

CARIBOU LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

30th Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 3, 2005
Cathedral of the Pines Camp

Minutes:

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

Introduction of Board Members. Board members were introduced to membership, and special acknowledgement to Barb Vaughan, for administrating the CLOPA Website

Minutes from 2004 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Bev Reid to approve minutes of last meeting. No discussion, motion 2nd by Dan Mullen and passed to approve minutes.

Treasurer's Report. Sandy Butler, Treasurer made available copies of the Treasurer report. Dues of \$20 are due for this year and can be sent to Caribou Lake Property Owners Association, PO Box 11, Lutsen, MN 55612 payable to CLPOA. Motion was made by Tim Nelsen to approve the Treasure report. No discussion, motion 2nd by Pat Vaughan and passed to approve Treasures report

Welcome Guests. Bruce Martinson, Cook County Commissioner and Sheriff Mark Falk

Guest Speaker Sheriff Falk. Sheriff Falk gave a brief outline of his past work experience in Law Enforcement. He was appointed to his current position as Sheriff of Cook County back in February 2005. There are 9 Deputies reporting to him and they have 24 hour coverage during the summer but it changes to a 22 hour coverage in November during the winter months. There are 3 fulltime officers in Grand Marais and 5 fulltime jail employees. There have been 173 bookings from Jan. – Sept. 2005. There has been an increase in assault crimes based on the METH drug issues in the county. They currently are not seeing METH labs, but the METH in coming into the county already processed. He gave some statistics for the Caribou Lake Area.

- Generally Caribou Lake Area has been a safe community
- 2004 reported 3 break-ins around Caribou Lake; there was an arrest and guilty plea. Criminal in Wis. Prison.
- Camp reported disturbance on their docks in the camp bay area this summer
- Call 911 for any suspicious activity

Sheriff Falk and Bill Dunn gave a brief overview of the Neighborhood Watch program offered to communities. They asked the group if anyone is already part of a Neighborhood Watch program in their home communities. 3 members were already active. It is a pro-active program. Residents can organize and network through a "Phone Tree". It is a voluntary program. Residents can create their "phone number tree" by meeting with their surrounding neighbors and asking for 1 specific neighbor to volunteer to be the captain. This Captain creates a roster of names, addresses and phone numbers of the participating residents. The captain distributes the Phone Tree to the participating residents and then if any participating resident sights suspicious activity they can notify their neighbor utilizing the "Phone Tree". Also a copy is given to the Sheriff, which in turn supplies 1 complimentary "Neighborhood Watch" sign to be posted in the area. There is for \$7 a personal Neighborhood Watch sign that can be purchased for participating residents which the resident can then place on their Fire Number sign.

Bill Dunn showed a slide with simple safety tips for resident to be aware of. Statement was made should the CLPOA create a Crime Watch Chapter. After some discussion, it was summarized that members could take the action upon themselves to either organize their own neighbors or not to participate. If neighbors organize a "phone tree" they should send a copy to Sheriff Falk for the office records.

Caribou Lake Loon Count. The official count for summer of 2005 reported by Pat Vaughan, Official Loon Ranger of Caribou Lake: Four adults and 2-4 chicks (born around 4th of July) were reported to the State DNR Loon Monitoring Program. There were no chicks in 2004.

Secchi Disk Readings. These readings were reported by Pat Vaughan. This is a reading of water clarity by lowering a metal disk into the water until you can no longer see it and at that point you determine how deep it has been lowered. Approximately 30 readings are taken in 5 different locations. Locations are: Off Fosters, Bigsby Entrance Area, Narrows by Ryan's, Off Dunn's, and Cathedral of Pines bay. The readings ranged from 8.25' in June to a range in August of 5.5'.

DNR Netting of Fish. The DNR tagged fish and netted. Results were, Northern Pike 1.7 per net, Bass 1.6 per net, Sucker, 7.7 per net, Perch 10.7 per net, Walleye 13.6 per net. It was noted that walleye netting should average 12 per net. When this falls below 12, then the DNR will stock walleye fry. The Walleye tagging results will be reported to the association by the DNR sometime in the Nov/Dec of 2005. CLPOA will have these results at the Spring Membership meeting.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Water Study of Lake Caribou. Bill Dunn gave the presentation of the results of the MPCA Lake Assessment program of Caribou Lake. This same presentation was given at the Spring membership meeting on May 27th. The presentation slides are available on the CLPOA website or you may contact Bill Dunn.

