

CLPOA Board of Directors Minutes

Feb 1, 2010, 8 PM

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

President Bill Dunn called the meeting to order.

Bob Reid gave an update on a newly formed committee (stemming from the fall annual meeting breakout sessions) that is calling all residents in the watershed requesting their e-mail addresses. This is an effort to be able to communicate with everyone in the watershed, in a cost effective way, when issues arise. Members on the committee are Bev Reid, Irene Mullen, Yvonne Mullen, Jane Evenson Louise Suomi and Barb Vaughan.

Larry Mullen reported that Louise Suomi (treasurer) had filed the 2009 annual state sales tax return (nothing due) and he (secretary) had filed the 2009 Federal and State Corporate income tax returns (also nothing due).

As an AUAR update, Bob Reid reported that the 5 year payment from the county for water quality samplings (\$1,000 each year) is going through, being funded by property owners real estate tax assessments.

Bill Dunn gave a septic update. He reported that Cook County is examining the technical language in the septic ordinance regarding performance. An issue is how the ordinance addresses the frequency of septic pumping, considering the different types and usages of systems in the county. Residents are showing some opposition to the 'point of sale' inspection requirement. The state has revised its rules and is starting to work with counties.

Bob Hewitt reported his understanding that it is not a state mandate to have your septic pumped every three years as the county is proposing. He pointed out that different degrees of maintenance are required depending on the system and trying to lump all systems into one set of rules may not make sense.

Bill Dunn elaborated that the model we would like the county to follow would be to have them pro-actively pursue those out of compliance (failed inspections). Diane Kamp asked what were we specifically proposing? Bill stated that Sally Westby and the septic committee are working on an informational handout for the spring newsletter. Bill will provide the rough draft of the septic maintenance log to be included in the mailing. Kristi Youngdahl suggested that we talk to those out of compliance, in a non-confrontational way, to see what they are thinking. She would be willing to do that. Bob Reid said he would be willing to go along with Kristi. Bob also thought we should talk to commissioner Bruce Martinson at the spring meeting to get a commitment from him of follow up on the non compliance systems. Bill opposes, as a property owners association, pursuing those out of compliance and this maybe something the AUAR could take over. An encouraging note is that we are over 90% compliant.

Bill Dunn noted that a nominating committee for Directors/Officers needs to be appointed. We need to look for new blood representative of all the geographic areas of the lake. He also asked if stewardship rewards would be appropriate for the spring meeting. Bob Reid thought we should hold off from the spring meeting, with no opposition from the group. Kristi Youngdahl said that the Cathedral of the Pines would be available for the spring meeting. The date of the spring meeting is May 29, 2010, planned for 10:00

AM. Themes proposed were presenting testimonials on good environmental practices such as plantings, shoreline protection and fire sprinkler systems. Diane Kamp said such a theme could tie into Public Land protection. Fred Morris suggested the idea of presenting information on invasive species. Larry Mullen said he could speak with Tristen Beaster, Cook County Soil and Water on getting information on plantings and good environmental practices. Jessie Neihart said he could address the topic of lake restoration, which fits with the line of work he is in. Bob Hewitt suggested approaching the Folk School in Grand Marais to see if they would be interested in putting together a presentation for us on these matters. He will explore the possibility with them

Deadline for articles for the spring newsletter is April 1st, with the mailing to take place before May 1st. Larry Mullen will be doing the mailing and Barb Vaughan will compile it. Ideas for articles included an historical piece on John Lyght, recently deceased, life long resident, and former Cook county Sheriff. An informational septic article was also proposed by Sally Westby.

It was agreed to keep the slash pit going again this summer. Pat Vaughan reported that Lyle Laske, who we got out loon platforms from, is reporting good success with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

