

05/30/20 Meeting Minutes

Attendance – 18

Minutes – approved Rick Williamson 2nd Ken Emmeck

Treasurer's Report – Approved Jeanette Nelson 2nd Ken Emmeck

- Total 3702.15
- AIS -389.0
- General 4091.15

Notes: \$924 for boat ramp inspections, \$251 for website fees, \$264 for COLA dues

AIS –

Curly Leaf Pondweed –

- DNR will not give us a permit for any more of the lake treatment the temp of the lake is too to put in
- Didn't have any thorough inspections of western basin, but early spring it was pretty clean. Expect those to be the highest growth areas

Watercraft Inspection Program –

- We paid \$924 (1/3 of the bill) again this year.
- We do not currently have Veliger's (Zebra mussels) but Leech Lake and 10 Mile lakes do
- . 832 inspections and 544 hours
- There is a free decontamination station in Park Rapids (South on Hwy 71 near landfill). Call for a free appointment if wanted

Campground will be opening June 1. Docks were about half in at time of meeting. Talked about putting notices in the bathrooms again pertaining to lake etiquette. CWC will not be taking campers this year, but is open to resort cabins. Pixie Point will not be opening this summer due to Covid.

Outlet of 11th – concrete structure with grates on the top. The top was plugged with stick and debris. Scott will contact DNR Doug Kingsley 732-4153 about maintenance. DNR used to take care of it, but now its up to local landowners. There has been a lot of talk that the outlet structure in current form will be removed this summer, so more to come.

Website –

Volunteer Programs -

Water Quality Monitor –

- Completed 5/17/20.
- doing Zebra Mussel veliger sampling in June & July
- <https://www.rmbel.info/lakes/> has the results of the lake testing we have done. Results will also be linked on website. Generally we see 14' secchi disk readings early in season, and 19-20' later when plants are up and growing. This is quite good!

COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) News –

- <https://www.hubbardcolumn.org/>

Website –

- Our Website is Crowwing11.org
- Scott is now able to login. Next amount due will be Jan/Feb 2022. Scott will update the fishing regulations.

Co 23 (East Basin stretch on southern shore) –

- There have been conversations with Hubbard Co Public Works to pave 23 from 64 to Crow Wing Crest. to prevent some of the dust and run off of calcium chloride into the lake. They will be trying a new product called Base 1
- Kim called the Sheriffs Dept who stated the roads with no posted speed limits are considered to be 55. So Cty 23 is considered to be 55, with a 35 mph as a guide by the swampy area.
- Meeting will be held in July and anyone interested can attend. There will be challenges to getting it paved, as the County stated its an “all or nothing” deal (would need to be paved all the way to Cass county line, maybe a 4-6 mile stretch)

Culvert Replacement –

- Jerry Hertaus presented an update on the culvert replacement. This is also included in the newsletter. He has submitted legislation with Senator Paul Utke out of Park Rapids. Much discussion about the Bonding Bill in Minnesota has taken place with Covid. Uncertainty about when and what will be included in the bill.
- Jerry discussed meeting with MnDOT engineering. The bedrock depth is not as big of an issue as thought before. He is looking and asking for box culvert engineering alternatives. He collected some elevation data and it appears the crossing might be better suited further to the North than the current crossing. Bemidji DOT does have an alternative plan to use if the bonding is in place.
- He sees more of an abutment/concrete style bridge crossing as an improvement over the box culvert. Approx 20 feet wide, 8’ of clearance from water line to bottom of bridge. 4-5’ of water draft for boats to pass through. Boat propellers would likely keep it clean of silt/debris.
- An additional \$1.4-1.6M is sought through the Senate for the project (on top of current money for culvert). Currently the legislature is closed but could be called back into special session on June 12th at earliest. Bill would need 2/3 majority in both chambers.

New Business –

- Fall meeting will hopefully be a meeting along with Zoom for those that can't make it. There was positive feedback on the Spring Zoom meeting so we'd like to try it again.
- We need a Secretary to take notes at the meetings. Please let Scott know if you'd be willing.