

Crooked Lake Texas Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Jim Roberts.

The minutes of the 2015 meeting were read and approved.

President Roberts was pleased to report that our Annual Meeting tonight had more attendees than Eagle Lake's did.

Vice President Russ Walters gave an update on the CLTA Website. He said it would have updated information, a list of lake activities, and information on our lake water quality.

Treasurer Rodney Nimtzt reported total membership as of 6/25/16 as 102 members. He explained the membership card for using the boat ramp at the Crooked Lake Market. He thanked Mike and Dana Beals for their cooperation in using this system.

Treasurer Nimtzt reported that as of 6/23/16 the association had \$4,412.95 income from dues and interest. As of this evening, the association had spent \$881.74. There is a cash balance of \$14,764.99. Expected expenses for the rest of the year include: the Purple Loosestrife Project, Fun Day, the Boat Parade, Insurance, newsletters, postage, flyers, and supplies.

Secretary Rod Krapf provided a review of safe boat operations which included a reminder to follow the No Wake Buoy in the channel, having an observer when towing anyone who faces aft, and maintaining a distance of 100 ft. from docks, swimming areas, rafts and other boats. He also reminded residents that boat traffic is counter-clockwise around the lake. Jet skis, a.k.a. personal water craft, cannot be operated by anyone under 14 years of age, and the maximum speed on the lake is 55 m.p.h. A lake resident said much of the unsafe boating behavior he had observed came from people temporarily renting properties and suggested that we post boating and lake rules in those properties.

Guest speaker Scott Brown, the Executive Director of the Michigan Lake and Stream Association, gave a presentation on invasive species. He said the reason for their success is that Michigan has nice, clear water with lots of calcium carbonate. He told about the harm done by invasives to the native fish and plants.

Director Chuck Buxton presented the criteria matrix that he and Directors Dan Shugars and Neil McCormick had developed to keep track of data from our Laminar Flow Aeration Project.

Jennifer Jermalowyz-Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences, our limnologist, reviewed the reasons for LFA and gave a progress report on our efforts thus far. She showed a photo of an odd plant found by some residents and said it was a fresh water bryozome and was a sign of good water quality. She showed maps of how and where measurements are being taken. She said the shift from green and blue-green algae to diatoms was good progress. Aerial scans showed there was more bottom hardness.

John Tucci of Lake Savers, our contractor for Laminar Flow Aeration gave a report on his company's activities. Air lines in the Cove were cut by a boat and had to be repaired. He had

reduced the noise pollution from the large compressor at the Crooked Lake Market, but the new configuration had resulted in a build up of heat which melted the air line. It is now fixed and working. On July 4th, there was a hydrogen sulfide smell at two of the diffusers. He swapped out the aerators with a new style which resulted in better operation which killed the anaerobic bacteria producing the smell. He was considering adding 5 more aerators in the North Basin. He encouraged residents to call him if they detected any bad odors.

President Roberts reported that lightning had struck our well. It has been fixed with new wiring and well bearings and is pumping more water than ever. A resident asked if the lake level was getting too high, and President Roberts responded that he'd already turned off the pump.

Arleigh Smyrnios, our Purple Loosestrife Project Chair, stated that our beetle campaign has been very successful. There are now almost no Purple Loosestrife plants on the lake. She also called for volunteers to help distribute the pots of beetles which eat the plants.

Secretary Rod Krapf gave a report on the scheduled Boat Parade and Fun Day. Committee Member Lesa Newby added that the first 10 registrants for the Boat Parade would get a certificate for a Crooked Lake Market pizza and a new Crooked Lake T-Shirt she had designed. Committee Member Jen Abnet added that a band had been hired to perform at the market for Fun Day.

Vice President Russ Walters led the election / re-election of CLTA Board Members. Chuck Buxton, Helen Lemmer, Rodney Nimitz, Jim Roberts, and Dan Shugars were all re-elected.

Bob Page, publisher of Texas Township Living, invited residents to send him information on upcoming events and on events that already occurred. He wants to keep everyone informed and build a sense of community.

President Roberts informed the meeting that he was creating a Welcome Committee for new residents. A lake resident asked if the board could publish a directory of lake residents. Vice President Walters said we could publish it on the web site, but there are issues of privacy with phone numbers and email addresses. A show of hands indicated there was much support for a printed hard copy of a directory.

Under Member Concerns, one resident wanted to publicize that it was not a good idea to put grass clippings and leaves in the lake which will rot and make more muck. Several residents echoed issues with the rental units on the lake and the bad behavior of some of the tenants. Someone asked if this was a township issue. Director Dan Shugars suggested that the CLTA Board meet with the Eagle Lake and Pretty Lake Boards and attempt to address the problem collectively with the township board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.