

Cochran Lake Management District

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2020, 7pm

Conference call

Attendees: Warren Johnson, Maggie Jungwirth, Rick Schwai, Scott Craven, Sig & Mary Kaminski, Don Schmitz

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Old business - Minutes of last meeting approved.

Agenda Item #1 - Walleye Stocking Proposal

Approved to present for **vote at annual meeting**. Newsletter will include article to prepare for vote. Rich Halfpap will present background, proposal and costs. Annual budget will include stocking, to be decided at meeting.

Agenda Item #2 - Annual Budget

We will prepare a budget to bring to **vote at the annual meeting**.

Proposed expenditures are:

- Website hosting - \$100
- WI Lakes Assoc. - \$100
- Walleye stocking - \$TBD
- Stones to fill around boat landing strips in lake - \$TBD
- Attendance fee for 2021 Lake Assn. Conference - \$TBD
- YAMM Mail Merge - \$20

Change or keep annual assessment amount? **Vote at the annual meeting.**

Agenda Item #3 - Email Test

Maggie reports that of the 45 emails sent less than 11 were unopened. Rick thinks it will be trackable to see if attachments are open (ie newsletter). We tested with free version, Rick proposed spending \$20/yr for full version. Don suggests that maintaining two email lists will be problematic, and that the Google Discussion Group delivery is consistent, and that other factors contribute to people saying they do not receive the emails. It was decided to try this program with reporting to find out who is/is not opening our emails, and follow up with people who do not open emails to verify their address.

New business -

1. Rick asks for a volunteer to apprentice with him for the Citizens Lake Monitoring and attend the refresher course Tuesday, April 7th 10-11:30 in Rhinelander. Maggie volunteered Alan, and Sig agreed to go as well.
2. Rick suggested someone attend the WAL Conference in Stevens Point - Wisconsin Waters 2020. It offers a great deal of learning about lake ecological systems, and you get an appreciation for our lake.

<https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/convention/default.aspx>

3. Sig proposes the Fishing Contest be held on Saturday, July 4th this summer. **Vote at the annual meeting.** Details and entry form will be in the Annual Newsletter.
4. Annual Meeting will be held same weekend, location, time. May 23, 8am, Pike Lake Fire Station. Will be posted online and in the Annual Newsletter. Sig will reserve the hall for us.
5. Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, which counts also as the second quarterly meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2020, 7pm

Conference call

Attendees: Warren Johnson, Maggie Jungwirth, Rick Schwai, Scott Craven, Frank Sevcik, Rich Halfpap

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Old business - Minutes of last meeting approved.

Agenda Item #1 - Adding additional gravel around concrete slabs boat landing. Scott Craven said it was a reasonable thing to do, he thought the landing was rough last fall when he used it. Others did not think it was this spring.

Differed to **vote at annual meeting.**

Agenda Item #2 - Price Electric spraying.

Rich Halfpap contacted PEC and found the overhead and underground areas will be sprayed, and requested they do not spray his property. He suggested that we send a letter from the CLMD district requesting no spraying around the lake properties, to prevent any chemicals leaching in to the lake. Scott Craven said he didn't have a problem with them spraying around the boxes. He suggested everyone should have the option to respond individually, and not have CLMD represent a group position. Maggie suggested sending a CLMD email reminding neighbors to respond before June 19, to raise awareness. Rich will work with Maggie to draft a letter that she will send from CLMD as a public service announcement.

Agenda Item #3 - Adopt-A-Road report

Mark LeGrand sent in this update on 5/28.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the following volunteers that helped keep our area roads beautiful this spring:

Sig and Mary Kaminski

Ann Davies

Rick and Doreen Dittberner

Maggie and Alan Jungwirth

Rick & Pat Schwai

Mark and Myra LeGrand

Plus, I would like to do a shout out to Ray Schave who not only helped me understand where Trail 901 off Shady Knoll is located-he put the knocked down sign back up.

We all can enjoy the uncluttered picturesque landscape because of your efforts

New business -

3. Walleye stocking update from Rich Halfpap.
He has talked to DNR about suppliers, and stress factors while stocking. He got an estimate from a fish farm in Dorchester. Rich's new neighbor has experience with stocking which was shared, which included creating rocky habitat. Frank said there is silt at the mouth of the creek and the bay is mucky, which used to be sandy. Rick questioned why we want to do the stocking, citing past experience. The walleyes reduced the bluegill population, and they walleyes don't survive long term. Rich suggested it's valid to have walleyes in the fishery. Frank suggested there are other lakes nearby to catch walleye. The stocking costs will be presented, and decision is still set for **vote at annual meeting**.
4. Boater disregarding no wake sign.
Frank Sevcik stated a lake guest was seen speeding around the lake. There was discussion as to what could be done to dissuade this from happening. Maggie suggested no wake buoys, Frank knows the challenges of regulating buoys, they are a liability and residents can't move them. A reminder of the no wake policy will be given at the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Cochran Lake Management District Annual Meeting Minutes

Sept. 5, 2020, 8AM

In Person Attendees: Warren Johnson, Maggie/Alan Jungwirth, Rick/PatSchwai, Frank Sevcik, Rich/Ann Halfpap, Jeff/Carlene Bauer, Rick/Doreen Dittberner, James Filer/Nadine Love-Filer, Mark LeGrand, Brain/Donna Mandt, Jason/Kristi Probst, Dave/Dennis Cooper, Sig/Mary Kaminski

Phone Attendees: Scott Craven, Mike Buchna

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am

Minutes of last annual meeting approved.

Introduction of new residents

Don Tornberg introduced himself. He and his son John are year round residents of lot 31, formerly Reiders. Jim filer and Nadine Love-Filer introduced themselves, they are residents of lot 63, formerly Shaves.

Secretary's Report

Maggie Jungwirth said the property owners list has been updated from the county website, and we have 5 new residents, soon to be 6. She gave the dates and number of attendees for each quarterly meeting this year, and encouraged everyone to participate in the call in meetings. She said due to low attendance, it was difficult for the board to make decisions for the group. She said a gmail account was created this year for CLMD business, cochran.lake.district@gmail.com which allowed tracking open rates. Three emails were sent for each meeting as well as two advisory emails.

Treasurers Report

Warren Johnson gave our account balances, and submitted a proposed budget. Approval was requested for gravel for the boat landing, website hosting, dues, meeting printing costs, and walleye stocking pending vote. It was decided to keep the CLMD tax levy at \$25. Budget approved and will be published.

Town Representative

Bonnie Salm attended the meeting. The condition of Twin Lakes Road was discussed. Rick S. suggested less grading on Cys Drive, to allow for grading of Twin Lakes Road. Bonnie said she would suggest it. Frank Sevcik said he talked with tribal leaders about their willingness to chip seal Twin Lakes Road.

Committee Chair Reports

Water Quality - Rick Schwai

Rick S. explained we are members of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, and we record data readings weekly. Fewer water samples were collected this year due to Covid-19. The lake condition is weather dependant. High temps this year caused a blue-green algae bloom and effected clarity. The level changed only 2" this summer. due to good drainage. The lake is maintaining a good condition.

Adopt-a-Road - Mark LeGrand

Mark thanked everyone that participated in the clean-up this spring, and said that the clean roads add to the beauty of our area. He will be sending an email shortly about the fall clean-up.

Fisheries - Frank Sevcik

Frank observed numbers of perch, bluegills, bass, northern, but not many crappies this year. There are not many walleyes, they are not reproducing. There are some huge northern and plenty of bait fish. Sig recommended flattening barbs on hooks and using strong 12lb or braided line to preserve or fish populations. Pat added not to leave any monofilament in the lake because the the great harm it can do to the loons and other wildlife.

