



Clear Lake Association Newsletter

July 2015

Greetings from your Association Board of Directors!

Rick Hults – President	David Paulson – Vice President
Gretchen Paulson – Treasurer	Robert McElrath – Secretary
Bill Fayo – Member at Large	Nancy Emmans – Member at Large

Hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July!

- ✓ **New this year was the 5K run.** 261 walkers/runners participated and \$3536.50 was raised and sent to the National Wounded Warriors Project.
- ✓ **4th of July Parade** had 74 units this year and 900 glasses of lemonade were handed out.
- ✓ **4th of July Boat Parade** was on Sunday July 5th with a stronger turn out this year. The Ness family won the traveling yard trophy for their enthusiasm and decorations.
- ✓ **Mark your calendars** for our Fall Membership meeting 9am on Saturday September 5th 2015 at the Pine Inn.
- ✓ **Website** – We have a new website. www.clearlake.mnlakesanddrivers.org/

Spring Membership meeting (5/23/15) SUMMARY:

Secretary Report:

Nancy Emmans read the minutes from the Fall Clear Lake Association meeting that was held on Saturday August 30th 2014. One correction was made by Bill Fayo. A motion and second to approve the Fall 2014 CLA meeting minutes as submitted with correction was made and motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

Gretchen Paulson presented the financial condition of the CLA Association. Total 2015 membership paid was 40. Motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made and motion was approved.

Other Reports and Discussion Topics

- **Guest speaker Charlie Christiansen:** Road Supervisor for Glen Township reported the 5 year agreement for dust guarding roads is expiring and the need to be reassessed. He provided more details on how the product works, how it's applied, condition of the road, and costs. A public meeting is required for this reassessment before year end. If you have any questions or concerns you can call Charlie at: 320-684-2013.



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- **Fire Extinguisher Recall:** Bill Feyo reported that model XLSMR fire extinguishers purchased at Walmart, Home Depot, and several other retailers in the past 2-3 years have been recalled due to the handles breaking.
- **Lake Report/Invasive Species:**
 - **Boat Landing Inspectors:** Bill Feyo reported Clear Lake is on the list for boat inspectors for certain weekends this year. AIS County project will pay 80% and CLA will pay 20%. Motions made and approved to pay no more than \$500.
 - **Lake Drainage Project:** Bill Feyo reported on the SW corner of the lake drainage plan. Property owners have been contacted verbally and are in favor of the plan as long as they will not have to pay and road crossings are maintained or improved. The next step is to hire a registered land surveyor to do a land elevation study. Rick Hults mentioned the importance of this project due to the damaged property from the ice this winter which was caused by high water. Motions made and passed to pay \$500 or less to contract surveyor. Motions also made and passed to get at least 2 written bids on this project. Bill also mentioned the need for volunteers to help clear brush along the ditch before work can begin. DNR and County permits will be applied for. The Glen Township board will consider a donation toward this project and there are other possible donors to help cover the cost of this project. The final cost approval is proposed for the fall CLA meeting. Work schedule would be in the fall when leaves are off trees and brush is easier to get through.
 - **High water - shoreline repairs:** Bill Feyo reported with wide spread shoreline damage due to the ice this winter that permits are required for land movement of 10 cubic yards or more. It's suggested that you take photos and if trees fall into the lake you can leave them (good for the lake, shore and fish habitat).
 - **Water testing:** Bill Feyo reported that lake water was tested for nitrates and phosphates in 2014 so there are no plans to do it this year. (done every other year)
 - **Electronic monitoring of boat access:** Bill Feyo reported that a trail camera will be installed at the public access for the purpose of counting cars/boat unit activity. DNR uses access traffic as part of the decision making in awarding grants.
- **County updates: Bill Feyo**
 - Aitkin County Environmental Services is looking for contributions to the program. Bill explained the need for student scholarships to this camp for underprivileged Aitkin students in the 6th to 9th grade to be able to participate in a summer conservation-oriented camp. Motions made and passed for CLA to contribute \$100.00 for the 20th Annual Education Day.
 - Bill updated on the mobile boat washing units the County has purchased. Three have been purchased. Two will be dedicated to certain locations with one unit



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roaming and scheduled every weekend on lakes in Aitkin County with a public access. Bill explained that if the washing unit is on a lake that is infected, boats would be washed as they exit the lake and if the lake is not infected the boats would be washed before entering the lake. No charge for the service. Reminder, these inspectors are here to protect our lakes, do not challenge them while they do their job. They will take down licenses and report any confrontations to the local Conservation Officers. The FIRM & Willies Marine will have boat washing units set up to wash boats at no charge during their operating hours.

- Aitkin County AIS committee approved the purchase of Water Sieve Units to do annual testing for zebra mussels. Clear Lake will do this test in July.
- **Loon Watch Report:** No new updates. Let Dave Aikin know if you see any new nests or have information about the Loon activity to report. 651-341-8957.
- **Summer Cookout:** If anyone is interested in hosting the summer cookout, contact Rick Hults or another board member. The board has approved up to \$200 to help with costs of anyone coordinating.
- **Website:** Rick Hults reported that he will continue to keep the website updated. Motions made to pay Membership and Web Hosting fees and motion carried.
- **Door Prizes:** Rick Hults awarded, by drawing, door prizes to Jim Olson and Margo Knox.

ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER! See you at the Fall Membership meeting.



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Please fill out the Membership Dues form for 2015 listed below. We'd like to see an even higher level of participation in 2015 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

Rick Hults, President

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2015 Membership Dues

Clear Lake Membership Application (for new and present members)

Name: _____

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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