

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION (CLA)

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2014

Meeting called to order by Rick Hults at 9:05 am on Saturday May 24, 2014. Roberts Rules of Order were established as the protocol for this meeting. Meeting agenda was distributed.

Additional agenda items were added that pertained to:

- the lake transparency report (Gary Messer)
- the road dust situation (Tony Crea)
- high water (Bob Miller)

All of these items will be addressed within the established agenda protocol under "Lake Report" and "Other Business" reports respectfully. Motion was made by Bill Feyo and seconded by Dave Akin to accept the agenda as presented and amended. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report; Bob Mc Elrath read the minutes from the Fall Clear Lake Association meeting that was held on Saturday August 31st 2013. Motion to approve the Fall 2013 CLA meeting minutes as corrected and submitted was made by Dave Akin and seconded by Tony Crea. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Bob Miller presented the financial condition of the CLA for the period from August 31st, 2013 to May 24th, 2014. Total membership dues income from 54 paid received over this period was \$1,080.00.

Expenses incurred for the August 31, 2013 to May 24th, 2014 period were \$210.15.

The resulting CLA checking account balance reported was \$6,565.03 showing a net increase of \$869.84 from the previously reported amount of \$5,695.19 (8/31/13).

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Tony Crea and seconded by Ed Michael . Motion was approved.

Other Reports and Discussion Topics

- **Lake Report/Fish Habitat :** Bill Feyo reported that Ron White regularly takes lake water level readings and turns them into the state DNR. He indicated that on 10/21/13 a reading was taken that indicated a lake level of 1296.47 was taken. On 5/17/14 a new reading was taken that indicated a level of 1297.72 for a difference of 1.25 which translated into the water level being 15 inches higher. This current reading is the seconded highest recorded with the 1966 reading of 1298.0 surpassing it.

Water testing is going to be done at three different locations in 2014 checking for phosphates and nitrates that monitor leaking septic systems.

Bill Feyo made a motion for an expenditure of up to \$75 to pay for this testing. Seconded by Tony Crea. Motion passed.

Gary Nesser (State Pollution Control Agency Lake Water Report) reported that the lake water clarity mean average was 19.88 feet in 2013 (with a minimum of 17' and a maximum of 24') using the Secchi Disk method. This reading indicated that Clear Lake was in an "Excellent" condition in terms of water clarity. He also indicated that the water clarity has improved every year since he and his son started taking readings in 1989.

Feyo reported that the fish habitat project will be maintained at three spots on the lake, as the DNR permit for two additional sites expired on 4/01/2014.

General membership discussion about remedies for wake and drainage issues with the high water.

- **4th of July Parade and Boat Parade:** Bill Feyo reported that the 4th of July land parade will go on as usual. Help needed for signage. Starts at 10:30 with line-up at 10:00.
 - Rick Hults reported that Al Havemeier is coordinating his year's boat parade. The Sat following the 4th of July (7/5) will be the day it is held.
- **Invasive Species Report:** Rick Hults reported then ongoing threat and concern that all Clear Lake property owners should have concerning invasive species affecting Clear Lake. He indicated that the CLA had applied for a DNR grant for monitoring boater lake access. Unfortunately the grant was denied due to lack of funds since much need went to Mille Lacs Lake. Hults asked for weekend volunteers (Memorial Day). DNR boat inspection training sessions are being offered on Sat. 6/7at the Hazelton Town Hall for anyone interested in becoming re-certified to conduct boat landing inspections. Training needs to currently be done annually, with a criminal background consent added to the requirements. He also encouraged members to go to the various DNR links on invasive species.

Bill Feyo reported the MN Legislature has approved \$4.5 million for fighting invasive species in 2014, with \$10 million slated for 2015 (83 counties). Also an additional \$4.0 million was approved in legacy funds for a series of pilot projects to test and evaluate strategies for combating the prevention and spread of invasive species in our lakes.

- **Loon Watch Report:** Dave Akin reported that Clear Lake has confirmed that there are two nesting pairs of loons from his unscientific observations, but he needs some observation help. Rick Hults suggested that Akin's email be used for 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 has plans for identifying "high water" emergencies based on the 7/2012 situation and appropriate boating restrictions that may be needed should high water happen again. Seven "indicator"

lakes to be deemed as a high-water trigger lake (Sugar @ 5") in order to get county involved in issuing restrictions.

- **Summer Cook-Out:** Rick Hults reported that the CLA Board has authorized up to \$200 for the annual Summer Cook-Out Picnic to be held in August.
- **River and Lakes Fair:** Bill Feyo reported that it would be held on Sat 6/14 at Aitkin High School. Great free educational opportunities for kids and adults. Motion made by Bill Feyo to contribute \$50 for purchase of door prizes, and seconded by Toni Hults. Motion carried.
- **Minnesota Conservation:** Bill Feyo reported that a group has formed with the specific objective of combating invasive species. Feyo has membership information for those that are interested.
- **Website:** Rick Hults reported that the CLA website now carries all CLA information in one source. www.minnesotawaters.org/group/cla/welcome
- **Committees:** Rick Hults asked those interested to consider participation in the ***Welcoming, Boat Monitoring, and Boat Parade committees.***
- **Dust Guard Road Report:** Bill Feyo contacted township road supervisor Pat Williams about applying "Dust Guard" to manage the dust. Scheduled for Thursday 5/29.
- **Door Prizes:** Bob Miller awarded by random draw door prizes for Margaret Brown (#23) and Mr. Magnason (#25)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Rick Hults and seconded by Bill Feyo for adjournment. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 10:15am.