to the current meeting. He encouraged everyone to visit the CLD website where they can see upcoming meeting notices and read the minutes from past meetings. Tim continued with thanking the many volunteers who have been an important part of the CLD efforts, including the fellow commissioners, Connie Anderson, Ryan Peterson, Alan Janssen, Donna Stone, CLA Board, Terry Goldbach and AIS team, DASH Boat volunteers, Cindy Hermel, Larry McKitterek and firework volunteers, Boat Inspectors, and Jim Gehrke, as he retires from the CLD Board of Commissioners. Tim then explained the guidelines for voting eligibility and explained the two votes, one for the budget and the other for the new commissioner.

Tim introduced Terry Goldbach to give an update on the 2022 EWM treatment and results. He shared that the Crescent Lake treatment, at 66 acres, was the largest in the surrounding counties and the largest ProcellaCor treatment in the state. It was extremely successful. The EWM was dramatically reduced (as in “it’s gone from the areas that were treated”), and the native plants moved back in and are doing well. Terry shared that the DASH Boat didn’t run this year due to lack of divers, but that we were able to contract with Aquatic Plant Management from Minocqua to do some DASH work, which was done by the boat launch and didn’t yield many plants. There were a couple of DNR studies that accompanied this year’s treatment. We are waiting on the results for the minnow tests and water samples.

Jim K gave the Treasurer Report. He thanked Terry G for the hours put into the recommendations for the CLD decisions. Due to gifts from the Crescent Lake Association, the CLD was able to treat more acres than what was originally planned. Jim walked owners through the 2022 budget and spending. Tim shared that the finances are audited by a qualified member of the community. Tim reminded the owners that the state requires the budget to be set before the actual plant surveys can be done in the fall, making the budget our best guess based on what we can currently see. He also reminded the owners that the CLA gift was a unique situation and future budgets do not depend on potential gifts.

Terry shared the plan for 2023. It is based on a current estimate, but that the fall plant surveys will determine what the actual 2023 treatment plan will be. Terry and the AIS team anticipate needing to treat the Boat Landing area and northern shores as well as east of the 2021 treatment area, and to the south of the Bible Camp, but before you get to Southshore are that was treated in 2022. With 7.4 miles of shoreline, 19,150 feet have been treated since 2019. This cost a total of \$144,365.00 in just chemical.

A whole lake shoreline treatment will be researched and information / potential plans communicated at a later date.

Jim presented the 2023 proposed budget, which reflects the need to continue maintenance treatments to keep the growth of EWM under control. Increases from the 2022 budget include chemical cost (up do to inflation), DASH Boat expense to cover worst case scenarios of contracting it out, and a contingency fund for unanticipated expense.

Clarifications were made on the 2023 proposed treatment acreage, as well as total acreage from past years (2019 – 15 acres, 2020 – 11 acres, 2021 – 21 acres, 2022 – 66 acres). Jim G clarified that the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant is a reimbursement grant.

Jim G made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Alan Janssen seconded the motion. Budget passed at 54 in favor, 1 opposed.

Dave Schwanz introduced himself as a candidate for the open commissioner position. Out of 53 remaining electors/owners, there were 52 votes in favor and 1 ballot was not filled out.

After a discussion on the need for volunteers, Dave Schwanz volunteered to learn grant writing from Cindy Hermel.

Several members of the electorate shared public comments:

- Gary Spleha shared that he felt the DASH Boat is a waste of resources because it is spreading EWM around. He asked if money could be saved by not using it and put that money toward treatment.
- Jim Gehrke thanked the Board for its work and for being part of it.
- Sue Weith shared that she was worried about the roads that go around the lake as no one will stop by the stop sign near her home.
- Alan Janssen shared the need for educating people who own wake boats as to the impact it has on the lake shore and bottom.

The Annual Meeting for 2022 will be held the same weekend next year, dates will be posted on the website once the meeting space is confirmed. Regular Commissioner meetings will be quarterly, posted in two locations (Town Hall and County Courthouse) and will be posted on the website.

Jim G motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jim Binder seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, Secretary (08/20/2022)