



# Clear Lake Association Newsletter

## August 2014

Greetings from your Association Board of Directors!

Rick Hults – President	Glen Douglas – Vice President
Bob Miller – Treasurer	Robert McElrath – Secretary
Bill Feye – Member at Large	Curt Carlson* – Member at Large
Ed Peterson – Member at Large	

### Announcements:

- Our **Fall Bi-Annual Membership meeting** is on Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day weekend) at the Pine Inn from 9 – 11am. We'll have coffee and treats and any non-members we'd love to have you attend too.
- No planned **Summer Cookout** at this point since no one has stepped up to plan and coordinate the event.
- The **CLA website** has changed. It's now at: [www.minnesotawaters.org/clearlake/](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/clearlake/) We're still working to get all the content to render correctly.
- **New Board Members WANTED!** We have a few board members coming off the board and we'll need to elect new board members. If you have any interest or think someone would be good on our board, please reach out to any of the current board and ask us any questions you would have. It would be great to get some new people to participate on the board.

### Spring membership meeting Summary: (for the complete minutes you can view on the website)

**Treasurers Report** – We have 54 paid members for 2014, a breakdown of the years expenses, income and current balance were outlined. If you haven't paid, please use the dues form and send to Bob Miller.

**Lake Report/Fish Habitat** - Bill Feye reported that Ron White regularly takes the 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. 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 only 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.

Gary Messer (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.

Feye 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.



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**4th of July Parade and Boat Parade:** We had another big turnout for the land parade this year however we continue to have a low turnout with the boat parade.

**Invasive Species Report:** Rick Hults reported the ongoing threat and concern that all Clear Lake property owners should have concerning invasive species affecting Clear Lake. As a board we applied for a DNR grant for monitoring boater lake access. Unfortunately the grant was denied due to lack of funds with most of the money being allocated to lakes with higher traffic. Rick encouraged members to go to the various DNR links on invasive species to learn more about this threat.

Bill Feye 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 two nesting pairs of loons. Dave is always looking for updates from the lakeshore property owners in regards to loon activity. You can reach Dave at: ([akindm57@aol.com](mailto: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.

**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 Feye reported that it would be held on Sat 6/14 at Aitkin High School and its great free educational opportunities for kids and adults.

**Minnesota Conservation:** Bill Feye reported that a group has formed with the specific objective of combating invasive species. Feye has membership information for those that are interested.

**Committees:** Rick Hults asked those interested to consider participation in the ***Welcoming, Boat Monitoring, and Boat Parade committees.***

**Dust Guard Road Report:** Bill Feye 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 drawing to Margaret Brown and Dale Magnuson.

Thank you

Rick Hults, President - Clear Lake Association