**CRYSTAL LAKE- PERCH LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Summer July 8, 2017**

**TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:**

X Ann Love, President; x Bob Conn, Lakes; x Marty Mulloy, Secretary

X Stan Kirkwood, Treasurer; x Jim Tetreault, VP; x Mary Lou Suarez, Special Events

X Chuck Hopkins, Roads

**Call to Order**: Ann Love at 10:00AM, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introduction of New Property Owners:** Lot # 138 Steve and Denise Schlotz

**Approval of Fall Minutes:** Motion toapprove the minutes –Rachel Massey; Seconded – Glen McCraken

**President’s Report and Board Nominations:** Ann requested nominations to the Board – we have 3 positions opening up. Chuck Hopkins, Jim Tetreault and Ann Love’s terms have come to an end. Chuck will continue to work on the roads but would prefer not to continue on the board. Jim Tetreault is planning to spend more time in Florida and recommended someone with a greater presence in the area serve on the board and Ann Love agreed to remain on the board but would prefer a new member volunteer so she can devote more time to her family (congratulations on the birth of her grandchild!). A round of applause by the members for the time and effort put forth by our three board members demonstrated everyone’s level of appreciation.

Mela Belle and Rick Applegate were nominated and unanimously approved by the membership – congratulations were exchanged. However, we are searching for another nominee. Over the coming weeks the board will be working to find another member that is interested in serving. There will be more to come on this issue.

**VP Report (Jim Tetreault):** Jim said he was proud to serve on the board and appreciate everyone’s enthusiastic appreciation.

**SECRETARY REPORT (Marty Mulloy):** Marty asked everyone to make sure their email address was up to date. More and more of our communications are via email, it is essential that we have an up to date email address for each property owner.

Marty acknowledged the great work done by Ryan Carmody and Mela Belle in developing the latest Newsletter on the crystalperchlakes.com website. All property owners were encouraged to visit the site – and send useful information to Ryan and Mela that could be posted to the web site.

Lastly, Marty thanked Ryan Carmody, Ann Love and Rick Applegate for being Good Neighbors. Through their collective efforts, they helped avoid his residence from burning down as a result of downed power lines that caused a fire to the Mulloy’s home. The members with a rousing ovation noted their unselfish actions.

**TREASURER’S REPORT (Stan Kirkwood)**: Our present checking account balance is $29,997 with an additional $55,000 in savings. At the present time, 5 of 125 (4%) of the lakes members have not paid their Road Dues.

Stan presented the budget – Chuck Fifield moved to approve the budget and Jim Tetreault seconded the motion. The budget was approved by the membership.

**ROADS REPORT (Chuck Hopkins):**  Nothing significant to report since the Spring meeting – however, we would like to give special thanks to Dick Johnson, Michael Holden and Rick Applegate for their contribution in maintaining our roads. Dust control has not been an issue because of the rainfall.

**Special Events (Mary Lou Suarez)**: Mary Lou reminded everyone of the summer picnic that starts at noon-4pm. She recommended that we have more prizes for the Boat Parade since some children were disappointed they did not get a prize.

**Lakes Foundation (Dave Vanderworp and Tom Lieblein):** Dave also mentioned the successful Kids Fishing Day – he said the kids loved the fishing caps that were donated by Knutsons.

Dave attended the Michigan Lake and Stream Association Conference -- Dave gathered a great deal of data and is using the information to assist in managing the lakes. The number one issue he cited is the aquatic weed starry stonewort. Dave also mentioned his participation in the Michigan Shore Line Association – he gathered very useful data in establishing a healthy shoreline. Sharing the data on the web site was discussed and warmly encouraged by the members.

Tom mentioned that he was not continuing as Treasurer of the Foundation. He suggested his replacement be someone that is living full time in the area.

The Foundation balance is $10,298, up from $7,186 last year. A total of 63% of members contributed to the Lake Foundation general lake fund, 30% opted to have individual treatment and 40% contributed to the fish stocking initiative.

Cheryl Bias asked how could we not be disappointed in only 63% contributing to the Lake Foundation. Mike Faul made a motion to make Lake Foundation contributions mandatory. Judy Moskus seconded the motion and the members approved the motion to investigate making the Lake Foundation contribution mandatory like the Road Dues.

Expenses for the year: $405 cutter boat, $10,300 weeds treatment, $4,845 individual lot treatment and $3,141 fish stocking.

In February or March lake dues will be mailed out -- Rachel Massey suggested that we implement on-line payments. This alternative will be evaluated.

**LAKES REPORT (Bob Conn):** Bob stated that our Lakes Budget going forward is $14,000. The Lakes Foundation Committee and the Board, led by Bob as the Lakes Board representative, are working together to develop an optimal plan that is fair and provides funds to care for our lakes. One idea that has been discussed is revising the present fee structure. Currently individual lot treatment is $150, lake contribution is $100 and donations to the fish stocking is $25. A potential alternative is Individual lot treatment $100, lake contributions $150 and $25 for fish stocking. The committee is working to make a final recommendation by the Fall Members Meeting.

A stake has been driven on Marge Lieblein’s shoreline to measure the lake’s water level on Crystal. This will assist the Foundation and Bob in determining how to manage our beaver issues.

Bob requested that all members clearly place their lot number on their boats. If you see suspicious boats check to see if there is a lot number – if not, call Bob and he will follow up.

Suggestion was made to place a P or C with the lot number to help identify watercraft that is not authorized to be on the lakes.

Rick Applegate reported on the Kids Fish Day – He thanked Dave and Nancy Van Vanderworp for making their place available to host the event. The day was a great success with the kids learning a good deal and enjoying themselves immensely.

Members have reported numerous carp sightings. Bob and Rick said the Fishing Committee is developing a plan to limit their numbers. More information will be forthcoming on this issue.

Over the winter spawning beds will be created for Walleye and Small Mouth Bass.

Suggestion was made to create a chart on the web site that shows the: fish species, spawning water temp and location of the spawning. The chart would serve as a guide to avoid fishing in those areas while fish are spawning.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ann Love and Roxana Hopkins noted the up coming Township meeting on July 18th concerning the potential Altec storage facility. Dan Stevick cited several engineering issues with the proposal. After some discussion it was determined that it is best to wait to see how the Township rules before we jump to any conclusions on the project. One last suggestion was made – consider using Jacob’s barn to store the equipment.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Roxana Hopkins made a beautiful quilt that will be auctioned off at the picnic. Proceeds will be contributed to the Lake Foundation.

Chuck Fifield mentioned that Lake Lee Ann and Lake Columbia are going to have a Canadian Goose round up – they are captured and shipped to Alabama for release into the wild. Cheryl Bias said she would make the contact with representatives Lake Lee Ann and Lake Columbia to learn more.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Denise Schlotz and seconded by Terry Bias; approved. Meeting adjourned @ 11:30 AM.