

Long Crooked Lakes Association
Annual Meeting
June 30, 2013

4:30 p.m. Potluck and Social Hour
5:30 p.m. Meeting

Introductions: President Jim Sorenson introduced himself, VP Greg Koenigs, Sec/Treas Lin Marie and the rest of the Board of Directors – Bob Payne, Ken Bachofer and (not present) Liz White and Brian Nicolausen. Residents in attendance (approx. 42) introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Lin Marie reported \$3,969.96, up from last year's \$3,530.84 in bank. Membership dues collected since last year's annual meeting was \$510, which equaled 25 households. Total misc. funds paid out was \$130.88.

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's Report and 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes.

DNR Hydrologist Niki Blake-Bradley outlined what a natural environment lake, such as Long & Crooked, is and what services the DNR offer and that she would welcome any calls or visits for help on shoreline management and any kind of water permits.

Other topics she talked about included:

- Request of a volunteer to check water levels and left cards with her number.
- The importance of buffers as a filter and hindrance to fertilizer runoff, and left regulation and vegetative information re shoreline management and buffers.
- Dock sizes, permits and fees.
- Acceptable beach sand blankets sizes and permits for larger ones or if requires vegetation excavation or constricts fish spawning.
- Rip rap, including permits, erosion issues, filter products, slope guidelines and other alternatives.
- Aquatic Invasive Species, including leaving brochures.
- Shore Impact Zone, water quality and vegetation.

No-Wake Buoys. Ann Ackerman brought up concerns re new buoys in channel saying "danger" instead of "no wake." Discussion ensued re consideration and process to get "new wake" ones again, which would involve first contacting Niki Blake-Bradley at DNR and then Sheriff. Ann Ackerman made a motion to start the process, Greg Koenigs seconded, and motion was passed.

Parking Signs. Jim Sorenson gave update on new parking signage near public access. Upon questions, Ann Ackerman said they were enforceable and that the sheriff could be called. Bob Payne mentioned that patrols have been stepped up.

Township Report. Jerry Finch reported that potential rain garden near access, previously discussed, is no longer an option, as area is not large enough. Also, two township zones have been altered to allow chickens with registration and certain standard compliance.

Beaver/Muskrat Report: Ken Bachofer reported that the trappers took 180 muskrats out last fall, that more have now appeared, and they will trap again this fall. There is no charge for this. Also, as a result of new beaver damage this spring, after removing 2 last year, the trappers recently acquired a special permit from the DNR to trap out of season and removed 3 beavers from the Long Lake Lagoon.

Loon Report: Ed Meyer reported that the Long Lake pair had one chick. It was also noted that the Crooked pair lost one nest and was still tending to its second.

Water Clarity: Ken Bachofer presented water clarity graphs from this year and several past.

Aquatic Invasive Species: Niki Blake-Bradley covered much of AIS information, but Bob Payne brought up that the new fishing manual has AIS information, including that 38 lakes in Wright and Stearns counties have AIS and provides cautions to help avoid spread of AIS. Commercial use of the access by Z-Marine was brought up as a concern for AIS spread but was determined not an action item at this time.

Miscellaneous.

- Jim Sorenson suggested joining the watershed district
- Reminder of annual Fourth of July boat parade.
- Lumley property sold to Jeff Drowned. 156 acres for \$500K. Original asking price \$1.2M.
- Jim Steinkraus, neighborhood watch captain, reported all is good and people are watching.
- Road resealing and speed bump were briefly discussed. Jerry Finch invited all to Township meeting to further discuss.
- Lake levels and outlets were again brought up. Dave Weeres explained high water marks further. Ann Ackerman explained township's role in road culvert and what association and residents can do. Jerry Finch suggested talking to Niki Blake-Bradley if more questions.
- A reminder to pay member dues was made.

Officer Election. Nominations and motions were made, seconded, and passed for new officers elections. Results:

- President – Greg Koenigs
- Vice President – Bob Payne
- Secretary/Treasurer – Dan Torgersen
- Four additional Directors will be appointed by the Board.

Adjournment. A motion was made, seconded, and passed at 7:09 p.m. to adjourn meeting.