

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

Spring Membership Meeting: Saturday May 25, 2013 at 9:00

The spring membership meeting of the Clear Lake Association was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on May 25, 2013 by President Rick Hults at the Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Association Clubhouse. The Board of Directors of the Clear Lake Association are: Rick Hults, president, Glen Douglas, vice president, Bob Mc Elrath, secretary, Dave Kohanek, treasurer, Bob Miller, Duane Douglas, , and Ed Peterson.

Welcome

Rick Hults welcomed all members and asked if there were any additions to the spring agenda. No additions were suggested by attending members. He suggested that all dues should be brought current. Roberts Rules of Order would be the meeting protocol.

Hults asked for acceptance of the meeting agenda. Dave Aitkin motioned for acceptance, with Bob Miller offering the second. Agenda was voted for approval.

Hults then introduced the 2013 Clear Lake Association Board of Directors in attendance.

Hults presented to the membership the current Clear Lake Association Vision and Mission.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was read by Bob Mc Elrath. The minutes of the 2012 Fall Membership meeting held on Saturday September 1st were paraphrased. Dave Kohanek made motion to accept minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Keith Kellin. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Dave Kohanek. The current balance is \$5,596.68 which was an increase of 765.00 from the reported balance of \$4,831.68 reported in the fall meeting. Dave provided and income and expense summary handout that explained the breakdown of expenses from May 26, 2012 to May 25, 2013. Association income over this period was \$1,420.00 and expenses were \$1,208.68.

Year to Date paid membership was reported to be 66.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Rick Michaelson and seconded by (_____). The motion carried.

Reports

Invasive Species Presentation

Rick Hults presented an audio visual presentation regarding the watershed management and prevention of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

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Scott Fitzgerald Malmo DNR officer serving the Clear Lake area. Fitzgerald spoke to the fact the AIS prevention, control, and education is the number one priority of the DNR in Minnesota. He stated the zebra mussels were stripping Mille Lacs Lake of vital food chain vegetation and plankton critical for the game fish populations to survive and prosper.

Fitzgerald asked the membership to help him and the DNR enforce AIS regulations including pulling the boat plug.

Many members had questions and offered observations. The DNR has elevated enforcement to a zero tolerance level with regard to writing civil and criminal citations (\$100-\$500 fines) to violators since the public education programs have been going on for over three boating seasons.

DNR website has multiple sources of AIS public education.

Public Access Monitoring

Lake Report

Presented by Bill Feyo who indicated that the lake level of Clear Lake was 2.4" higher than it was during the fall of 2012.

ACLARA

Role is to: survey property owners, promote the *River and Lakes fair*, and promote the development of new lake associations.

Some discussion was held on the "No Wake Zone" from 2012 and the lack of clarity as to when a no wake zone was in effect.

Rivers and Lakes Fair to be held on June 15, 2013, of which the Clear Lake Association financially supports.

Fish Habitat Project

Association has support the fish habitat initiative by putting trees in the water and along the shore in 3 installed sites (4 have been approved). Currently to the north and south of the boat landing. Feyo publically recognized those that have helped with this project (W. Allshouse, B. Brown, K. Carlson, and D. Kohanek).

Natural Shoreline

Rick Hults reported that the U of M has put together a video on how to do a natural shoreline, and will be linked to the Clear Lake Association website: www.minnesotawaters.org/group/cla/welcome

Highway 47 Clean Up

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Dave Kohanek reported that every other year that the Clear Lake Association volunteers to clean up trash and debris along 2 miles of MN HWY 47. This will occur on Tuesday 5/28 and that additional volunteers are needed so that 8 are needed.

4th of July Float Parade

There will again be a 4th of July parade, but no festivities after the parade as has been held in the past. A meeting was held of the various sponsoring organizations. Bill Feyo and Dave Kohanek attended representing the CLA. Keith Kellin reported that the parade route for the 2013 parade will be the same as in past years and end at the Lilliquist property. They have agreed to mow the pasture for additional public parking as has been done in the past. They are not going to sponsor the after-parade activities.

4th of July Boat Parade

Bob Miller reported that in 2012 boat parade participation was quite low, due to the fact that it was held on Saturday July 7th. He proposed that for 2013 that the boat parade be held on July 4th, starting at the landing (1:00p.m.) and that Rick Hults has volunteered to be the judge. A trophy has been awarded every year.

Annual CLA Picnic

Bob Miller reported that the CLA would also be sponsoring the annual picnic. He is coordinating for this year. A site has not yet been determined with additional information as it becomes available will be disseminated to the membership and other lakeshore owners.

Other Business

- A motion was made by Dave Kohanek to have the CLA donate \$50 and \$50 for two door prizes for the Rivers and Lakes Fair. Motion was seconded by Duane Douglas. Motion carried.
- Bill Feyo reported that the CLA had been authorized under a passed motion to spend \$300 a lake assessment to be done by the county soil and water 2012. The report was a report on various aspects of Clear Lake. The rationale was that this report was needed to have CLA eligible for future grants. Feyo was disappointed that the report was compiled from public information and there were some glaring inaccuracies. Feyo has contacted Steve Hughes of the county to express some of his concerns over the quality of the data provided in the report. He had not called Feyo back.
- Boat inspecting volunteers were asked for by Bill Feyo. Discussion occurred.
- Dave Akin reported that the MN DNR has a loon watch program. Clear Lake has two healthy pair of loons. Akin indicated that loons are a sign of good lake health.
- Dave Kohanek reported that one of the CLA sandwich board meeting signs had been stolen and that the ones that remain are “grungy” but all we have left.
- Pat Feyo reported that door prizes of \$25 were awarded to Rick Michaelson and Greg Cdyplulski

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Adjournment

Motion was made for adjournment of the 2013 spring CLA membership meeting by _____ and second by _____ at 10:35 p.m.