

Cranberry Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes August 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Bill Landvatter, Vice-President, in the absence of President Dick Brock.

Members present were: Sue Saxhaug, Cathy Hamilton, John Hamilton, Steve Linn, Carole Linn, Bill Landvatter, Michele Bergstrom, Barb Howland, Ken Kasun, Dennis Kasun, Cal Stoutz, Laurie Stoutz, Larry McKeon, Dave Hessel, Dave Damro, Linda Damro, Mary Keane, Marv Kalmbacher, Bill Marohl, Chrysa Murphy, Dean Bordeaux, Chuck Berg, Nancy berg, Hance Phillips, Rena Phillips, Bill Welch, Scott Hanley, Marty Rosenthal, Jim Hanrahan, and Bill Lochte. Total in attendance: 30

Bill Landvatter welcomed all to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Native Plant Protection Pledge was explained in detail and circulated for signature. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated.

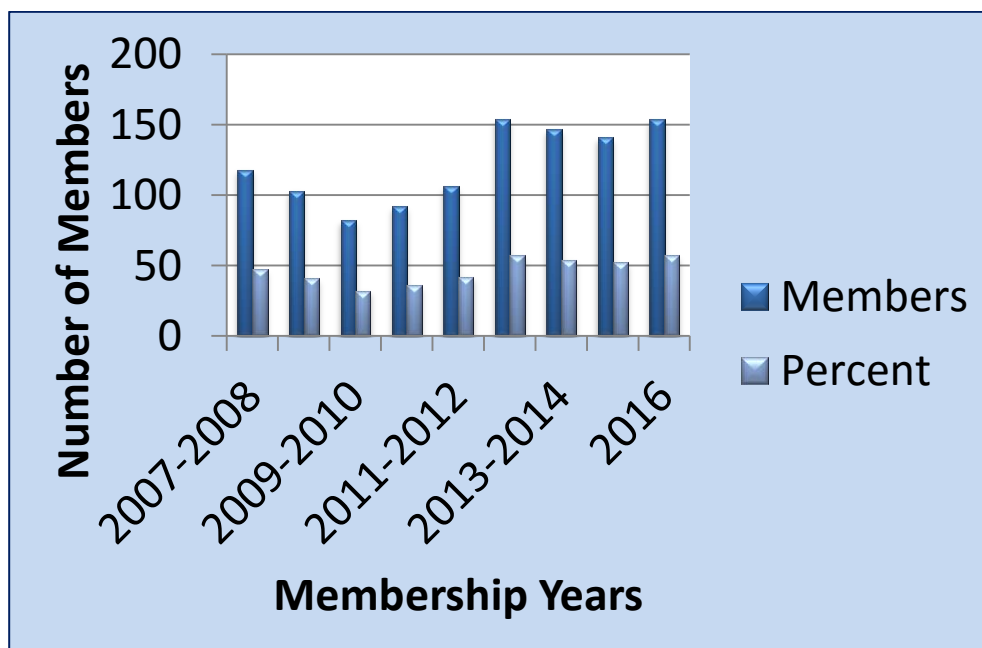
Motion by Ken Kasun to approve minutes of August 1, 2015 Cranberry Lake Association meeting, second by Jim Hanrahan, followed by vote. All ayes. No opposing votes. Motion carried.

A PowerPoint presentation was utilized throughout the meeting to reinforce key points.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Sue Saxhaug. Income and expenses were explained in detail. Balance in treasury as of January 1, 2016 was \$42,022. As of June 30, 2016 net income \$2,757, expenses \$941. Balance in treasury as of June 30, 2016 was \$43,838. Copy of said report is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Jim Hanrahan; second by Steve Linn; followed by vote. All ayes. No opposing votes. Motion carried.**

Sue explained the Cranberry Lake Association donation to the Eagle River Chain Buoy Program.

Carole Linn presented the membership report in the Power Point presentation. As of August 5, 2016 there are 154 members of Cranberry Lake Association which represents 57% of riparians.



She indicated there are 269 property owners on Cranberry Lake – 204 in Vilas and 65 in Oneida. Cranberry Lake Association sends our newsletter and communications to an additional 26 persons who are family, friends, and campers at the Chain of Lakes Campground, for a total of 295.

Bill Landvatter introduced and welcomed Bill Lochte, ERCLA President.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Bill Lochte discussed three key issues that confront ERCLA at this time:

- Difficulty securing long-term leadership
- Membership recruitment
- Confusion about the roles of ERCLA, individual lake associations and the Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission (the Commission).

Bill stated that at a strategic planning session with Eagle River Chain lake leaders, a number of ideas were generated to address the situation. A conclusion was reached that consolidating and simplifying the structure is necessary to ensure continued success of efforts to preserve and protect the Eagle River Chain of Lakes.

Consolidation will result in a clearer identity, a unified message, a pooling of leadership and resources, and simplified dues.

Bill outlined the proposed new structure and the steps needed to make it a reality. No changes will be made without stakeholder input and support.

An open forum followed. Attendees asked questions and offered comments.

After the presentation, he called for a show of hands of all in favor of proceeding in this new direction. Support was unanimous. He asked for a show of hands of those opposed to proceeding in the new direction. No hands were raised.

Bill stated Catfish Lake Association approved a donation of \$10,000 to help with the transition.

Steve Linn conducted the election of board of directors. Slate of candidates:

- John Hamilton
- Carole Linn
- Vacant position

Steve Linn explained Sue Saxhaug will not be continuing on the board of directors for another term. This also leaves the office of treasurer vacant.

Chuck Berg offered to fill the vacant board of directors' position and office of treasurer. He has financial experience with non-profit organizations.

Motion to nominate Chuck Berg as a candidate for the board of directors; second by Jim Hanrahan; followed by vote. All voting aye. No opposing votes. Motion carried.

No other nominations from floor. **Motion by Laurie Stoutz to accept the slate of candidates; second by Bill Marohl; followed by vote. All voting aye. No opposing votes. Motion carried.**

Carole Linn provided an update of the 2016 EWM management program on Cranberry Lake and the Eagle River Chain. There was no herbicide treatment this year. Professional diver hand-harvesting of EWM was conducted on Voyageur Lake in July.

Carole Linn discussed the wetland plants of concern monitoring program being conducted on the lower chain and Cranberry Lake. Yellow iris, purple loosestrife, and yellow loosestrife are being mapped and monitored.

Jim Hanrahan explained some growth patterns of yellow loosestrife.

Sue Saxhaug provided an update on the Eagle River Chain Lake Management Plan, including goals and actions which are summarized in the chart below:

Current chain-wide management goals

1. Maintain current water quality conditions
2. Lessen the impact of shoreline development on the ERC
3. Actively manage existing & reduce the likelihood of further AIS establishment within the ERC
4. Continue & expand awareness and education of lake management and stewardship matters to ERC riparians and the general public

Carole Linn utilized the PowerPoint to show the grant funded shoreline restoration project completed at her residence during the summer of 2015. She encouraged Cranberry Lake riparians to consider a shoreline restoration project.

Michele Bergstrom announced CLA gear is being sold at a 50% discount, and encouraged members to purchase their gear and show their support of CLA.

An open forum followed in which attendees asked questions and offered comments.

Next meeting date August 5, 2017 at 9AM at the Lincoln Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Minutes by Carole Linn, Secretary.