

CARIBOU LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2006 Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 2, 2006
Cathedral of the Pines

Minutes:

Meeting called to order. Tim Nelson, President, called the meeting to order at 10:20am

Board members present introduced themselves; Tim Nelson, Bill Dunn, Marjorie Ryan, Sally Westby, Bob Reid, Bob Hewitt, Sandra Butler, Susan Frankowski. Absent Board member was Fred Morris.

Tim Nelson asked for a motion to approve the 2005 Membership meeting minutes that were mailed to all members in August. Lance Johnson made motion to approve minutes, Pat Vaughan 2nd motion, all members present approved, motion passed.

Treasurer report by Sandy Butler; All present received copy of Treasurer Report. Expenses reviewed and balance noted. Barb Vaughan motioned for approval, Bob Reid 2nd motion, all members present approved, motion passed.

Tim Nelson acknowledged Sandy Butlers years of service with the CLPOA. Sandy is stepping down from the Board. A Service award plaque was presented.

Speaker: Dave Stark with Cook County Water Quality Topic: Water Quality

Dave is continuing the work that was completed by Karen Evans. The program is a PCA Program, Citizen Lake Monitoring Plus. In 2004 MPCA data reflected 4 locations on Caribou Lake where water samples were taken. Dave will be taking water samples from 5 locations in the Lake in 2006. Phosphorous readings are lower today then in the past. The dry summer could contribute to the better quality of water because of less run off. Pat Vaughan and Dave Stark will meet in the winter to start planning a Water Monitoring Plan for Caribou Lake. Mean average is 21 on Caribou and 20 is the mean that is recommended. Dave will be working with the AUAR plan guides to monitor Water Quality. Dave Starks contact information is located on the Cook County website.

Speaker: Karen Evans

Karen stated that if CLPOA wants to make sense out of the data collected it needs to create a Lake Management Protection Plan. Karen brought examples of Lake Management Plans from other Lake associations to share with the Board. She will leave these plans for the CLPOA Board to review. Our plan could include all the data collected since 1970's, place Fly Over aerial maps, and Social Information in an appendix. Many plans have a section with goals of the association and how these goals will be implemented. There should also be a needs and capability assessment which Dave Stark can assist with. There is an 8 tool audit which was created by other communities that have created a plan. It is effective to use this 8 tool audit when creating your plan.

Karen suggested that Water level monitoring be implemented. Dave Stark can establish what the lake level should be by historical data and then a member can keep track of future levels and record the data.

There was a discussion regarding the new culvert and how it maybe effecting the water level. Dave Stark could check the design plans from the traffic engineers' dept to see why the decision was made to increase the culvert size.

Costs for designing a Lake Management plan include time of volunteers and time for traveling to meetings. There are grants for up to \$1000 from MPCA. There would be cost to hire a facilitator. Once plan is created then implementing cost can be either volunteers or hired cost.

There was a motion to authorize the CLPOA Board to start the work on evaluating and pursuing a Lake Monitoring Plan by Pat Vaughan. Ceil Nygard 2nd the motion, motion passed.

By-Law proposed changes – Sally Westby

There was a handout stating the 3 By-Laws that the Board was proposing to change.

1. Eliminate Board term limits
2. Expand membership criteria to any individual with an abiding interest and concern for Caribou Lake, eliminating the requirement for shore land ownership
3. Changing the name to Caribou Lake Association of Lutsen or Caribou Lake Watershed Association

There was discussion by the membership presenting concerns regarding expanding membership criteria. "What about realtors becoming the majority of the membership" "Put a cap on the number of non property owners per tax parcel" "Non property owners have limited actions within the association" "Watch that developers don't become members for political clout". There was a motion by Lance Johnson "to defer the discussion and proposed changes to next association meeting".

Other discussion regarding the proposed by law changes included the problem of some current Board terms being in violation of the current By- Laws, and the need to change the official address for the Association because the past Treasure has resigned. Members suggested letting the membership have time to think about the 3 By-Law proposals. The Association needs to get current with the changing times. Ceil Nygard 2nd the motion, motion carried with 3 nays noted. There was another motion by Bob Reid. Motion to set aside Proposed changes 2 & 3 for the Board to gather feedback from Association membership and then the Board will bring to the membership from the feedback collected the proposed changes to the By-Laws at the Labor Day meeting 2007. 2nd by Sandy Butler. Motion passed

Environmental Committee report– Bob Reid

AUAR – Subordinate District Committee are reviewing an engineering design for the new road to the new development site. They are also supporting a Water Quality plan. Bob review information acquired regarding septic pumping frequency. There is a website that members can visit. http://www.advantageinspectionrh.com/septic_tank_pumping_guide.htm The website contains septic pumping frequency charts. Inspection of the tank should be every 3 years and you do not need to pump the tank to inspect it because there are cameras on the inspection tools to view the inside of the tank. There was some discussion from the membership that they did not agree that the tank could be inspected properly without pumping it first. 129 Property parcels in the area – 48 septic systems inspected, the others were less than 5 years old.