Communications - Maggie Jungwirth

Maggie said the annual newsletter was sent in February, and thanked everyone who contributed to it. She encouraged everyone who is willing to contribute to next years newsletter any time of the year. She talked about open rates for the CLMD emails, which ranged from 32-62%, and conjectured what the reasons could be for the low open rates. Email addresses were verified at the meeting, and she suggested adding the email address to a safe senders list. The Google Group discussion board was not very busy this summer, and she encouraged people to use it.

Fishing Contest - Sig Kaminski

Sig said there was no fishing contest this summer due to Covid-19. We will decide in the Spring next year if there will be one in 2021. Past fishing contests were described.

Old Business

Aquatic Plant Survey - Rich Halfpap

Aquatic plant surveying was done to identify if the weeds are increasing, moving around, and if there are any invasive plants. Rich and Mark Luoma took the ID classes and did the sampling in summer 2019. In 2018, Mark Luoma and Stan Kmecick took the ID classes. He described the laborious process that was required to take the plant sampling. It was very labor intensive, and samples were required from a dense grid, making a sample point every 10 yards. Due to weather and volunteer availability, about half of the lake was surveyed. No invasive species were found during sampling. Rich submitted the results to the DNR, and is waiting back to hear if partial results will be accepted. Frank observed there were 3 weed beds in the lake when they first moved here. Rick S. asked if there was a way to do a smaller sampling, Rich said he would ask the DNR. Sig stated that broken off weeds replant themselves, and Pat suggested best lakeshore practices to reduce runoff. Best practice brochures from UW Ext Lakes were available at the meeting.

New Business- Vote Items

a. Walleye stocking proposal - Rich Halfpap

Rich presented his proposal for stocking walleyes in the lake and supplied a handout. He gave the history of walleye stocking in the lake, and discussed what he learned from talking to the DNR about the prospect and process. He said there are enough bluegills to support a walleye population, but they would likely not be self-sustaining. The proposed stocking cost would be \$1,250. Rick S. countered the proposal, and shared a handout with data about bluegill populations. He said the original intent was to reduce bluegill population, and that has been done. Frank, Sig and Scott added to the discussion. Jason Probst suggested boosting the small mouth population. Rich called the vote, Mick Buchna seconded. The group voted NO.

Don Tornberg suggested further research into the possibility of finding another source to pay for the fish. The issue, with any new findings, will be taken up at the next quarterly meeting.

b. Dissolve Water Quality Committee - Rick Schwai

Rick S. proposed dissolving the water quality committee that had been formed mainly

to address the algae problem several years ago. Rick S. and Alan are still taking CLMN readings, and the algae is no longer a problem. The committee can be reconvened as needed. Rick S. called the vote, it was seconded. The group voted YES.

c. 2020 Lot assessments - Warren Johnson

Warren asked if we wanted to keep the \$25 lot assessment. He called a vote, it was seconded. The group voted YES.

d. Proposed CLMD annual budget - Warren

Warren called a vote to approved the proposed budget, Maggie seconded. The group voted YES.

e. Boat Landing Improvements - Warren

Warren called a vote to approve the total costs for driveway gravel at the boat landing. In addition gravel will be purchased to shore up the landing in the water. Warren called a vote, Maggie seconded. The group voted YES.

f. New resident welcome - Maggie asked if anyone was willing to be the new resident welcomer. Sig volunteered.

g. New board member. Nominations for the third board member were requested. Rick Dittberner volunteered. Warren called a vote to approve Rick D., Maggie seconded. The group voted YES. Rick D. will serve for three years on the board. The semantics of a “board member” versus a “president” were discussed. Warren, Maggie and Rick D. will maintain records and fill roles required by the by-laws.

Non Lake District Business

Little Free Library - Maggie Jungwirth

Maggie said the LFL was put up August 1st. It is stocked full so please check it out. She plans to keep the library open in the winter, when people may be reading more. She asked for help shoveling a path to the library in the winter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Warren, Maggie seconded. Group approved. Meeting was closed at 10:30AM.

*Submitted by Maggie Jungwirth
Board Member, Cochran Lake Management District*