

## CARIBOU LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Board meeting

9/03/11

12:15 p.m.

### Meeting Notes

CLPOA Board Members Present: Bill Dunn, Bob Hewitt, Diana Kamp, Larry Mullen, Jesse Neihart, Bob Reid, Louise Suomi, Pat Vaughan, Sally Westby. Absent Fred Morris

**1.0 Call to order** – the meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Mullen.

**2.0 Minnesota Waters** –CLPOA will be renewing its membership in Minnesota Waters.

**3.0 Fish Counting by Fond du Lac Tribe** – CLPOA reps have been invited to go along when the Fond du Lac tribe counts fish in Caribou Lake in September. Bill Dunn and his father represented CLPOA several years ago. Jon Westby will contact the tribe and participate this year.

**4.0 Grant Application for funding for erosion control** – County staff have contacted Diana Kamp to see if CLPOA would be interested in applying for a \$5000 grant to help residents with shoreland plantings and other erosion control endeavors. The grant would be a 75% match (residents would need to contribute 25%). CLPOA would need to pay funds up front for a survey in order to participate.

Discussion ensued about the timeline and what would be involved. Bill Dunn suggested waiting until next year when we had a list of people interested in doing plantings. There a number of grants for which we could apply.

Bob Reid said he would like more information on the kinds of things that people could do to protect the shoreland. It would be great if we could get someone from SWCD to view properties and even grade them and come up with suggestions (ala Fire wise). Diana will follow up with county staff and report back. She believes that more and more people on the lake are cutting vegetation, which could have a negative effect on water quality. Larry will follow up on the report done several years ago documenting the Caribou Lake “landscape” to see if there is information in it that would be useful as we look at this issue.

Bill Dunn suggested focusing educational efforts on septic maintenance issues.

**5.0 Public Access and No Wake** - There continues to be interest in doing something to upgrade the public access. CLPOA could request an emergency review of the public access, which would mean that the DNR would have to respond. Jessie Neihart will prepare a sketch of what the public access could look like and what could be done.

Board members will ask the SWCD staff about the weeds in the lake so we can get more information about what kind of weeds they are, if they are problematic etc.

**6.0 Abandoned Orange pontoon** – Bob Hewitt will contact the county to see if there is an ordinance that could be used to get it removed.

**7.0 Spring Meeting** – there was discussion of inviting the new Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff member to speak at the spring meeting about what people can do on their own properties to control run-off.

**8.0 Annual Meeting** –This year’s annual meeting went very well but the Board would like to increase attendance next year. Better outreach is needed including knocking on doors to personally remind people of the meeting.

**9.0 Recruiting Board Members** – Efforts to recruit new board members will continue. Several people contacted this year might consider running next year. Sally Westby is keeping a list of potential candidates.

**10.0 Adjourn** – 1:00 p.m.

**11.0 Next Board Meeting** – at the call of the President