

# **Crooked Lake Texas Association**

## **2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 27, 2015  
Texas Township Hall

(These minutes will be read for approval at the May, 2016 Annual Meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President Jim Roberts.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

President Roberts announced that Lake Association Board member Tina Rogers had resigned due to accepting a new job in Washington State. He had appointed Chuck Buxton to replace her on the board for the remainder of her term.

In recognition of her close work and cooperation with the Lake Association, President Roberts presented Crooked Lake Market owner Sharon Rafferty a gift certificate for a Texas Township restaurant and a framed photo of the market from the 1920's.

President Roberts then announced that the new market owner, Mike Beals, had told the board he going to continue to work with the Lake Association to monitor the boat launch passes. He was remodeling the interior of the market and planned to continue offering pizza, sandwiches, and smoker meats.

Treasurer Rodney Nimtzt reported that as of this evening we had 88 members with more coming in, and he was confident we'd reach the same membership level as last year.

Treasurer Nimtzt then gave his report on our financial status. As of this evening, we had \$14,160.18 in our cash balance and we were \$2,270.13 under budgeted expenses for the year. The report was approved as presented.

Secretary Rod Krapf gave a presentation on boater safety, the sheriff's patrols, and what lake residents can do to inhibit invasive species. Most important is to always wash boats and trailers thoroughly if they've been in other bodies of water. This can be done at a drive through car wash.

Board Member Dan Shugars who served on the Laminar Flow Aeration committee presented the evaluation matrix the committee had worked out with input from John Tucci of Lake Savers and our consultant, Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences. He presented the process and factors used to develop the matrix, for example, the lake changes with the seasons; there are 4 different basins in the lake; each basin will have multiple samplings; the State Department of Environmental Quality has requirements for measurements; and our own goals of weed control and muck

reduction. After 30 months of aeration, there will be lots of data to make a decision to continue the Laminar Flow Aeration, to modify it, or to eliminate it. He was asked if the data would be available on the Lake Association website. Vice-President Russ Walters answered that the website was a work in progress. The board will discuss how to get the information to members whether it be through a renewed website, newsletters or Facebook.

Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones reported that the first sampling of the year would be on June 1. She will issue a report to the Board before the end of the year comparing her baseline readings with the 3 samples she will take.

John Tucci of Lake Savers told the meeting that there were currently 30 aerators operating around the lake. They won't be moved unless they're not working well in a particular location. He was asked if it was OK to drive boats over the bubbles. He replied that boats weren't a problem at all, but that anchors dragged on the bottom could be. If boaters hook a hose, they can simply drop the hose. If they hook a diffuser or the bubbles change, they should call President Jim Roberts and him.

He answered another question by saying that the lake is already very clear and that aeration won't make it cloudier. There are 35,000 feet of air line on the lake bottom. When the water is warmer in June, he will add beneficial bacteria to aid in muck reduction. Some of the bacteria will survive the winter, and he will evaluate next year if he would need to spot re-apply more.

President Roberts told the members that the well has been checked and maintained by Peerless Midwest and is currently pumping 991 gal/min or 1,427,040 gal/day. It would pump more if the aquifer level was not down. The lake level since April 2 was up 5 1/2 inches.

Arleigh Smyrnios, chair of the Purple Loosestrife Committee, brought a sample plant from the beach at President Robert's house. She said you could identify loosestrife by its square stem when it wasn't blooming. She explained the beetle program and reported that they were hard at work eating the loosestrife. She asked for donations to buy even more beetles and for volunteers to help distribute them around the lake. She also brought a sample of garlic mustard so members could identify it on their own property and either eat it or destroy it.

Secretary Rod Krapf gave a report on Fun Day which will be held on August 8. There will be boat races, kids' games, face painting, a pot luck which will feature pulled pork supplied by lake resident Chef Saxon White, and a live band, Zion Lion after dinner.

Board Member Dot DeYoung reported that Action Gear, a store near Fletcher's, owned by lake resident Yvonne Hackenberg and her son, has items with a Crooked Lake logo--bags, hats and shirts.

President Roberts reported the nominations for directors on the Lake Board for the coming year. Five candidates from the current board whose terms were up were nominated for the 5 positions and were elected by the membership. The re-elected Board Members are: Dot DeYoung, Rod Krapf, Neil McCormick, Susan O'Connell, and Russ Walters.

Under New Business, Board Member Susan O'Connell said that noise from trash pick-up and snow plowing trucks begins at 5:30 A.M. A lake resident complained about this to the township board and was told it was OK for trucks to start that early by ordinance. Was there anything the Crooked Lake Township Association could do? Township Board Member Trish Roberts said that members could come to the June 8 Board Meeting and support a later start. The public comment times are at the beginning and end of each meeting. Residents could also write letters, but she believed that people presenting their concerns in person mattered more than letters or emails.

President Roberts on behalf of the CLTA Board commended Jim Hackenberg who was retiring from 20 years of service and accomplishment to Crooked Lake as past president, website manager, lake level monitor, Fun Day kid game organizer, and good neighbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.