

Cranberry Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Dick Brock.

Members and others present were: Dick Brock, John Hamilton, Michele Bergstrom, Chuck Berg, Tom Atchison, Jim Hanrahan, Bruce Scott, Sharon Scott, Bob Lind, Kathryn Lind, Bill Marohl, Steve Linn, Sue Saxhaug, Dave Damro, Linda Damro, Christopher Soltis, Dave Hessel, Peggy Bixler, Cal Stoutz, Chrysta Murphy, Cathy Hamilton, Sean Hamilton, Michael Queoff, Dean Bordeaux, Nancy Berg, Terry Baker, Mike Hilborn, Hance Phillips, Rena Phillips, Susan Catania, Katie Hessel, Carole Linn, Tonia Atchison, and Marv Kalmbacher. Total in attendance: 34

Dick Brock welcomed all to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board of Directors introductions.

Quorum was verified.

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

The proposed dissolution of Cranberry Lake Association and consolidation with ERCLA was a major focus of the meeting. Chuck Berg, member of the transition team, provided an overview of the proposal utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. The process and timeline was discussed.

All Cranberry Lake Association members received by mail a copy of 1) the resolutions of members approving the plan of complete liquidation and dissolution and 2) agreement and plan of complete liquidation and dissolution. Copies of said documents are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth.

Chuck stated he would ask members of Cranberry Lake Association to approve the plan of liquidation and dissolution.

Chuck stated the Cranberry Lake board of directors voted to restrict the use of some of Cranberry Lake Association treasury funds for AIS and Lake Management projects only. Chuck read aloud the modification of the agreement and plan of complete dissolution below:

\$40,000 of the net assets so distributed to ERCLA shall be restricted by ERCLA to be used only for treatment of aquatic invasive species and lake management projects. The agreement and plan of complete liquidation and dissolution of Cranberry Lake Association is contingent upon ERCLA's acceptance of these conditions.

Mike Hilborn, member of CLA, suggested requiring an additional signature to assure funds are used solely for AIS/lake management projects.

Chuck Berg showed and explained ERCLA's financial plan.

Terry Baker, CLA member, suggested an audit of ERCLA financial record. Chuck Berg stated he would present this to the ERCLA board of directors.

In view of ERCLA's new structure, Steve Linn questioned if a revision of ERCLA's mission statement was foreseen. Chuck Berg stated no revision of ERCLA's mission statement is needed.

Mike Hilborn urged all Wisconsin residents contact their local representatives in the Wisconsin legislature to stress the importance of funding AIS management efforts.

Bob Lind, CLA member, asked if there was a provision in the agreement with ERCLA to prevent lake district formation in the future. Chuck Berg replied there is no lake district provision in the agreement.

Jim Hanrahan, CLA board member, asked what percentage of ERCLA's treasury is spent on aquatic invasive species and lake management projects. Chuck responded 10% at this time.

Sue Saxhaug, CLA member, questioned a provision in the agreement "Either one of the foregoing individuals may take such actions, without need to obtain the signature of the other individual." Chuck affirmed that is the case – either individual (Dick Brock or Dave Tidmarsh) may take such action.

Motion by Mike Hilborn to approve the resolutions of the members of Cranberry Lake Association approving the plan of complete liquidation and dissolution; second by Steve Linn. No further discussion. To assure only one vote per membership family, one member was asked to stand to represent the family and cast one vote for the family. One member requested Steve Linn cast his proxy vote. 22 members voted "aye." 1 member voted "no" via proxy. Motion carried.

Sue Saxhaug reminded the group that CLA never voted last year to dissolve but did support the concept of consolidation with ERCLA.

Approval of the agreement and plan of complete liquidation and dissolution is signified by the approval of the above referenced resolution.

Chuck Berg introduced Tom Atchison, lake captain representing Cranberry Lake on the ERCLA board of directors. Tom provided an overview of the role and responsibilities of lake captain. He urged Cranberry Lake residents contact him for any issues or concerns.

Jim Hanrahan asked what process will be used to select future lake captains. Chuck stated no process is in place.

Motion by Sue Saxhaug to approve minutes of August 6, 2016 Cranberry Lake Association meeting, second by Susan Catania, 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 Chuck Berg. Income and expenses were explained in detail. Balance in treasury as of January 1, 2017 was \$48,178. As of June 30, 2017, total income \$3,790 and total expenses \$2,271. Balance in treasury as of June 30, 2017 was \$49,697. Copy of said report is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Sue Saxhaug; second by Bill Marohl; followed by vote. All ayes. No opposing votes. Motion carried.**

Carole Linn presented the membership report in the Power Point presentation. As of August 3, 2017, there were 137 members of Cranberry Lake Association which represents 51% of riparians. Membership number is down this year probably related to the proposed consolidation with ERCLA.



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.

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

- Dick Brock
- Tom Atchison
- Michele Bergstrom
- Jim Hanrahan

No nominations from the floor.

Motion by Bill Marohl to accept the slate of candidates; second by Nancy Berg; second by Nancy Berg; followed by vote. All voting aye. No opposing votes. Motion carried.

Carole Linn provided an update of the 2017 EWM management program on the Eagle River Chain. There was no herbicide treatment again this year. Professional diver hand-harvesting of EWM will be conducted on Voyageur and Watersmeet Lakes. A DASH (diver assisted suction harvest) unit will be used on Scattering Rice Lake. Maps were shown of all harvest areas. EWM is increasing in the Burnt Rollways channel. The area will be closely monitored.

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 locations were documented with GPS coordinates by ERCLA volunteers in 2016. The data was sent to Vilas County mapping department where maps were generated. Letters were sent to property owners where these invasives were documented which provided information on the species and measures that could be taken to control them. Maps were shown.

Carole discussed the Vilas County boat decontamination program which is in the preliminary stages of development. It is hoped the program will be functional in 2018.

Carole advised the group the Vilas County Sheriff is patrolling the Eagle River Chain on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Citations are being issued. Question from Bob Lind on who has responsibility for patrolling the Oneida County portion of Cranberry Lake. CLA will follow-up for clarification and reply to Bob Lind.

Carole updated CLA members on status of the ERCLA lake management plan. It is currently in the final phase, phase 4, with data gathering on Yellow Birch and Watersmeet Lakes. Phase 3 lakes will meet with Onterra this summer to discuss results on Otter, Lynx and Duck Lakes. Goals of the plan are:

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

Michele Bergstrom announced CLA gear is being sold at a 50% discount.

An open forum followed. No additional questions/concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Minutes by Carole Linn, Secretary