
Annual General Meeting

Crane Lake Association

July 14, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees

Darlene Cade, Ross Fraser, Monica Gemeinhardt, Bruce Sanderson, Brian Harris, Fred Nagy, Steve Neugebauer, Alysha Ferguson, Oliver Woodburn, Gary Mueller, Carolyn Ferreira, Steve Ridout

Agenda

Call to order - D. Cade

- Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm
 - Darlene requested that participants use both 'chat' and 'Q and A' buttons to communicate during the meeting and added that we would try to keep the business meeting short
 - She reminded participants that only those with paid memberships could vote
 - Quorum was confirmed at 7:40 pm
 - Darlene noted that we miss our members from the USA and that we hope to resume face to face meetings when possible
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- Crane Lake was selected by the MNRF to conduct a special test of the fish in the lake. Approximately 1800 fish were tagged which included small mouth bass and Muskie. Based on the results of the study, the MNRF estimates that there are 100,000 fish in Crane Lake
- She reported that all of the condo units were sold and introduced Frank and Vivian, the new owners of the marina
- Darlene identified that the video project was completed and thanked Gary Mueller for all of his work on this project

Minutes of the July 14, 2021 AGM - C. Ferreira

- Bruce Sanderson moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Monica Gemeinhardt
- Approved

Treasurer's Report - S. Neugebauer

- Steve noted that the CLA's financial records and statements were reviewed by Marilyn Schreiner and approved by the board
- Prior to the AGM, membership fees had been received from 96 members. Income from membership fees is split 60/40 between the Operating Fund (60) and the Capital Fund (40)
- He reported that there was \$11,126 in the Operating Fund and \$48,974 in the Capital Fund as of the date of the AGM
- With the forecast for additional income and expenses, the Operating Fund is expected to finish the year at \$10,564 and the Capital Fund at \$48,274
- Bruce Sanderson moved approval of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ross Fraser
- Approved unanimously
- Darlene noted that we monitor costs etc. very carefully and added that if the Fire Boat needed to be replaced, it would require most of the money in the Capital Fund
- A participant asked if the membership fees could be reduced and Darlene replied that the board would discuss this option

Appointment of Directors - F. Nagy

- Fred stated that all of the current board members have agreed to stand for the 2021/2022 board
- Fred asked if there were any additional nominations and none were identified
- All members were acclaimed

Fire Committee - B. Sanderson

- Bruce noted that there was an early 'high fire hazard' rating by the Township given the extremely dry Spring. He noted that fire bans may be the 'new normal' as an effect of climate change. He suggested that it would be prudent to save the webpage of the Township to easily check the fire hazard rating. Bruce reminded members that fireworks are only allowed at 3 times during the year and that the fireworks season is now over.
- Bruce reported that there were two forest fires to date in our area, both were about 15 km from Crane Lake. The number of forest fires have increased over the last 3 years with 263 by this date in 2019, 378 in 2020 and 594 in 2021. Not a good trend. He noted that the number to call for both structure fires and forest fires is 911.
- Thanks to one of our board members, Steve Ridout, the CLA received several donations of equipment for the fire boat from the OPP including an LED emergency light bar, some LED perimeter lights and an electronic siren. The CLA will donate \$150 to the OPP Youth Foundation in appreciation of these donations.
- Bruce encouraged members to practice with any of the CLA fire pumps for an hour and noted that we should be respectful of the property owners at the pump locations.

Fire and Water Safety - O. Woodburn

- Oliver reported that the 2021 Regatta is cancelled due to COVID for a second year. Two replacement activities have been planned: a Fire Safety Quiz which can be completed online from July 26th to July 31st and a Fire Pump Poker Run on July 31st from 12 pm to 3 pm. Additional information will be communicated via the CLA website. Prizes will be presented to the winners.
- He noted that a CLA committee has been developing and communicating 'Fire Safety Tips' via eblasts and the CLA newsletter.
- In addition the committee is developing a ' Fire and Water Safety' flyer for members to print out and post at their cottage. It will be available to download in the near future.

Regatta - S. Neugebauer

- Steve reported that the 2021 Regatta is scheduled for August 1st at 11 am. There are plans for two races - a Championship Race and a Junior Championship Race. He asked participants to confirm their interest to him via email so that he can determine if there are enough juniors. The races will take place in the north end of the lake.
- Steve asked for volunteers to assist on the day of the race. Please confirm your interest via email.


Water Quality - G. Mueller

- Gary reported that the unusual rainfall has changed the water clarity.
- He noted that the 'Bugs in the Mud' activity scheduled for July 22nd will provide some valuable information about the state of our lake.
- As a result of COVID, water testing facilities were closed for a second year.
- Steve Ridout will be assuming the responsibility for water testing.

Lake Map Update - M. Gemeinhardt

- Monica, Alysha and Bruce are working to update the map of Crane Lake. Ross also assists as a backup technical person as needed.
- Consents are being acquired for the legend that will accompany the map. Only those who provide their consent will have their names included in the legend.
- Monica noted that members will receive periodic reminders over the summer. The deadline for legend consent is September 30th.
- The committee's goal is to distribute new maps in 2022.
- Monica noted that Bob Ferguson is producing 'cutting' boards with a map of Crane Lake that can also be customized. The proceeds from the sale of the boards will support the production of the new maps. To date, 9 boards have been spoken for with 16 more available. She thanked Bob for his very kind support.
- Darlene added that updating the map requires a great deal of effort and thanked the committee for their work.

Councillor's Report - I. Mead

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- Ian was asked about when repairs will be made to Blackstone/Crane Lake Road. He noted that 10 years ago the TOA contributed \$100,000 to resurfacing the road. Seguin plans to redo the road in 2022.
 - Ian commented on the presentations at this AGM noting that they were 'professional' and 'refreshing' and that he is proud to be our councillor.
 - Darlene thanked Ian for all of the work that he does on behalf of his constituents.

Watersheds Canada Grant Funding - R. Fraser

- Ross reported that the CLA submitted a proposal and } received \$500 of grant funding from Watersheds Canada. Plants that improve our natural shoreline were purchased and distributed to those interested.
- Ross also noted that the Crane/Blackstone calendar group is asking for photo submissions. Photos will be selected to be included in a 2022 calendar. The proceeds will be donated and split between both lake associations.

Adjournment

- Bruce Sanderson moved to adjourn the meeting, Fred seconded the motion.
- The AGM adjourned at 8:45 pm