

CLPOA Board December 15, 2010 Teleconference Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Started at 8 PM.

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

The agenda was loosely as such:

- Treasury report
- Recap the July 27, 2010 DNR meeting
- Caribou slash pit
- Sillman trailer variance
- 2011 action plan

Louise Suomi gave the treasury report. The balance at the time of the meeting was \$3,441.73.

It was noted by Louise Suomi that the membership has decreased. Larry Mullen asked if it was possible to measure individuals who have discontinued membership against those who are still members in an effort to understand the decline. Fred Morris cited the economy. Bill Dunn suggested a membership drive with a specific cause in mind. Bob Reid looks for CLPOA to be more proactive in general by exploring more possibilities. Bill Dunn volunteers to pursue a GIS based map to visually illustrate.

On July 27th, 2010, Larry Mullen, Sally Westby, Diana Kamp, and Bill Dunn attended a meeting in Two Harbors with DNR representatives. Caribou Lake specific issues addressed were watershed and lakeshore lands, the public landing, culvert at the outlet, and the institution of no wake zones.

Cliff Bentley, DNR area hydrologist was requested to survey lands on and around Caribou. Clint Little, also of the DNR, will be conducting the field work. After this survey, a meeting is to be scheduled Doug Roulette to address protecting public lands. Regarding this paragraph – I believe the gist of it is that Clint Little has agreed to share with the CLPOA GPS mapping work he has already conducted of the Caribou Lake area and adding identification of the public land areas

The conversion of the public landing bay from wake to no-wake was discussed but it was agreed that it will be a struggle. Bill Dunn suggested the landing is mismanaged and perhaps a buoy marked channel would guide boaters to areas of the lake which are deeper, greater in area, and less populated. Larry Mullen thought to partner with the County to volunteer to place buoys to facilitate no-wake institution. Diana Kamp offered to contact County to keep no-wake moving forward.

Tom Peterson, DNR, led CLPOA to believe there are slim chances of seeing the DNR do anything to update/improve the public landing in the near future. It's still a problem.

Caribou outlet/lake water level issue was addressed once again. Rocks and debris upstream of culvert regulate outflow. Lake level is reported to be 8 feet above culvert height.

Diana Kamp asked of the board to review legislature re public lands. Bob Reid asks to find legislators to petition our cause after first of year 2011. Bill Dunn posed question, will legislative turnover cause raid of school trust land. Fred Morris wondered if lands are desirable enough without easements in place for corporations.

The slash pit came up in response to a shed being illegally dumped which contained lead paint. The shed was dealt with by Paul Nelson but according to the memorandum of understanding, the CLPOA is responsible for this type of problem. It was decided that no additional signage was needed but signage would be the maximum deterrent afforded. If signs were to be placed on County road or forest service road, permitting would be pursued. Tim Nelson (County Planning Director) will be contacted by Larry Mullen to affirm that the 2008 Memorandum of Understanding is still recognized.

The Sillman property variance overview was provided by Bill Dunn. The property was DNR land sold at its highest property value. Temporary permit applied for temporary living quarters (RV) for three years, one check-up per year with possibility of permit termination. Initial issues raised; the construction in defined bluff land, also a non-buildable knob. Landowner expressed hardship to Bob Hewitt. Landowner wishes to build better not faster and is having problems with County. Bill Lane, Cook Co., is tracking situation through permitting process. It has already been through County Committee and now moves before board. CLPOA asks that sanitary conditions be upheld, screening to Caribou trail be maintained, and even though non-pressurized water is not required to be dealt with gray water not caught by satellite be recognized and addressed.

Webpage updates are required. Committee structure, minutes from the 2010 fall meeting, and new officers. Barb Vaughan will be made aware of updates by Larry Mullen.

Committee structure revealed a few changes. Bob Reid noted nothing was currently happening with the AUAR advisory board. Road Committee, formed in response to past Caribou trail improvements, still serves purpose, namely that of tree plantings along Caribou trail.

Larry Mullen looks to reform/resume email committee to boost membership.

The Environmental committee is Bill Dunn, Sally Westby, Larry Mullen, Pat Vaughan, Bob Reid, Diana Kamp (volunteered) and Jesse Neihart (chair). Environmental Committee remains in place, Bill Dunn wishes to maintain environmental committee's ability to work independently of board of directors and membership to expedite decision making process under often short and unforeseen deadlines. Board and membership will remain in close contact with environmental committee's dealing subject to case specific time restraints. Email list is to best facilitate this often chaotic process of review.

Water quality committee, a subcommittee of the environmental committee, will remain in place with Sally Westby as sole member and chair. Volunteers to help are needed.

Communications committee will remain in place primarily to produce the newsletter. The committee is Larry Mullen, Louise Suomi (volunteered), Sally Westby (Chair) and Barb Vaughan was proposed.

Governance committee, formed to inform residents of new regulations and used most recently to audit treasury, and deal with past ATV issues. In response to the governance committee issue of continuing the treasurer's audit came up. Bill Dunn suggested an audit should take place every three years. Committee remains in place. Members are Bob Hewitt (Chair), Bob Reid, Fred Morris and Louise Suomi

Elections committee also remains in place.

Action items for 2011

- No Wake lake/bay/bays/channel
- Public lands
- Plantings/Restoration Projects
- Strengthen membership
- Lake classification study
- Lake testing

In response to lake testing sites topic proposal Pat Vaughan asked for a more proactive approach to identifying and penalizing point source runoff pollution.

Diana Kamp, COLA member, noted a workshop is planned for next summer.

Broadband surveyors were observed by Larry Mullen in November. . A surveyor reported that the power poles would be wired for broadband this February with an undetermined timetable for actual hook-up/activation.

Survey markers were found on north shore and peninsula by Bill Dunn. Markers with GPS waypoint numbers were found and incidentally coincide with school trust land.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.