

CLPOA SPRING MEETING

MAY 26, 2018

LUTSEN TOWN HALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: all members present- Fred Morris, Louise Suomi, Julie Bittinger, Larry Mullen, Bill Dunn, Tom Rider, Karl Karst, and Bob Reid

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am

Introduction of Board members and all attending (36 attendees).

I. Reports

- A. Treasurer report: \$4824.29 ending balance 2017.
- B. CCCoLA report - Cook Co. Coalition of Lakes Assoc. by Irene Mueller: much goes on during the winter, not just the summer including
 - 1. working with Soil and Water monitoring and educating, and obtaining grants on shore erosion mitigation - lake water quality is affected by decrease in shore vegetation, increased water temperature, land use, and habitat.
 - 2. Septic and well Seminar on June 6.
 - 3. New, more visible, bigger AIS signage is being piloted at Caribou Lake. plus a compost bin for bait.
- C. Caribou Lake Water Quality report by Larry Mullen - we can use more volunteers to help at the landing with AIS inspections. DNR is updating our Lake Management Plan this winter. Our input is welcome. Our Fall Annual meeting will have a DNR representative attending to take our comments.
- D. Cook County updates by Commissioner Storlie: Cook county is AA bonded which is excellent. this is due to balanced budget and year round tourism...bonding was obtained for the 16 unit apartment project behind Arrowhead Electric

II. Presenters

- A. Pete Gresczyk from G & K presented on Septic system upkeep—he stressed the importance of doing several things to maintain your septic systems as maintenance is a lot less expensive than replacing a system which costs approx. \$12,000 dollars. Septic system need to be on a 3 to 5 year pumping plan, bleach and antibacterial soaps and detergents should not be used, garbage disposals should not be used, Rid X should not be used, only allow grass on the mound or toe area, grass should be mowed until August, then let the grass grow to help with winterizing. Filters should be cleaned yearly. This can be done by owners.
- B. Crime Watch report by Chief Deputy Will Sandstrom. Caribou Lake area is relatively low in reported crimes. The sheriff department is fully staffed this summer. CLPOA has Crime Watch signage which everyone may obtain by contacting a board member or will be available at our CLPOA meetings.

III. Reminders

- A. Highway 61 clean up is on the Friday before our Labor Day meeting. Everyone is encourage to join in! meet at 10:30 at the Lutsen Town Hall. Burgers and beverages provided afterwards.
- B. Firewise Brush pickup requires that we report hours worked mowing, trimming, etc. and dollars spent on same to “pay” for fall brush pickup. So, keep track.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Bittinger