Cook County Water Management Plan. Sally Westby presented the "Draft" plan of the Cook County Water Management Plan. A hard copy was available to all members at the meeting. Cook County had public meetings to review the Cook County Water Plan. In May and July there were Public Hearings. The plan calls to improve degraded water. Caribou Lake was noted in the plan. There was a **motion made** by Pat Vaughan for the CLPOA to send a letter to Cook County Commissioners asking them to approve this draft. It was **2nd** by Bruce Anderson, no discussion, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Report Commissioner Bruce Martinson reported that County 4 will be repaved and widen 3ft from Hwy 61 to County 38 in 2006. Budget report was that there was an 11% increase in Levi. Hopefully it will come down 50% as the Board of Commissioners get more information. Sept 13 at 9am there is a public hearing on the sub-division development. Karen Evans position with Cook County will be replaced with a new hire. A member brought it to Commissioner Martinson attention that the Dust Suppressant Truck has cut short the length of road and that parts of County 4, County 38 and County 39 are not getting treated for dust suppressant. Commissioner Martinson will discuss this with Chuck Schmitt from Cook County roads to correct this by 2006. A member asked why the Cook County Tax Assessors office had been visiting Caribou Lake properties. He was not aware of this. Don Sivertson stated that it had been 5 years since the Tax Assessors office has visited properties on Caribou Lake and they were updating their data on properties.

COLA. Diane Kamp reported on the COLA meetings she attended. She also has hand outs for members to pick up after the meeting if they had an interest.

AUAR Update. Septic System inspection was completed for the Caribou Lake Area. 78 septic systems on 55 properties were inspected. There were, 18 mounds compliant, 3 mounds not compliant, 7 trenches compliant, 9 trenches non compliant, 3 holding tanks compliant, 9 outhouses compliant, 18 outhouses non compliant. Homeowners that were non compliant were given notice by Cook County that they have 2 years to correct the system and be re-inspected for compliance. Outhouses can be kept if they are encased by a concrete holding tank separate from the house septic and pumped. Marjory Ryan stated that the Cathedral of the Pines inspection noted that the camp is in full compliance. It is public record in the Cook County Courthouse of what property passed or not passed the inspection. The CLPOA thanked the County Board that subsidized \$13,000- \$20,000 to get the inspections completed.

The status of the Sawbill Bay Sites preliminary Platt public hearing is set for September 14 at 7pm. The county has to re-examine the plan and solicit an environmental study, therefore timing could be 3-6 months. The plan proposes using the existing Sawmill Bay drive road to access the sub-division, there is a 12% grade required in the code. The number of sites is at 20, down from 38 sites. There was discussion if CLPOA would want to support the road access for the sub-division from the Ward Lake Road. This led to discussion that the AUAR needs to be adopted as an Ordinance for County to enforce the guidelines in the plan. AUAR committee needs to follow through with Planning & Zoning Depts. that current codes are being enforced. We need to follow through to make sure the AUAR is on track to becoming an Ordinance, so that everyone is on the same playing field. Tate Lake has design guidelines that are followed by new developers because they are covenanted by the County.

Directors and Elections. Four director positions on the CLPOA Board were becoming available, Tim Nelsen, Sandy Butler, Fred Morris, and Jerry Johanssen. Tim Nelsen, Sandy Butler and Fred Morris have offered to hold another term. Bill Dunn was nominated. Floor was open to nominations off the floor. No floor nomination came in. Bob Reid made the motion to elect Bill Dunn, Tim Nelsen, Sandy Butler and Fred Morris to the CLPOA Board for a 2 year term. Carol Nemer **2nd** the motion. No discussion followed, motion passed. Tim Nelson made a public Thank You to Jerry Johansson for his time and service to the CLPOA Board.

Meeting Adjourned. A motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Frankowski, Secretary