

LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (CLPOA)
Saturday August 30, 2014 - Annual Meeting

CLPOA Board Members present: Larry Mullen, Bob Reid, Fred Morris, Louise Suomi, Bob Hewitt, Julie Bittinger. Members excused: Bill Dunn

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Larry Mullen at 10 am.
2. 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting. No discussion. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report - Louise Suomi reported that the organization started the year with \$4631 in the bank and currently has \$5028.69. Treasurer's Report will be attached to minutes. (Appendix A)
4. Guest Speaker Bruce Martinson - Cook County Commissioner
Commissioner Martinson reported on taxes. There has been an increase of requests by 27%. He also reported on the Land Use Plan- the updated draft is coming out soon. CCCOLA as well as our CLPOA Board will be reviewing this draft in order to comment. Zoning decisions are based on this plan, so it is important to make comments. Lastly, he reported on Superior National Golf Course. The consultant reports that golfing numbers are down statewide, and some courses are closing. This actually makes it more imperative to make improvements to Superior National. Also, with fewer courses Superior could see numbers picking up. Lodging taxes will be used.
Questions from the floor -- internet hook up schedule? AE will call homeowners to set times. --YMCA deficit status? Membership is high, but a deficit is anticipated.
Commissioner Martinson explained that the old community pool was supported with tax dollars which can now be used for the YMCA. --Invasive species fund use? There is money available. The CLPOA Board will look into asking for money for a washing station at the public landing. --School trust land? No discussions that Bruce is aware of, But Fred Morris explained that the way the land exchange was set up doesn't require public notification or comment. Fred will investigate to find out any possible news.
5. Guest Speaker Karen Evens - MPCA
Karen Evens spoke on the monitoring of the Popular Watershed which includes Caribou Lake. Data is collected including runoff patterns, water chemistry, flow assessment, biological work , stream structure and habitat. All the information is available on line. Caribou Lake is part of a fragile system. Water quality is important to those living within this system, including land values tied in with good water quality. Phosphorous levels that are higher lead to algae blooms. Caribou levels since 2008 are showing a pattern. They are low early in the summer, then increase during July, August and September with algae blooms in September of varying severity year to year. Evens suggests we take more samples including lake bottom sample for phosphorous. Positives that Evens reported on are decreases in Caribou Lakes phosphorous levels due to the CLPOA efforts to educate landowners about runoff, upgrading septic systems, etc. Another positive is the decreased sediment load on the lower Popular River with changes made there.

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6. Guest Speaker Billy Blackwell - is of the order of the Kitchi Onigaming Grand Portage Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa. He is an historian of the oral and written history of Cook County. Billy Blackwell gave a very interesting historical account of the Caribou Lake area going back 9000 years ago. He talked of the Native peoples who first lived in our area including the Sky family who lived in the Lutsen/Poplar River area. (White Sky was the son of Jimmy Sky, and his grandfather was a Medicine man. White Sky lived and trapped at what is now called White Sky Rock.) Mr. Blackwell held everyone's attention during his presentation of adventurous stories about our beloved Cook County.

7. Committee Reports

Committee Report from Bob Reid: Environmental/Water Quality

Bob reported that the water samplings for the first three months of summer show better than our goal of phosphorous levels (due to our aggressive education of landowners to manage their use of phosphates, upgrades of septic systems). Even a very little amount of phosphorous per person can affect our lake. Every three years septic systems must be checked and pumped. Studies show that with only seasonal use of a cabin, it is even more important to maintain septic systems properly every three years. Bob also commented on the link between calcium levels and zebra mussels - an invasive species. Low calcium levels detour zebra mussels. So, calcium should be monitored. Karen Evens recommends that samples for calcium should be taken. Lastly, our management plan for Caribou Lake consists of 17 areas of focus, including water quality, monitoring thru sampling, and invasive species.

Committee Report from Irene Mullen: Cook County Coalition of Lake Associations

The CCCOLA is composed of reps from 13 lakes including Tait, Pike, Caribou and 10 lakes on the Gunflint Trail. Some lakes are requesting wash stations to combat invasive species. The CLPOA Board will discuss this at the upcoming Board meeting. The CCCLOA Board has asked to be notified of all requests for variances so it can comment to the county. Other items from the CCCOLA meeting were discussed earlier in other reports/presentations.

8. Business Meeting

Board Member nominations - Nominated for re-election- Bob Hewitt and Bob Reid.

There were no nominations from the floor. Motion made for election of Bob Hewitt and Bob Reid to serve another term. No discussion. Motion passed.

Issues from the floor - consider a donation to the Lutsen Fire and Rescue Squad in the amount of \$500. Last donation was in 2011. Board will discuss this recommendation.

Spring meeting will be held Saturday May 23, 2015 (10 am, Lutsen Town Hall)

New web address: www.minnesotawaters.org/cariboulakepropertyowners/

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bittinger, Secretary CLPOA