

CLA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday Sept 2nd, 2017

Meeting called to order:

The 2017 Fall Clear Lake Association membership meeting was called to order by the President David Paulson at 9:05am. All Board of Directors were present, except for Nancy as well as 37 property owners. Roberts Rules of Order were established as the protocol for this meeting. Meeting agenda was distributed. Bill Feyo Added Aitken County Environmental day to the agenda.

Officers Reports:

Secretary Report

Minutes from the 2017 spring membership meeting held on May 27th, 2017 were read by Steve Buron. Motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Keith Kellen and seconded by Dave Aikin. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Paulson presented the current financial condition of the CLA.

Current balance as of Sept 2017 was \$7,335.35. The previous reported balance on April 2017 was \$7,376.17. Gretchen reported she has 11 checks received for dues that are not included in these totals. Currently we have received payments from 48 members.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Dave Aiken and seconded by Bill Feyo. **Motion carried**

Reports/Discussion Topics:

- **Lake Report/Invasive Species** (Aitkin County) - Bill Feyo
 - Water sampling - Bill reported water testing has been taken at 15 ft depth and has been sent to the lab.
 - Boat landing inspector – Has been a great success and in just June and July about 425 boats have been inspected.
 - Lake water level management update - Bill Feyo

- Bill reported that the NW and SW outlets have been kept open. Bruce Brown has been clearing and removing beaver dams but has decided to stop as it was quite a large amount of work. Bill Feyo suggested we hire a trapper to trap up to max 10 beavers (\$35/beaver). Bill Feyo made a motion to hire a trapper and seconded by Dave Aiken. **Motion carried**
 - Bill Feyo also reported that the green algae has improved from last year.
- **ACALRA** - No update as Bob McElrath (our representative) was absent from the meeting.
 - **Loon Watch** – No Loon chicks/hatchlings on lake
 - **Lake Level Report** - Dave Kohanek reported that the lake level is below the “high normal” level (1297.25)

As a point of reference, Normal High Water Level of Clear Lake as established by the MN DNR is: 1297.40

- July 11, 2016 1298.11 (highest reading ever)
- April 18, 2017 1297.25
- May 16, 2017 1297.1

Dave makes reports to the DNR monthly.

Dave reported that all elevations can be found on the DNR website under Lake Finder and go back to the 1940's.

<http://dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showlevel.html?downum=01009300>

- **Website** - no updates <http://clearlake.mnlakesanddrivers.org>
- **Highway clean-up** Did a great job and expect to do every other year.

Other Business:

- Conversation regarding dues being dropped to \$10 was discussed but motion was carried to keep dues at \$20.
- Reyna Rousseau volunteered to be a board member with no opposition.

- Riverwood Hospital expansion was discussed. ED of foundation explained the dialysis unit in great detail.
- If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution you can contact 218-927-5158 or knelson2@riverwoodhealthcare.org
- Complaints were discussed regarding 280 dirt road. Township board looking into County and State assistance to pave road. DNR also has funds to fix roads that lead to boat landings.
- **Aitken County Environment Days** – Is a 2-day session at Long Lake to teach youth about maintaining clean lakes and environment. CLA will donate \$100 for this event. Motion to approve the Donation was made by Bill Feyo and seconded by Dave Aikin
- **Door Prizes** - Awarded to Gwen Lee and Glen Douglas.
- **Clear Lake Plaque Donation-** Plaque Donation was made to give out to a member of CLA to keep at a lake Home on Clear Lake which was won by Bob.
- **Complaint** – Complaint was made regarding speeding vehicles around the lake. Homeowners could put up signs and we could invite the sheriff to our next meeting to see if he may have ideas regarding this issue. We plan to add to our newsletter and website alerting people to obey the speed limit

Meeting Adjournment:

- Motion was made by Keith Kellen and seconded by Bill Feyo at 10:12am
 - **Motion carried**