

# CLA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday May 28, 2016 at 9:00AM / Mille Lacs Snowmobile Club, Malmo, MN

## Meeting Called to Order:

The 2016 Spring Clear Lake Association membership meeting was called to order by President David Paulson at 9:04 AM. Motion made by Dave Akin and seconded by Rick Hults. All Board of Directors were present as well as 44 CLA members. Roberts Rules of Order were established as the protocol for this meeting. Meeting agenda was distributed.

## Officer Reports

### Secretary Report

Minutes from 2015 Fall membership meeting held on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> were read. Motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Keith Kellen and seconded by Bruce Brown. Minutes were approved as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report

Gretchen Paulson presented the current financial condition of the Clear Lake Association for the period of August 29, 2015 to May 28, 2016.

Current Balance as of May 28, 2016 is **\$6,955.12**. The previously reported balance on August 29, 2015 was **\$6,588.89** showing a net increase of **\$366.23**. Paid members count to-date for 2016 stood at 37.

- **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Al Garcia and seconded by Bob Miller. Motion Accepted.**

## Reports/Discussion Topics

- **Loon report:** Dave Akin reported that 2015 the 2-3 loon hatchlings did not survive. He reported that in 2016 that 2 pair and 2-3 new hatchings have been cited.
- **Lake report / Invasive Species:** Bill Foyo reported that 2015 was the first time that Clear Lake had a paid boat inspection representative to educate public on the proper way to inspect watercraft for invasive species. Process went very well in 2015.
- **Invasive Species:** Two additional lakes in Aitkin county have reported invasive species. Elm Island is now infested with "curly leaf pond weed".
- **Water sampling:**
  - **Motion was made by Bill Foyo made a motion to have the Clear Lake Association spend up to \$75.00 to conduct water sampling on Clear Lake for the 2016 season. and**

**was seconded by Rick Michaelson. Motion carried.**

- **Lake drainage project:** Currently drainage from Clear Lake is plugged between Clear Lake and Rabbit Creek. Currently trying to rectify this situation and get it cleared up with the property owners were this drain flowage occurs. Feyo discussed the “Watershed District” drainage options, but was not optimistic on this option.
- **Public Access Boat Monitoring:**
  - **Boat landing inspectors:** Feyo reported that this will be done every weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day. In 2015 the costs of the boat inspector to the CLA (20% of total cost or \$410.00) was forgiven due to the “payment-in-kind” program that Bill Feyo participated in with his time. 2016 the CLA will only incur 10% of the total cost of the Clear Lake inspection program.
  - **Motion was made by Rick Hults and seconded by Bob Miller to authorize the CLA to spend up to \$500 to co-fund the cost of the 2016 Boat Inspection Program at a 10% level. Motion carried.**
  - **Electronic boat access monitoring project:** Feyo has the box for the electronic camera for monitoring the boat landig access and plans to install this Summer. Camera will be used to monitor proper boat inspection and as a record of boater traffic at the boat landing.
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade:** Feyo reported on the basic details of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Glen Store will sponsor the second annual 5K run to support local Veteran’s causes.
- **Boat Parade:** Rick Hults reported on the details for the 2016 Clear Lake boat parade. Bob Miller has volunteered to provide a \$10 gift certificate to all 2016 CL boat parade participants. In addition, the winner will get \$5 for every boat that participates.
- **Summer cookout:** Dave Paulson requested volunteers for the annual Summer Cookout.
- **ACALRA report:** Dave Kohanek has asked for a replacement for him as his Clear Lake representative. Bob Mc Elrath volunteered to assume his role as CLA representative.
  - **Motion made by Dave Parker and seconded by Bill Feyo to spend \$25 for the annual membership of ACLARA. Motion carried.**
- **River & Lakes Fair:** Dave Kohanek briefly outlined the educational benefits of the River and Lakes Fair that is especially designed for kids to be held on Father’s Day weekend at the Aitkin High School.
  - **Motion made by Dave Kohanek and seconded by Dave Aiken to spend \$50 for two gifts for the Rivers and Lakes Fair. Motion carried.**

**Website:** Rick Hults will assume management of the CLA website and has requested that members provide pictures to incorporate onto the website.

**CLA Committees:**

- **ACLARA:** Dave Kohanek
- **Loon Watch:** Dave Aiken

- **Water Clarity:** Gary Messer
- **Lake Monitor:** Dave Kohanek
- **4th of July:** Rick Hults
- **Web Site:** Rick Hults
- **Boat Access Monitoring:** Bill Feyo
- **Welcoming:** Bob Mc Elrath and Steve Buron

**New Business:**

- **Membership Communication:**
  - **Motion made by Dave Paulson and seconded by Bill Feyo to use email instead of US Postal Service as the primary method of communicating CLA news and membership information. Motion Carried.**
- **By-Laws:** By-laws last Revised CLA in 2016 Revision. Will need to be updated based on outcome of the proposed member communications motion previously passed.
- **CLA Fall Meeting:** Scheduled for Saturday September 5, 2016 at the Pine Inn.
- **CL Water Level Report:** Dave Kohanek reported that Clear Lake ordinary normal high water levels are as follows:

**Normal High Water Level** of Clear Lake as established by the MN DNR is: **1297.40**. Notable CL readings:

- **2014: (May 01) 1297.92**
- **2015: (May 01) 1297.50 and (Sept 30): 1297.40**
- **2016: (May 01) 1297.78 and (May 27): 1297.60**

NOTE: Highest recorded level was 1297.99 in April 1, 1966)

He also indicated that all historic NHW levels (Normal High Water Levels) are available on the MN DNR at:

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

**Door Prizes:**

**Meeting Adjournment:**

- **Motion to adjourn was made Ken Kellon and seconded by Al Garcia . Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM on May 28, 2016.**