



2024 Winter Membership Meeting Notes

Meeting Called by: Dan Jared, President

Date: Monday,
Feb. 26, 2024

Attendance: Approximately 40 residents

Location: Legacy
Christian
Academy

CLAA Board Dan Jared
Members: Lucas Wilson
Grant Schmalzer
Julie Jared
Melissa Sandeen
Danielle Dziedzic
Brian Vail
Joe Mantel
Joel Friday
Dan Anderson

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:45 pm
Notes by: Julie Jared
Meeting Adjourned at: 8:04 pm

Guests: Justine Dauphinais, Coon Creek Watershed District

Topic	Discussion	Decisions
Call to Order	Dan Jared, CLAA President hosted the meeting	Informational.
Welcome and Introductions Dan Jared, CLAA	Dan Jared introduced guest speakers and the members of the Crooked Lake Association board. Dan Jared welcomed all guests and invited them to introduce themselves. Lake residents introduced themselves stating how long on the lake or enjoying the lake.	Informational.
Approval of minutes of 2023 Winter General Mtg Julie Jared, CLAA	Julie Jared briefly read minutes from the 2023 Winter General Meeting. Copies are available on website: https://www.cooncreekwd.org/claa	Minutes were approved.

<p>Treasurer's Report Grant Schmalzer, CLAA</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report was prepared and read by Grant Schmalzer. Grant discussed the 2023 Financial Statement, explaining total income and expenses in 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our financial accounts remain healthy • 2023 Checking account balance decreased by \$6,440 from 1/1 to 12/31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income of \$8,966 • Expenses of \$15,406 • Ending checking account balance \$16,014 • Notable income items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants from the DNR, Andover and Coon Rapids totaled \$4,193 • Member donations totaled \$4,120 (down 9% from '22 with 50 households participating) • Notable expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake water quality actions totaled \$13,108 (Vegetation surveys \$4,550, treatment costs \$7,058, and boat inspections \$1,500). • Annual newsletter and other association communications \$1,706 • 2024 Activity: Net increase of \$11,298: Grants \$9,886 & Donations of \$1,500 • Financial audit was successfully performed on 2/6/24 	<p>Treasurer's Report was approved.</p>
<p>Audit Report Bill Kurdziel, CLAA</p>	<p>Bill Kurdziel read the 2023 CLAA Audit Report.</p> <p>Records reviewed: Detailed profit and loss statement and cash flow report Monthly bank statements Deposit slips Paid Invoices</p> <p>Recommendations in 2023 audit report include: In the future, adding another volunteer to join the audit team so there are at least two people and the treasurer. Renaming the expense account for the volunteer appreciation dinner so it's more specific to what it is. Create a donation list of organizations that provide food and prizes.</p> <p>The accounting records reviewed were very organized and easy to navigate.</p>	<p>Audit Committee Report was approved.</p>
<p>Elections Dan Jared, CLAA</p>	<p>Dan Jared facilitated elections. Multiple CLAA board positions were up for election. The following board members were elected for a two-year term:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">President – Julie Jared (Elected) Vice President – (Open position) NE Quadrant Leader – Kerry Roland (Elected) SW Quadrant Leader – David Martz (Elected) Andover Watchdog – Dan Anderson (Re-elected)</p> <p>Julie Jared was Secretary at the time of this election. A subsequent election of Secretary took place. Josephine Larson was nominated and elected Secretary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary – Josephine Larson (Elected)</p>	<p>Motions to (re)elect approved.</p>

Dredging Update

Dan Anderson – CLAA
Andover City Watchdog

Dredge update was shared:

Lobster Dan also shared aerial photos and videos of Crooked Lobstah, the doomed lobster boat caught on an iceberg on Crooked Lake. He said that any member who donated in 2023 is eligible to submit a guess as to when Crooked Lobstah will sink in the spring, and win a \$100 gift card!! Lobster Dan just barely got the boat out there in the couple days of winter.



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Boating Safety

Lucas Wilson – CLAA
Vice President

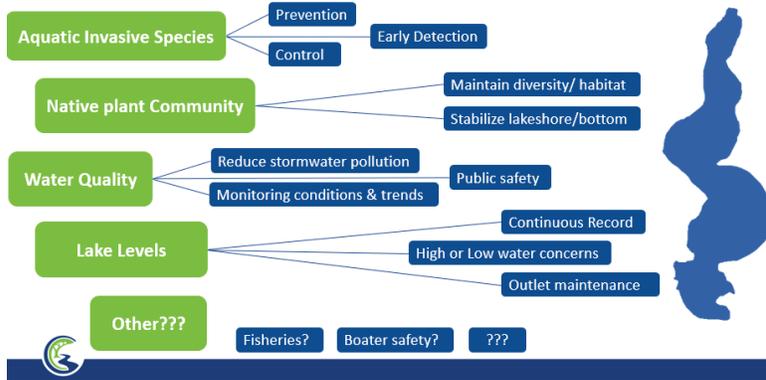
Lucas shared the following boating rules:

- Life jacket laws
- Requirement to have a throwing device on boats 16 feet or larger
- Under 13 years of age not allowed to drive jetski with or without adult
- Jetskis allowed 9:30 am until 1 hour before sunset
- Towing: care about what is happening behind the boat.

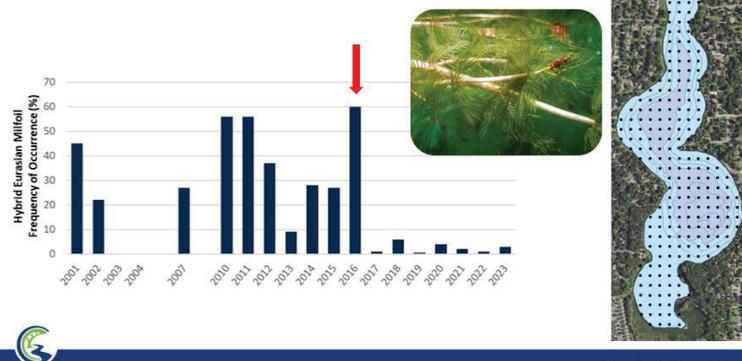
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	<p>Drive the boat like you would like to be driven. Care about who is in the water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pontoons: Illegal to have someone sitting on front deck while in motion (picture feet dangling off the front) <p>Lucas also shared there was a runaway jetski this year that thankfully did not hurt anyone.</p> <p>He also reminded neighbors to be vigil and watch out for each other, including sharing what one another are concerned about or not comfortable with.</p> <p>We have heroes on the lake. A couple neighbors saved a neighbor who had a heart attack and fell in the water on Crooked Lake this year.</p>	
<p>State of the Lake Blue Green Algae Blooms</p> <p>Justine Dauphinais, CCWD Water Quality Coordinator</p>	<p>Justine Dauphinais shared a presentation, some slides of which are inserted below.</p> <p>Notes include:</p> <p>Crooked Lake has come a long way in the 4 main management priority areas that were identified in the comprehensive lake management plan in 2009 and remain priorities to date.</p> <p>We are overdue for a lake plan update. CCWD would like to know any other issues you would like managed on the lake.</p> <p>Eurasian Water Milfoil had <5% occurrence for 7 years after 2016 treatment! That is amazing control.</p> <p>EWM did rebound this fall. Dan Jared covered in next agenda topic.</p> <p>Curly Leaf Pondweed was barely there in 2023. Last winter had very high snowpack which limits light and growth under the ice.</p> <p>Native plants rebounded to 3 times the low!!</p> <p>Water quality has been improving over time and is doing quite well compared to other area lakes. Clarity is variable. 2021 was best year on record.</p> <p>Dogs are not deterred by green smelly water/blue green algae bloom... symptoms can present within minutes. Contact vet. Rare... a couple a year.</p> <p>Report fish kills to Justine. They are sign of a bloom with high toxin levels.</p> <p>There is algae in all lakes all the time. Advisory is always in place. If in Doubt, Stay Out.</p> <p>Lake levels were a hot topic in 2009 during first comp lake plan due to drought... Then high water arrived for several years and CLAA made no wake flags for docks we have never used... now back to drought in 2021-2023.</p>	<p>Informational.</p>

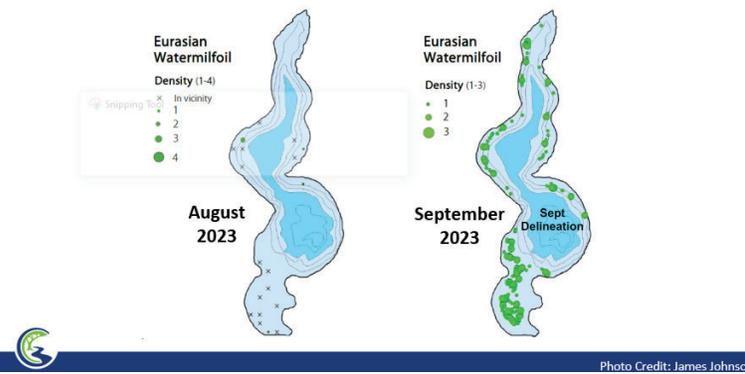
Current Crooked Lake Management Priorities



Hybrid Eurasian Watermilfoil abundance over time



Hybrid Eurasian Watermilfoil control currently in progress



Curlyleaf pondweed stable/declining!



Proposed Plots

CLP Rake Density

- 1
- 2
- 3

Map produced for the Crooked Lake Area Association by:

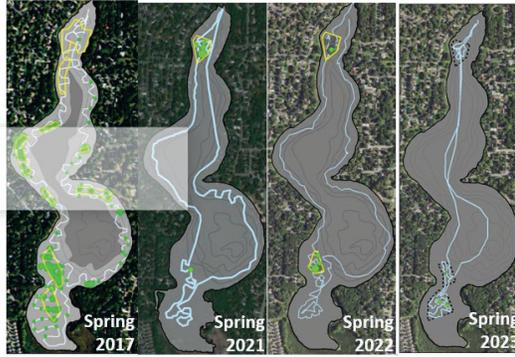


Photo Credit: James Johnson

Water Quality: Harmful Algae Blooms
(aka HABs, Blue-green algae, Cyanobacteria)

What? Overabundance of natural bacteria forming a bloom that may produce harmful toxins. Can look like spilled paint, pea soup, or neutrally buoyant streaks/specs



Why do they happen? Warm, stagnant, nutrient-rich conditions. Can accumulate in downwind areas.



Harmful Algae Blooms: What can you do?

1. If in Doubt, Stay Out!
2. Report suspected blooms to Justine at jdauphinais@cooncreekwd.org or 651-587-3496
3. Reduce nutrient pollution from lawncare practices
 - Irrigate less
 - Use less fertilizer
 - Maintain an un-mowed, natural buffer
4. Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the street
5. Adopt your local storm drain: <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/>

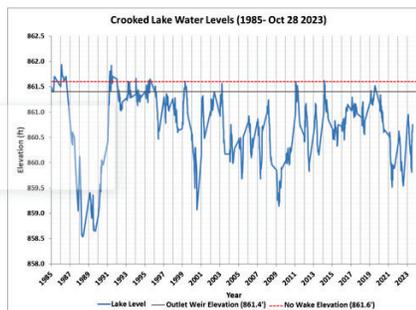


Lake Levels

2023 was third year of drought, but well within normal recorded range since 1980s

Driven by shallow groundwater

Concerns raised about navigability



Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment Update

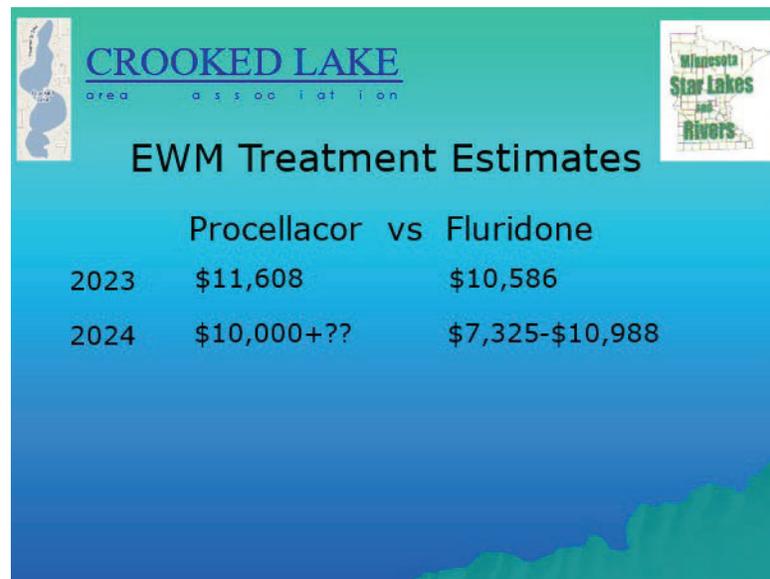
Dan Jared, CLAA

Dan Jared, President CLAA, shared EWM treatment update. A couple slides of which are included below.

