

CLPOA Board of Directors Minutes

Feb 3, 2009, 8 PM

Board Members Present: Bill Dunn, Bob Reid, Jessie Neihart, Diane Kamp, Larry Mullen, Bob Hewitt, Sally Westby, and Pat Vaughan (absent Fred Morris and Louise Suomi).

President Bill Dunn called the meeting to order.

Bill asked Bob R. to comment on the recently distributed Lake Management Plan. Bob R. said every comment he has heard has been high praise. 168 copies were sent out to the watershed addresses supplied from the county. Only one was returned due an incorrect address. Copies were also sent out to the county commissioners, highway department, Cook county Planning and Zoning department, Cook County Soil and Water department, 3 township supervisors, Lutsen Reality, Wolfridge Reality, Contractor Dwyer, Contractor Mike Rose, Mn Waters, Dave Stark, Karen Evens, and Biz Clark. A press release was sent to the "News Herald" and they ran an article, with a follow-up article possible.

Bob R. reported that the association costs for the Lake Management Plan would be less than \$200, with the majority of the costs being covered by the \$3,000 grant. 300 volunteer hours at \$10 an hour were submitted for the grant. Actual hours logged though were close to 400. \$2,024.17 has yet to be received from the DNR, which was billed/submitted in early January.

Bob R. commented that we all can take pride in our contributions to the plan. The board thanked Bob R. for his substantial effort .

Bill reported, for Louise , that all 2008 tax filing requirements have been met. Our income levels are below the filing requirements for income taxes. Sales tax filings are required when we sell the neighborhood watch signs.

Discussion was held on the framing of the Caribou Lake DNR prints that were purchased as appreciation gifts to speakers etc. Bob R. said he found black finished metal frames with glass and backer board that would run \$33 each. Bill found frames at IKEA (19 3/4" x 19 3/4") for \$17 in a variety of finishes. He purchased one for his print and it worked pretty well (the 20' by 20' print cut down to size), with some difficulty with the tacks used to hold the picture into the frame. Bob R. said he would check these out. Funding for these frames was approved by the board at the August 31, 2008 meeting at \$300 for 10 frames (and \$240 for the prints). Pat moved that Bob R. be the first recipient of a framed print. Motion was seconded by Bob H and carried. (Bill stated he wasn't sure a motion was needed for this).

Establishing loon nesting platforms was discussed. Pat said he has diagram plans from "Woodworking for Wildlife". He said good sites for the nesting platforms would be at the outlet, Bigsby bay, or Sawmill bay. He said two would work and he would have to get approval from the DNR. Sally made the motion that up to \$250 to \$300 be approved for the material costs of the nesting platforms. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Starr grant covers the cost of 3 water sample sites. Cost for more than 3 sites would have to be absorbed by the association. Discussion was held on how many sites would be good. Three, five, and

seven sites were discussed. Consensus was we would like to do more than the minimum of 3, but 7 might be too much given the current economic times. Sally made a motion and Larry seconded it, that we fund 2 additional water sampling sites from the 3 funded by the Starr grant to give us a total of 5 sampling sites. The motion carried.

Bob R. and Bill both reiterated that each board member should be thinking about, between now and the spring meeting, which Lake Plan "Action Teams" they could lead and which action items they could undertake.

Jesse proposed the idea of members sharing their conservation projects with the membership through possible tours and demonstrations. Projects could be rain gardens, lakeshore plantings, solar panels, storm water diversion and waterless toilets, etc. The board concurred with the idea. It is in the spirit of our Lake Plan. This could be initiated in the newsletter and spring meeting. Pictures could be put on our web site as members submit them.

Discussion was held on re-establishing the Cathedral of the Pines liaison. Bob R. mentioned that Don Sivertson thought it might be good to have a COP representative on the board. Bob R. and Larry will explore options.

Articles for the spring news letter are due April 1, with the mailing to be done by May 1. It was decided to mail to all in the watershed area. Bob R. will try to obtain watershed area mailing labels and an electronic copy from the county. Larry will be responsible for the mailing. Pat to see if Barb Vaughan would be interested in organizing the newsletter. Articles in the newsletter to include the lake Management Plan, a ballot of what members' priorities and interests are, related to the plan, and the concept of members sharing/showing their conservation projects,

Bill indicated he would make the phone call to see about the Firewise site. Sally volunteered to manage it.

The spring meeting is to be held Saturday, May 23 from 10AM to Noon. Bill will arrange for the location, the first choice being the Lutsen church with the alternate sight being the electric co-op. The board discussed the format. The Lake Plan will be emphasized. The board concurred that a brain storming session on the Plan action items could get members engaged. Bill, Bob R. and Sally will work on the agenda of the working sessions. Bill will invite Commissioner Bruce Martinson and Larry will invite Tristan Beaster of Cook county Soil and water.

The meeting was adjourned

