



2020 Winter Membership Meeting Notes

Meeting Called by: Gary Nereson, President
 Attendance: Approximately 29 residents

Date: Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020
 Location: Legacy School

CLAA Board Members:
 Dan Jared
 Grant Schmalzer
 Julie Jared
 Melissa Sandeen
 Katie Grandell
 Joel Friday
 Dan Anderson
 Brian Graves
 Sharyn Mantel

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:00 pm
 Notes by: Julie Jared
 Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00 pm

:Guests: Justine Dauphinais, Coon Creek Watershed District
 Britta Dornfeld, Coon Creek Watershed District
 Jessica Abarca, Anoka County
 Emily Johnson, Anoka Conservation District
 Cheryl Seeman, Master Gardener, Andover
 Brad Greskowiak, Coon Rapids Council Member

Topic	Discussion	Decisions
Call to Order	Gary Nereson, CLAA President, hosted meeting.	Informational.
Welcome and Introductions Gary Nereson, CLAA	Gary Nereson introduced guest speakers and the members of the Crooked Lake Association board. Gary Nereson welcomed all guests and invited them to introduce themselves. Lake residents introduced themselves stating how long on lake.	Informational.
Open Microphone	Open Microphone was offered. CLAA member raised concern regarding of lots of lily pads adjacent to her property on Crooked Lake and stagnant storm water along her shoreline. The board will follow-up.	Informational.

Approval of minutes of 2019 Winter General Mtg Julie Jared, CLAA	Julie Jared briefly read minutes from the 2019 Winter General Meeting. Copies are available on website: https://www.cooncreekwd.org/claa	Minutes were approved.
Treasurer's Report Grant Schmalzer, CLAA	Treasurer's Report was prepared and read by Grant Schmalzer. Grant discussed the 2019 Financial Statement, explaining total income and expenses in 2019.	Treasurer's Report was approved.
Audit Report Grant Schmalzer, CLAA	Grant Schmalzer read the 2019 CLAA Audit Report which was prepared by Paula Foley-committee volunteer. CLAA has migrated to QuickBooks per 2018 audit recommendation.	Audit Committee Report was approved.
Elections Gary Nereson, CLAA	Gary Nereson facilitated elections. Multiple CLAA board positions were up for re-election. The following board members were elected for a two-year term: President – Gary Nereson (re-elected) Vice President – Dan Jared (re-elected) NE Quadrant Leader – Katie Grandell (re-elected) SW Quadrant Leader – Melissa Sandeen (re-elected) Andover City Watchdog – Dan Anderson (re-elected)	Approved by audience
Brief History of CLAA Operations and Partners Gary Nereson, CLAA	Gary Nereson provided an overview of CLAA Operations and very successful enduring partnerships with the Minnesota DNR, Coon Creek Watershed District, Anoka County and the Cities of Coon Rapids and Andover.	Informational
2019 AIS Treatment Recap and 2020 Expectations, Grants Gary Nereson, CLAA	Gary Nereson discussed the 2019 Crooked Lake treatment activity and shared 2020 expectations. He recapped the highly successful EWM experimental treatment in 2016 that we still benefit from, and that is attempting to be replicated by lake associations across the country following our lead. After just a bump treatment in 2018, scientists found one single EWM plant in 2019 , which a lake resident graciously pulled out of the lake floor.	Informational

Imagine
Crooked
Lake in 2020

Justine
Dauphinais,
CCWD

An article in the June 30, 2009 CLAA Newsletter looked to the future of Crooked Lake in 2020, and dreamt of clean water. Justine presented how CLAA is doing against our 4 priorities from 2009. The results are that Milfoil is under control, Curlyleaf Pondweed is stable, we have no new Aquatic Invasive Species, native plants have rebounded, water quality has improved, and lake levels are good! Justine concluded that Crooked Lake is in good shape, 2009 vision accomplished!

Informational

The image shows a screenshot of a newsletter and a poster. The newsletter header includes "Volume 3, Issue 1" and "SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER". The date is "June 30, 2009". The newsletter title is "CROOKED LAKE area association". A sidebar lists "Special points of interest" including "Planning on Clean Water", "Minnesota Waters 2009 Lakes and Rivers Conference", and "Crooked Lake T-Shirts and". The main article is titled "Planning on Clean Water" and discusses a plan for 2009-19 based on scientific and historical information. The poster below is titled "2009-19 Management Priorities" and lists four items: 1. Aquatic Invasive Species, 2. Native Aquatic Plants, 3. Stormwater Pollution (non-point source), and 4. Lake Levels. A silhouette of Crooked Lake is on the right.

Anoka County Update and Watercraft Inspections

Jessica Abarca, Anoka County

Jessica Abarca shared updated inspection data for 2019, see below. Anoka County is hiring water craft inspectors, a great outdoor job. The “Starry Trek 2020” volunteer event is being held August 15, 2020, all are encouraged to join the search for Starry Stonewort in Anoka County.