Road & Tree Committee report – Bob Hewitt

300 trees were planted by the new road in May 2005. Spring 2006 they were inspected and 90% looked good. They trees were flagged with orange surveyor tape. August 2006 30% trees have survived. The tamarack and red oak were the trees that had the highest survival rate. Is the membership open to planting more trees in spring 2007. Looked into grants and free seedlings, but not of good value. Pat Vaughan made a motion to spend \$300 to purchase trees to plant in spring 2007. Bill Dunn 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Advisory Committee, AUAR report – Tim Nelson

The sub development is approved.

Cathedral of the Pines Committee report – Marj Ryan

Membership thanked the camp for the use of the facilities for the annual meeting. No other news to report.

COLA report – Sally Westby representing Diana Kemp

Copies of Diana's report were available at the meeting registration table. There is a Sept 15 zoning ordinance meeting at the Grand Marias Courthouse if any member has interest to attend. Mn Lakes at Risk program will be on NPTV and also available on a CD for purchase. On Aug 7 Diana hosted a boat tour with other COLA representatives on Caribou Lake.

Gypsy Moth report – Bill Dunn

Bill reported that the fly over the Caribou Lake area did take place in early August. Some people commented that they did not see any of the flakes while Commissioner Martinson stated on his property in Schroeder, there were enough flakes that it coated his kid's trampoline. The concept of the treatment is to slow the growth of the moth's reproductive scale.

Crime Watch report – Susan Frankowski

The CLPOA acquired individual Crime Watch signs that current members can purchase for \$10. The process on how to take action and form a neighbor Phone Tree was presented. Example forms were made available for members to use to gather their neighbors information to start their own phone trees. It was noted that for a Phone Tree to be effective, to limit your tree to 8-10 residents. It takes only 1 person from the neighbor area to walk around and gather the Phone Tree information and then submit it to Susan Frankowski. The 2nd Phone tree from Evergreen Road was established. Therefore CLPOA Crime Watch has 2 official phone trees noted in the sheriff's office. The Crime Watch signs were available for purchase, after the meeting.

County Commissioner report – Bruce Martinson

July 11 the Septic ordinance was passed. It can be viewed on the Cook County Website.

<http://www.co.cook.mn.us/>

August 8 Storm Water Management Ordinance passed.

The PCA fined Clearview Developer for working without a permit. The County Board need to emphasis enforcement of passed plans. Plans are good but only as good as the enforcement of the plan. The Sept 5 County Board meeting they will be working on budget cuts because state aid has been cut dramatically. They are also looking at a Sign ordinance. The Sawmill Platt has been approved and Tim Nelson with Cook County is looking at cost saving options for the road. Commissioner Martinson passed around to the membership the County Survey of the Sawmill Platt.

Board Elections: - Tim Nelson

There are 6 two year term openings on the Board. Per the By-Laws the Board has to consist of at least 5 but not more than 9 members. Non returning Board members are Sandy Butler and Susan Frankowski. Board members open to returning for another 2 year term are: Bob Reid, Sally Westby, Marjory Ryan, and Bob Hewitt. Nominations for the 2 openings are: Louise Sumi and Jessie Neihart. Motion was made by Pat Vaughan to elect the 4 returning Board members and the 2 new nominations for the 6 Board openings. Christie Youngdahl 2nd the motion. Membership passed motion. 2006-07 Board members are: Bob Reid, Sally Westby, Marjory Ryan, Bob Hewitt, Louise Sumi, Jessie Neihart, Bill Dunn, Tim Nelson, and Fred Morris.

Issues from the Floor

Speeding on County 39, enforcement is the issue low manpower

Restocking Lake with fish, note people should watch the size of the walleye they keep

Sunday Sept 17 Lutsen Fire dept Pancake breakfast 8am – 11am, \$6 Adults/\$3 Child

Changing By-Laws proposed by Board should be voted at the Spring meeting.

Loon report this spring was only 4 adult loons, eggs died on Island this spring after major rain that brought up lake level over the nest.

Sawdust has been found on lake floor near bays. Low water level uncovering sawdust from old lumbering days.

12:10 pm Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Sally Westby, 2nd by Bob Reid. Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Marjory Ryan, Secretary