

**CARIBOU LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
(CLPOA)**

Board meeting Minutes

4/24/12

9:00 p.m.

CLPOA Board Members Present: Bill Dunn, Diana Kamp, Larry Mullen, Patrick Vaughan, Sally Westby.
Members excused: Bob Hewitt, Fred Morris Bob Reid, Louise Suomi

1.0 Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. by President Mullen.

2.0 Spring Meeting – Chair Mullen reported that the spring meeting would be on Saturday May 26 at the Lutsen Lutheran Church. The church is reserved from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sally Westby will bring coffee. Larry Mullen will bring donuts.

Discussion ensued regarding the meeting agenda.

- **Ilena Berg of Cook County has agreed to attend.** Larry will ask her to talk about the planned update to the Cook County Water Plan and any other issues she thinks might be of interest.
- **Bruce Martinson – County Commissioner** – has agreed to attend.
- **Arrowhead Electric – report on Broadband status** – in the process of being confirmed
- **Loon Update – Pat Vaughan**
- **Fire wise/Slash Pit update – Larry Mullen**
- **Other potential Items**

Crime Watch update – Chair Mullen will contact Sue Frankowski

Lake Bed Sediment sampling project

School Trust Lands update

Membership/Board Member recruitment

Chair Mullen will prepare the meeting notice. Sally Westby will mail the meeting notice as soon possible in May.

2.0 Water Quality – Run off issues

- **Summer progressive Party to showcase landscape improvements** – Sally Westby suggested that this be postponed until there are more landscape improvements to showcase and it is clear there will be funding and county assistance available for those wishing to make improvements.

- **Lake Bed Sediment Sampling Project (the “Big Fix”)** – Bill Dunn reported on the work that he and Bob Reid have done since the last board meeting to get assistance in determining why there is continuing algae bloom in Caribou Lake. There appears to be major phosphorous recycling going on in the lake caused by wind, motors, and other factors. A grant application has been made to Arrowhead Electric to fund a new tool to take lake water samples about a foot off of the bottom of lake. The sampling will provide information about what is happening at bottom of lake – what types of sediment are there and what is getting churned up.

The sampling will be the first step in better understanding the chemistry of the lake and what can be done to improve water quality. Results and analysis will help CLPOA understand if lakebed sediment sampling would help define the scope and cause of the phosphorus cycling problem. This will be a big effort and assistance will be needed from people with energy and scientific backgrounds. The sampling would be done at three sites. Pat Vaughan agreed that he could add this sampling to his current sampling duties.

The board was in agreement with and appreciative of the work that Bill and Bob have done. Undertaking this effort will be a big and important mission for CLPOA.

3.0 Lake Management Plan Report card – will be presented at the fall meeting when there are more residents in attendance.

4.0 Membership and recruitment of new board members – Larry Mullen will make a short presentation at the Spring meeting encouraging those in attendance to become members of CLPOA if they are not already and to consider serving on the board.

5.0 School Trust – There was brief discussion of pending legislation (passed the next day by the Legislature) to remove the administration of School Trust Lands from the DNR and focus on maximizing financial returns from their use. This legislation could ultimately have a dramatic negative effect on Caribou Lake.

6.0 Taxes and valuations – there was a brief discussion of Caribou property lake valuations, which have fallen although the tax mill rate has increased proportionately.

7.0 Environment Committee – a meeting of the CLPOA environment committee will be scheduled for immediately following the Spring Meeting so members can discuss the Cook County Water plan update and potential revisions we might wish to propose.

8.0 Adjourn – 10:05 p.m.

9.0 Next Board Mtg – at the call of the chair