

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION (CLA)

Spring MEETING MINUTES

Saturday May 23rd, 2015

Meeting called to order by Rick Hults at 9:23am on Saturday May 23rd, 2015. Roberts Rules of Order were established as the protocol for this meeting. Meeting agenda was distributed.

Bill Feyo requested to add fire extinguisher recall item to the agenda. Motion was made by Keith Keller and seconded by Kevin Pierce to accept the agenda as presented and amended. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report; Nancy Emmans read the minutes from the Fall Clear Lake Association meeting that was held on Saturday August 30th, 2014. One correction made by Bill Feyo, \$125 Dues to ACLARA S/B \$25 dues to ACLARA and \$100 to Lakes/Rivers Fair. Motion to approve the Fall 2014 CLA meeting minutes as submitted was made by Bill Feyo and seconded by Kurt Carlson. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report; Gretchen Paulson reported to-date we had 40 members paid for 2015 dues, 6 for 2016 plus more collected at the meeting that have not been applied to these numbers. Gretchen review the expenses incurred since our last meeting and the current account balance is at \$6755.47. Motions made and passed to accept treasures report as outlined by Gretchen.

Other Reports and Discussion Topics

- **Guest Charlie Christiansen:** Road Supervisor for Glen Township reported the 5 year agreement for dust guarding roads is expiring and the need to be reassessed. He provided more details on how the product works, how it's applied, condition of the road, and costs. A public meeting is required for this reassessment before year end. If you have any questions or concerns you can call Charlie at: 320-684-2013.
- **Fire Extinguisher Recall:** Bill Feyo reported that model XLSMR fire extinguishers purchased at Walmart, Home Depot, and several other retailers in the past 2-3 years have been recalled due to the handles breaking.
- **Lake Report/Invasive Species:**
 - **Boat Landing Inspectors:** Bill Feyo reported Clear Lake is on the list for boat inspectors for certain weekends this year. AIS County project will pay 80% and CLA will pay 20%. (\$416 this year). Bill Feyo motioned to pass no more than \$500, William Alshouse 2nd, motion passed.
 - **Lake Drainage Project:** Bill Feyo reported on the SW corner of the lake drainage plan. Property owners have been contacted verbally and are in favor of the plan as long as they will not have to pay and road crossings are maintained or improved.

The next step is to hire a registered land surveyor to do a land elevation study. Rick Hults mentioned the importance of this project due to the damaged property from the ice this winter which was caused by high water. Motions made by Bill Feyo and a second by Dave Kohanek and passed to pay \$500 or less to contract surveyor. It was agreed that at least 2 written bids on this project would be needed. Bill also mentioned the need for volunteers to help clear brush along the ditch before work can begin. DNR and County permits will be applied for. The Glen Township board will consider a donation toward this project and there are other possible donors to help cover the cost of this project. The final cost approval is proposed for the fall CLA meeting. Work schedule would be in the fall when leaves are off trees and brush is easier to get through.

- **High water - shoreline repairs:** Bill Feyo reported with wide spread shoreline damage due to the ice this winter that permits are required for land movement of 10 cubic yards or more. It's suggested that you take photos and if trees fall into the lake you can leave them (good for the lake, shore and fish habitat).
- **Water Testing:** Bill Feyo reported that lake water was tested for nitrates and phosphates in 2014 so there are no plans to do it this year. (done every other year)
- **Electronic monitoring of boat access:** Bill Feyo reported that a trail camera will be installed at the public access for the purpose of counting cars/boat unit activity. DNR uses access traffic as part of the decision making in awarding grants.
- **County updates: Bill Feyo**
 - Aitkin County Environmental Services is looking for contributions to the program. Bill explained the need for student scholarships to this camp for underprivileged Aitkin students in the 6th to 9th grade to be able to participate in a summer conservation-oriented camp. Bill Feyo made motion for CLA to contribute \$100.00 for the 20th Annual Education Day, 2nd by Joe Jensen. Motion carried.
 - Bill updated on the mobile boat washing units the County has purchased. Three have been purchased. Two will be dedicated to certain locations with one unit roaming and scheduled every weekend on lakes in Aitkin County with a public access. Bill explained that if the washing unit is on a lake that is infected, boats would be washed as they exit the lake and if the lake is not infected the boats would be washed before entering the lake. No charge for the service. Reminder, these inspectors are here to protect our lakes, do not challenge them while they do their job. They will take down licenses and report any confrontations to the local Conservation Officers. The FIRM & Willies Marine will have boat washing units set up to wash boats at no charge during their operating hours.
 - Aitkin County AIS committee approved the purchase of Water Sieve Units to do annual testing for zebra mussels. Clear Lake will do this test in July.
- **Loon Watch Report:** Dave Kohanek reported no new updates. Let Dave Aikin know if you see any new nests or have information about the Loon activity to report. 651-341-8957.

- **ACALRA Report:** Dave Kohanek (CLA Representative) – no updates further updates
- **4th of July Parade and Boat Parade:** Rick Hults reported that the 4th of July Parade will be on Saturday July 4th. Parade line up at 10am Slettom's farm, parade starts at 10:30am. Volunteers needed for parking and directing traffic in Glen. Contact Bill Feyo or Dave Kohanek to help. Boat Parade will be on Sunday July 5th 1pm, starts @ beach/boat landing. Rick Hults will be the judge again this year (will be on his dock to judge, SW corner of lake). Rick will select the winner and deliver the trophy by chasing you down in his boat!) It was discussed that the boat parade is for Clear Lake and not meant to bring in lots of boats from other lakes. Posting a notice at the Glen store was suggested. Reported that the Glen Store is sponsoring a 5k Run this year. Cost is \$20, sign up at Glen Store, starts at 8am on the 4th.
- **Summer Cookout:** If anyone is interested in hosting the summer cookout, contact Rick Hults or another board member. The board has approved up to \$200 to help with costs of anyone coordinating.
- **Website:** Rick Hults reported that he will continue to keep the website updated. Motion to pay Membership \$150 and Web Hosting \$120 (\$270 total) by Rick Hults, 2nd Bill Feyo. Motion carried.
- **Roadside Clean-up:** Anyone available to help with the clean-up on Tuesday May 26th, meet at the Glen store at 9am.
- **Committees:** Rick review the committees we currently have in place and our plans to add the welcoming committee.
- **Door Prizes:** Rick Hults awarded, by drawing, door prizes to Jim Olson and Margo Knox.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made and seconded for adjournment. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.