

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION (CLA)

FALL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday August 29, 2015

Meeting called to order by Rick Hults at 9:05 am on Saturday August 29, 2015. Roberts Rules of Order were established as the protocol for this meeting. Meeting agenda was distributed.

All of these items will be addressed within the established agenda. Motion was made by Mike Donohue and seconded by Deb Donohue to accept the agenda as presented and amended. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report; Bob Mc Elrath read the minutes from the Spring Clear Lake Association meeting that was held on Saturday May 23th 2015. Motion to approve the Spring 2015 CLA meeting minutes as submitted was made by Bill Feyo and seconded by Sue Miller. Motion passed. Detailed meeting minutes are posted on: www.minnesotawaters.org/clearlake/

Treasurers Report

Gretchen Paulson presented the financial condition of the CLA for the period from August 24th, 2014 to August 29th, 2015. Total membership was from 63 paid received over this period.

Total CLA expenses incurred for the August 30th, 2014 to August 29, 2015 period was \$987.70, and were for as follows:

1. Misc. supplies and 4th of July: \$517.77
2. Boat monitoring camera: \$149.93
3. Environmental services: \$100.00
4. Conservation Minnesota: \$220.00

The resulting CLA checking account balance reported as of August 29, 2015 was \$6,588.89 showing a net increase of \$23.86 from the previously reported amount of \$6,565.03 (8/24/14).

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Keith Kellen and seconded by Fran Kohanek. Motion was approved.

Other Reports and Discussion Topics

- **Lake Report/Invasive Species:**
 - **Water testing:** Feyo reported that water testing was not done during 2015 as it is done every other year and was done in 2014.
 - **Veliger Water sample:** Lake water sample was taken to detect if veligers (zebra mussel eggs) existed in Clear Lake. No veligers were detected from the test. Test cost CLA \$40.00 for lab work.

- **Boat Landing Inspections:** A boat inspector is stationed at the public boat access on weekends. CLA is responsible for 20% of the cost of that person (Robin) estimated to be approximately \$400.00.
- **Electronic Boat Access Monitoring:** Camera device needs a part and will be installed and operational for the 2016 season.
- **Lake Drainage:** Feye reported that the SW corner of the lake (which drains west into Ripple Creek/River) was a problem area and had contacted four property owners about the situation. Two of the four were uncooperative.
- **Neighborhood Watch Program (NHWP):** Feye briefly explained a substantial number of cabin burglaries have occurred and that this program is designed to help curtail this trend. He distributed NHWP stickers for members to apply to their cabin entrance doors.
- **Road Dust-Guarding:** Glen township meeting to be held on Monday August 31st at 9:00 am to discuss and get public input and comment regarding the new contract and cost.
- **4th of July Parade and Boat Parade:** Rick Hults reported that the 4th of July land parade was a very successful as usual with over 74 float units participating with 500 American flags (donated by Fleet Farm) handed out and 900 glasses of lemonade being distributed to thirsty visitors and participants.
 - He also reported that Al Havemeier coordinated his year's boat parade which was held on Sat July 4th. Participation was up 233% with seven boat units having participated with the Craig Ness Family the 2015 Winner.
- **First Annual Wounded Warriors 5 K Run:** Sponsored by the Glen Store with 261 participants which raised \$3,536.50 for the National Wounded Warrior Project. This will be done in 2016 as well.
- **Loon Watch Report:** Rick Hults reported that Dave Akin reported that Clear Lake has confirmed that there were two or three new loon offspring born to Clear Lake in 2015, but that none were thought to have survived. Akin reported that he observed a social gathering of 11 loons. Dave Akin's email can be used for CLA members to report loon activity or census counts. (akindm57@aol.com or cell phone 651-341-8957).
- **ACALRA Report:** Dave Kohanek (CLA Representative) reported that ACALRA is made up of 20 Aitkin County lake associations and a major sponsor of the Annual River and Lakes Fair held at the Aitkin High School in June.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Welcome Committee:** Bob Mc Elrath will head this up for 2016 to recruit and educate new CLA members and residents.
 - **Water Depth:** Dave Kohanek assumed water depth readings from Ron White and regularly takes Clear Lake ordinary high-water level readings and turns them into the state DNR. He indicated that on three readings over the May 24th, 2015 to August 30th, 2015 period. He indicated that the most current reading was taken on 8/23/2014 that indicated an ordinary high water lake mark of 1297.40 and was 0.59'

from the recorded all time high water mark from a 1966 reading of 1297.99. Ron White's records indicated that in August 30th, 2012 the ordinary high water mark was 1297.34.

- May of 2014 the lake elevation was 1297.92
 - April of 2015 the lake elevation was 1297.40
 - May 2015 the lake elevation was 1297.50
 - June 2015 the lake elevation was 1297.00
 - July 2015 the lake elevation was 1297.38
 - Aug 2015 the lake elevation was 1297.27
 - Sept, 2015 lake elevation was 1297.40 (which was exactly the historical Ordinary High Water Level as established by the DNR).
- **Annual CLA Dues:** Board met on August 23 and recommended that the annual dues per member remain at \$20.00 per year. Motion made by Bill Fayo to keep 2016 CLA annual dues at \$20.00 per member. Seconded by Betty Hults. Motion passed.
 - **Election of New Board Members:** (one needed)
 - Steven Buron volunteered as a candidate for the CLA Board
 - Board slate motioned for acceptance by Sue Miller, and seconded by Keith Kellon.
 - Motion carried to elect Steven Buron to the CLA Board.
 - **Door Prizes:** Rick Hults awarded by random draw door prizes for (#07) Charlie Knox and Kevin Pierce Donohue (#22). (\$20 each for the Pine Inn)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Charles Knox and seconded by Dave Kohanek for adjournment. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

2015-2016 CLA OFFICER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sept 5, 2015 at 10:09 am

Elected Officers

Motion made by Gretchen Paulson and seconded by Dave Kohanek to instruct the Secretary to cast a white ballot for the organization of the 2015-2016 CLA Board of Directors. Motion executed.

President: David Paulson

Vice President: Nancy Emmons

Secretary: Bob Mc Erath

Treasurer: Gretchen Paulson

Directors at Large:

- **Steve Buron**
- **Bill Fayo**
- **Sue Sellnow**