The legendary and wildly successful 2016 whole-lake Fluridone treatment has finally run its course. Sigh... It was a GREAT run though! Many lakes continue to call us for our recipe. The last several years we have been able to get away with hand pulling and/or minimal spot treatment. Those days are bygone days.

Milfoil rebounded in Sept 2023 (see slides in CCWD State of the Lake section). CLAA, CCWD, James Johnson and DNR quickly collaborated and aligned on a treatment plan. Whole lake Fluridone treatment was ultimately chosen over Procellacor. We are hoping to repeat the success of the 2016 whole lake treatment.

Informational.



Fluridone Treatment Chosen

- ❖ Actual 2023 Cost - **\$7057.58** - 80% covered by Cities of Andover and C.R.
- ❖ 2023 Anoka County Grant - **\$3000.00**
- ❖ 2023 Cost to CLAA - **\$1411.52**

- ❖ Expected 2024 Cost - **\$7325.64 - \$10988.46**
- ❖ Expected Overall Lake Treatments and Survey Expenses - \$12,625.64 - \$16,288.46
- ❖ 2024 DNR AIS Grant Award to CLAA - **\$10,000.00**
- ❖ Anticipated 2024 Anoka County Grant - **\$1500.00**
- ❖ Likely Cost to CLAA in 2024 - **\$225.13 - \$957.69**
- ❖ Huge thank you to CCWD – Covering all waters samples and lab testing required by state for **Fluridone Treatment - \$2100.00**

<p>Thank you to our CLAA Sponsors</p>		<p>Informational.</p>
<p>CLAA Summer Picnic</p>	<p>Date forthcoming for the CLAA Summer Picnic. It will be held at Crooked Lake Beach Park, Shelter 1 by the beach.</p>	<p>Informational.</p>
<p>Open Microphone</p>	<p>The following was shared by attendees during open mic</p> <p>There are jetskis being rented and lake resident David Martz has more than once rescued people who could not swim and did not have life jackets on. Request is that CLAA see what they can do, signs or otherwise.</p> <p>Venmo donation QR code was suggested put in more locations, as example on Brian Vail's flashy pontoon.</p> <p>Lots of boat traffic on the small lake is dangerous, and there are people parking cars on streets. CLAA shared that the sheriff should be called regarding trailers parked where not allowed. The signs prohibiting parking trailers at schools and on the streets are meant intended to limit boats. The boat launch parking lot is the size it is because that is the "safe" number of boats to be on the water.</p> <p>Courtesy is that non-boaters not park at the boat launch. That's the only place boats (trailers) can park. Be kind ☺</p>	<p>Informational.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjourned at 8:07 pm.</p>	<p>Adjournment was approved.</p>

Retired List of Officers and Phone Numbers:

Dan Jared	612-280-7054	President
Lucas Wilson	612-977-3180	Vice President
Grant Schmalzer	763-427-5305	Treasurer
Julie Jared	763-229-7457	Secretary
Melissa Sandeen	763-670-6457	Quadrant Leader - SW
Danielle Dziedzic		Quadrant Leader - NE
Brian Graves	612-282-8803	Quadrant Leader - SE
Joe Mantel	612-419-7857	Quadrant Leader - NW
Joel Friday	612-868-6287	Coon Rapids Watchdog
Dan Anderson	763-427-0964	Andover Watchdog

Current List of Officers and Phone Numbers:

Julie Jared	763-229-7457	President
Open Position	612-977-3180	Vice President
Grant Schmalzer	763-427-5305	Treasurer
Josephine Larson	612-209-8218	Secretary
David Martz	763-670-6457	Quadrant Leader - SW
Kerry Rowland		Quadrant Leader - NE
Brian Vail	651-431-1713	Quadrant Leader - SE
Joe Mantel	612-419-7857	Quadrant Leader - NW
Joel Friday	612-868-6287	Coon Rapids Watchdog
Dan Anderson	763-427-0964	Andover Watchdog

Respectfully submitted: Julie Jared