

CARIBOU LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2005 Spring Meeting
Saturday, May 28, 2005
Lutsen Lutheran Church

Minutes:

Meeting called to order. Tim Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:45am

Board members present introduced themselves; Tim Nelson, Marjorie Ryan, Sally Westby, Bob Reid, Bob Hewitt, Sandra Butler, Susan Frankowski.

DNR Walleye tagging was presented by Tim Nelson. Electroshock was done in April and the Walleye size in Caribou Lake is 14-16 inch per the DNR report. Walleye have been tagged. A slide was shown to the group showing a walleye fish with a yellow tag on it. Members were told that if they harvest a walleye they need to pull the yellow tag off the fish and deposit the tag into a box that is located at the Boat Landing. The DNR will be surveying the lake this summer, and may stop your boat to inform you of the tagging process. If you do not harvest a catch, leave the tag attached to the fish when you throw it back.

Pat Vaughan told the group that he has extensive history of the fish in Caribou Lake and he will be posting it on the CLPOA website. He will also mail a copy to the association secretary to file.

Bill Dunn, whom is with the MN Pollution Agency and a property owner on Caribou Lake, presented the 2004 Lake Assessment Program update report. Pat Vaughan collected data for the report and Cook County was represented by Karen Evans. Lake monitoring locations were:

- Cathedral of the Pines
- Between Don Sivertson & Old Marlin Hansen properties
- Off Foster's by Sawmill Bay
- The Straits Area
- Bixby
- Off Dunn's property
- Boat landing

It was noted that pollution was not coming from Bixby. Worst disc reading was 6ft, located in the lake off of the Dunn property area of the lake. Lakes average transparency was 3-6 ft. Caribou is classified as a shallow lake. Caribou chlorophyll was classified as mild to moderate. Secchi readings were 1976, 1987, 1994, 2004.

Bob Hewitt gave an update report on the Tree planting. Volunteers planted 300 trees by White Sky Trail. Types of trees planted were, White Spruce, Tamarack, and Oak. They planted them sporadically for a more natural look. Some of the volunteers were Sumi's, Westbys, Kachers, Kamps, Nelsons, Hewitts, Bill Dunn.

Sally Westby reported on Water Surface use. In 1995 a committee was formed called the Water Surface Control Committee. The creation of the committee was formed because of nuisance water issues on the lake. The group has worked with the DNR and posted noise signs at the boat landing. They would like to get a No Wake zone in the Northwest Bay by the Public Boat Landing. The need State and County approvals before a No Wake Zone could be established. The group will be sending mailings out to residents of the Lake asking for their support for the No Wake Zone for the Northwest Bay portion of Caribou Lake.

Bob Reid gave an update on the Subordinate Service District. Residence should have seen on their property tax bill a \$37.00 charge which was the funding of the Subordinate Service District. Residents will see this fee one more time on their 2006 Property Tax bill. Septic inspections are still taking place and the septic inspection project is in its 2nd year. Septic inspection is a 2 step process. Step 1 Homeowner gets their tank pumped (Homeowners cost) which then triggers the 2nd step in which the County inspects the system (County cost). If your septic is 5 years old or newer then you will not get a county inspection. County is responsible to monitor whom has updated their septic within the 2 year timeline after the inspection. There is discussion on a Water Quality Monitoring Program. It will be proposed to the CLPOA members if they support a \$15-20 per

year assessment on their property taxes to support this program. The Sawmill Bay development update is that there is discussion to reduce the 38 sites to 19 sites and use the Sawmill Bay road for access. The road would run by the Westside of Sawmill Bay Wetlands. Group wants to urge county to upgrade road on East side as an alternative. Tim Nelson reminded the group that 2 major items in the District Plan are 1. East access to Sawmill Bay Sites and 2. Road specifications are enforced by County. Bob Reid to contact Mike Hatch regarding developer being on the Subordinate Service District board which gives him voting power and conflict of interest.

Bill Dunn talked about Crime Watch Program. There were 3 instances on Caribou Lake in which residence were broken into in 2004. Cook County does not have a Crime Watch program. Bill talked with the Sheriff and the Sheriff was open to getting information regarding the program. Bill explained to the group it can be as simple as a phone tree network to posting signs and having education forums. Bill will be sending information to the Sheriff about the program. Many communities participate and it does not take a lot of time or money.

Tim Nelson reviewed what COLA is and stated that the Lake Association needs a volunteer to represent CLPOA at the COLA meetings. COLA meets 4 times per year from 9am – 12noon. Meeting dates are June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, and Sept 9. Diana Kamp volunteered to be CLPOA COLA representative.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.