	Inspections	Hours	Inspections per Hour
May	210	84	2.50
June	400	153	2.61
July	412	199	2.07
August	260	142	1.83
September	82	60	1.37
October	0	6	0
Total	1,364	644	2.11

Boat Plug Violations		
Month	Violations/ Entering Boats	%
May	3/120	2.50
June	14/251	5.58
July	13/249	5.22
August	7/142	4.93
September	5/45	11.11
October	0/0	0
Total	42/807	5.2%

Plant Violations		
Month	Violations/ Entering Boats	%
May	4/120	3.33
June	7/251	2.79
July	8/249	3.21
August	3/142	2.11
September	1/45	2.22
October	0/0	0
Total	23/807	2.85%

Informational

Chloride
(Salt)
Monitoring
and Use

Britta Dornfeld,
CCWD

Britta presented “Crooked Land and Chlorides - What chloride pollution is and ways to prevent chloride pollution & other forms of pollution in Crooked Lake!” We learned that 1 teaspoon of salt can permanently pollute 5 gallons of water. 50 MN lakes have too high of chloride levels, which harms aquatic life; Crooked Lake is not one of them. We need to keep up the good work. 5 easy steps to minimizing Chloride are 1) shovel first, 2) select the right product, 3) scatter appropriately, 4) sweep up leftovers and 5) use a certified contractor. Different products are best at different temperatures and Britta discussed each. Using and re-using sand was recommended, as well as wearing traction cleats for walking instead of salting.



A 12 ounce coffee cup holds 1 lb of salt, enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares

Salt granules should be scattered with a 3" spread between them

If it's sunny & wet, don't scatter at all!

Citizens can volunteer to check salt levels of local waterbodies and report to CCWD. Britta reminded us to take care of our storm drains and that there is an Adopt-A-Drain Program residents can participate in. Remember, “Only Rain Down the Drain!”

Lakeshore Landscaping

Emily Johnson, ACD and Cheryl Seeman, Master Gardener

Emily and Cheryl presented “Lakeshore Landscaping - Designing your Lakeshore Oasis”. Proper lakeshore affects 6 things:
1-Water Quality: how murky, brown, green or slimy the water is
2-Fisheries: whether there is a thriving fish community in the lake or not
3-Wildlife Habitat: whether there is a place for birds, butterflies or other wildlife to enjoy the lake as we do
4-Treating, preventing erosion: preventing the loss of your property into the lake due to erosion, wave action, ice heaving
5-Nuisance Wildlife: making your lakeshore undesirable to wildlife such as geese
6-Aesthetics: how the lakeshore looks from a boat as well as how it looks to you looking out onto the lake

Answers lie in plants. They act like a huge net or goalie stopping grass, fertilizer and pet waste from getting into the lake. Leaving plants in the lake helps fisheries.

Cheryl Seeman’s Crooked Lake Shoreline:

Success Story



How did she accomplish this beautiful shoreline?!? Cheryl hand-removed vegetation she didn’t want, because using chemicals would negatively affect the lake. She started planting and saw what thrived. Then she started to see the return of animals and pollinators – there is always something to watch from her porch. She shared that there is ALWAYS a happy medium. There is something that everyone can do, but it doesn’t all have to be the same thing. Variety is good, and depth and interest in lakeshores adds to the lake’s beauty. Conditions will be different on different properties, so what works well for you may not work well for someone else. Some plants do well while others may not. It’s about finding what does work, experimenting, and asking your neighbors.

For lakeshore restoration help and grants, contact Emily Johnson, 763-434-2030 x17 or Jamie Schurbon 763-434-2030 x21. There will also be an animated video this spring to help you be a great lakeshore steward!

Christmas Lighting Display Presentation, Participation Drawing and Winner Announcement

Julie Jared, CLAA

The CLAA Christmas Lighting Contest entries were displayed by Julie Jared on the screen to the tune of Jingle Bells, and the winner by committee and by Facebook Likes count was announced to be Dan and Ginger Anderson!!! The winning entry is depicted below. Dan and Ginger won a gift card to Kendall's, a CLAA t-shirt, official bragging rights, a homemade wood-burned "gold medal" that doubles as an ornament, and most importantly Dan Anderson also took possession of the one-of-a-kind, custom **TRAVELING TROPHY** born of the woodworking talents of CLAA Member Dean Keller!! The traveling trophy has an area at the bottom that displays names of each year's winner (2017 Bergan Family, 2018 Jared Family, 2019 Anderson Family) as well as has a very special memorial angel on it in memory of little Eve Bartlett, "Always BelIEVE".

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The Great CLAA Christmas Lighting Contest Winner 2019 – Dan and Ginger Anderson

	 <p>Grandell Family Entry</p> <p>The contest also awards a prize to a randomly drawn participant. This year the participation award winner was the Grandell Family! The Grandell's won an Applebee's Gift Card for their beautiful entry.</p>	
<p>Door Prizes</p> <p>Grant Schmalzer, CLAA</p>	<p>Grant Schmalzer presented Dell Fertig with an exciting door prize of an autographed baseball. The baseball was donated by SPIRE Credit Union!</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Thank you to our CLAA Sponsors</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjourned at 9:00 pm.</p>	<p>Adjournment was approved.</p>

Retired List of Officers and Phone Numbers:

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Respectfully submitted: Julie Jared