Minutes from CLPOA Board Meeting November 22, 2005

Meeting was held through a teleconference.

Attendees were:

Tim Nelson
Bill Dunn
Fred Morris
Bob Hewitt
Sandra Butler
Sally Westby
Marjory Ryan
Susan Frankowski

Absent Board member:
Bob Reid

Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm CST

Tim Nelsen opened the meeting reviewing the 2005 Annual Member meeting minutes. There was discussion on the Cook County Water Plan. Sally Westby (CLPOA Water Committee Chair) will send a letter to Cook County stating that CLPOA approves the Cook County Water Plan. She was requested not to specifically call out a “no Wake Zone” and was requested to use generic language on supporting surface use, septic, and water quality monitoring and to acknowledge Cook County’s pro active support. Motion was made to approve the 2005 Annual Member meeting minutes by Bill Dunn 2nd by Sally Westby
All Approved

Treasurer’s report by Sandra Butler As of 10/31/05 balance in checking account was $2579.21. There was discussion to possibly raise the annual membership dues. Sally Westby stated that she could investigate what other MN Lake Associations were charging for annual dues. Bill Dunn asked the question do we need more money? If we are trying to grow our membership should we keep our dues under the radar? Marjory Ryan stated that if something political arises where the association needs funding, then the association could look at fund raising for that specific cause. There was discussion that property owners that are not paying members of the CLPOA were receiving mailings, which is an incurred cost to the association. Sandy Butler will check who paid and who is on the tax records of Cook County Caribou Lake area. Bill Dunn mentioned to form a membership committee to collate membership data and identify from the Cook County Tax records what non-paying group of property owners the CLPOA may want to market towards, to join the association. The committee would focus on Analyzing, Revenues, What are we missing, and Marketing approaches. Sandy stated she would be in Mpls Dec 12 – Jan 4th if Bill wanted to contact her.

Neighborhood Watch update

One group of Caribou Lake residents have created their Phone Tree and submitted a hard copy to the Sherriff Dept. Per the instructions at the Annual Meeting. This phone tree consist 9 property owners from Fire number 231 to 321. The Sherriff has informed Bill Dunn that he can get the large neighborhood watch signs. Bill will discuss with the Sherriff the location of the posting of these 4 signs.
1. Entrance of County 39 off County 4.
2. Entrance of County 38 off County 4
3. County 4 at Public Boat Landing
4. South Caribou Trail (39) and Ward Lake Road intersection

CLPOA Members will be able to purchase a small neighborhood watch sign for their private property at the Spring Meeting.
AUAR / Subordinate Service District Discussion

The September plat review of the Sawmill Hillsides proposed development was tabled until clarification could be obtained concerning whether the AUAR mitigation plan recommendation for east (Ward Lake Road) access for Sawmill Hillsides would still be required given the smaller sized of the development proposal. The CLPOA still contends that revisions to Sawmill Drive necessary for safe west access to Sawmill Hillsides development would be harmful to the wetlands at the end of Sawmill Bay and that the smaller development size still would require damaging “near lake road revisions” involving steep road grades and storm water runoff impacts on the lake. The author of the AUAR was rehired by the county board to clarify the Mitigation plan, but this input remained ambiguous. A second larger request for proposal was authorized by the county board to thoroughly analyze the alternative access routes to the Sawmill Hillsides development. The Subordinate Service district advisory board was proactive in the drafting of this request for proposals. However, no environmental firms submitted bids. Finally, Cook county planning and zoning decided to formally make a request to the forest service to grant an east access easement from Ward Lake Road using the AUAR mitigation plan as justification. The Forest Service is still evaluating this request.

Motion made by Sandy Butler to have CLPOA continue to urge the County to codify and support adherence of the AUAR Plan and Service District. Marjory 2nd the motion. Motion Approved.

Newsletter

There was discussion regard CLPOA creating a newsletter. Sandy Butler stated that we need to keep it simple and does not want to be in charge of it, but will contribute. There was discussion of the publication and not to incur extra cost to the association. It could be posted on the CLPOA website to save postage. Marjory Ryan stated that she could create the newsletter with article contributions from other Board Members or Association Members. Once created she could email it to Barbara Vaughan to have Barbara post it on the CLPOA website. There was a discussion that if the 1st newsletter is ready by March 2006, it could be included in the Spring Membership mailing that would include the Fall Membership meeting minutes, the 2006 Spring Meeting announcement and possible the 1st newsletter. The following people will be Contributors to this 1st newsletter. Bill Dunn: Crime Watch and Environmental opening your cabin article, Sally Westby: Boat Use article, Tim: Development Update article.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm CST

Minute’s respectfully submitted by
Susan Frankowski