June 27, 2026

Crawling Stone Lakes Association Annual Meeting

Meeting commenced at 11:10 AM – Sheri's Pub and Grill

Joe Graveen – Speaker – Big Crawling Stone Lake *Sofar* Buoy

https://seagull.glos.org/map?coords=-84.3729580%2C447450000.0000000%2C5

Refer to this link and attached handout (hard copy also provided by Joe) at the meeting for more information about the buoy on Big Crawling Stone Lake.

Water resource staff check the buoy regularly and take water samples. Data is collected on pH, chloroform, E-coli, etc., and studied for trends. The Tribal Website provides a monthly water quality report on E-coli levels at the Sand Bar, Casino, Leech Beach, and other areas of the lake.

Fish kills noticed this spring on Flambeau, Minocqua and Gunlock Lakes were reportedly caused by shallow, rapidly-warming water.

Welcome and Introductions – Jean Rutkowski

Jean welcomed all to the 23rd annual CSLA meeting. New CSLA members, first-time meeting attendees, Board members, and Landing Monitors were recognized.

Treasurer's Report – (hard copies were provided at the meeting) – Jean Rutkowski

Finances are strong. 2025 year-end (YE) assets from the CSLA checking account and 3 CDs totaled over $38,000. Membership is "robust."

The annual February golf tournament sponsored by BJ McMahon/Fish 'N Bum Resort, raised $2,000 for the lake association.

The DNR grant was awarded again in 2025 but funds were not received until late February 2026.

Year 2025 member donations were the highest ever at $6,330.

LCS Landing – Jean Rutkowski

Thank you to our 2025 Landing Monitors: Ben Wegner, Todd Wegner, who also serves as the Volunteer Coordinator; and Bob Lapacek. Together, their time amounts to 56 hours per week. In addition to Ben, Todd, and Bob, volunteers cover approximately 2 hours most days.

As of today, June 27, one incident of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has been detected by landing staff.

Landing monitor Bob Lapacek is stepping aside next year and a replacement will need to be identified. Hours are part-time, negotiable. Please let one of the monitors or a member of the CSLA Board know if you are interested.

Todd Wegner will continue to send a weekly email asking for landing volunteers. There are 66 volunteers on the list of which 8 are active.

Chris Wahman conducts diving explorations around the landing to check for invasive species and just today discovered an EWM plant growing, which he removed. Prevention is key. Once the plants are established it's very difficult to eradicate them. Chris will continue to monitor.

Update on Channel Project – Jean Rutkowski and Pete Mucks

- More environmental studies need to be done. The channel itself is okay at this point in the season as long as you stay in the middle when going through. Current depth is 2.5 – 3 feet.
- Hand vs machine dredge – hand dredge is preferred from an environmental standpoint. Machine dredging would not be permitted as it stirs up the lake bottom and there are concerns with parasites, the safety of eating fish, swimmer's itch, etc.
- Dock and lift companies have made improvements over the last several years in terms of cleaning their equipment and grouping jobs together so they're not making multiple trips to lakes. Jet skis were more of a problem because the weeds were inside the machines. This was more of an issue 5 or so years ago. When working at the landing be sure to check the 'arms' on the big barges for mud.

Fishing Ban

- This is outside the purview of the CSLA. Spring fish count showed lower numbers of walleye.
- Injunction – status quo. Meaning, fishing ban is not in place. Current lawsuit of the state against the tribe stands.
- Ray Frigo, White Sand Lake – the state of WI became a state in 1848; treaty with tribe wasn't signed until 1849.

Web Site – Security Issues

Spam – has been dealt with. Board members' email addresses are no longer provided on the web site.

Member Input

Leaves being blown into the lake while doing yard work. Tell anyone you see doing this not to do this. It creates a mess in the lake. The leaves build up on the bottom of the lake and contaminate it.

Is there a way to get on the mailing list? Email: crawlingstonelakes@gmail.com

Crawling Stone tee shirts. Scott and Mary Beck have created tee shirts with a Crawling Stone logo, and will coordinate the purchase of this merchandise. A portion of the proceeds will go toward CSLA.

Raffle

Thank you to all who participated in the 50:50 raffle. A portion of the proceeds will help defray medical expenses for Sheri's son.

Thank you to Sheri's Pub and Grill for hosting the meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM