



Clear Lake Association Newsletter

July 2016

Greetings from your Association Board of Directors!

Dave Paulson – President	Nancy Emmans – Vice President
Gretchen Paulson – Treasurer	Robert McElrath – Secretary
Bill Feyo – Member at Large	Steve Buron – Member at Large

- ✓ **Mark your calendars** for our Fall Membership meeting 9am on Saturday September 3, 2016 at the Pine Inn located in Glen.
- ✓ **Mail in your 2016 membership dues** or bring a check to the Fall Membership meeting.
- ✓ **Website:** The new website is available. To access go to <http://clearlake.mnlakesandrivers.org>

The association board hopes everyone on the lake is enjoying the summer.

Minutes for our Spring Clear Lake Association will be posted on the website after they are approved at the fall meeting. A few points of interest from the preliminary minutes are:

1. 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.
2. CLA to spend up to \$500 to co-fund the cost of the 2016 Boat Inspection Program at a 10% level. Boat inspectors have been at the boat access most if not all week ends this summer.
3. CLA spent \$50 for two gifts for the Rivers and Lakes Fair.
4. CLA is authorized to spend up to \$75.00 to conduct water sampling on Clear Lake for the 2016 season.

There are a few other items of interest I would like to comment on.

1. The Clear Lake boat parade was a great success this year with 29 units making the trip around the lake on Sunday, July 3. All the units were highly decorated and the winner was selected by Rick Hults. The winner was: Boat owner Alex Harris, Boat driver was Sandy Lehman, "George Washington" riding up front was Steve Lehman. Many other family members were riding along. The shore line was full of viewers cheering us on.



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2. The 5K run was another great success with 274 participants. I was in my front yard counting but lost track around 200. I saw several CLA members making the trip from highway 47 to the Glen Store running the gravel road around the lake.
3. Another great fireworks display on both Sunday and Monday evenings. Thanks to all who gave us the show.
4. The July 4th parade was again well attended with many wonderful floats. All in all I would say the 4th was a great success
5. I have seen 2 baby loons on the North end of the lake.
6. We have received 42 paid dues so far for 2016. Dues can be mailed to the treasure or brought to the fall meeting. Membership dues form is attached to this mailing.
7. Record rainfall in July raised the level of Clear Lake approximately 1.5 inches above the all-time record high level reading. This new record reading was taken on July 21, 2016. The Aitkin county board of commissioners has declared a " NO WAKE " status on Clear lake for two weeks due to the high water conditions . They met July 26, 2016 at their regular meeting and had many comments from the public about high water and the shoreline damage that is caused by wave action, natural and manmade by boat traffic . Boat speed should not exceed 6.0 MPH and avoid shoreline travel out to 300 feet from shore when possible. The board of commissioners will review the situation in two weeks for further action if necessary.

At our spring meeting I asked if the by-laws could be revised to allow for meeting notice by e-mail. The current Clear Lake Association By-Laws in section 3 read as follows:

Official notice of the membership meeting shall be made by mail and mailed to the last address of record at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

I would propose we revise the By-Laws as follows:

Official notice of the membership meeting shall be made by letter or e-mail and sent to the last address of record at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

This revision will be voted on at the fall meeting.

Submitted by: Dave Paulson, CLA President



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Please fill out the Membership Dues form for 2016 listed below. We'd like to see an even higher level of participation in 2016 so please ask your neighbors if they are a member. If not members, invite them to our membership meeting, share some of the things we do and explain the importance of the membership in protecting our lake. With the invasive species in Mille Lacs Lake and other nearby lakes it's important that we do everything possible to protect Clear Lake.

Thank you

Dave Paulson, President

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2016 Membership Dues

Clear Lake Membership Application (for new and present members)

Name: _____

Clear Lake Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Make check for \$20 payable to: Clear Lake Association

Mail check & application to: Gretchen Paulson

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