

CLAA General Meeting

8-31-13

*The General Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m., by Jean Chadwick – Vice-President,
at the Cucci residence (garage), 27367 North Shore Drive, Leonard, MN*

Absent: Eric Pearson, President

Jean Chadwick called the meeting to order. An announcement was made about the death of Ed Moore, husband to Shirley Moore and step-father to Eric Pearson (president).

A request for all those present to introduce themselves by name and location of lake property/residence.

The CLAA Secretary Report from the spring meeting minutes of 2013 was read by JoLynn Chadwick, secretary.

Minutes approved.

Motion to post General Meeting Minutes online. Motion was approved.

The CLAA Treasurers Report was read by Ann Bardwell-Ross (treasurer) and reviewed. The topic of the CLAA recognized as a non-profit organization was questioned. Ann stated the CLAA is a non-profit but she will look further into the subject matter. It was noted the benefit to possible members for claiming the due amount on personal tax reports. Also should be listed as an item on the membership form. Motion to approve the report was made with Skip Anderson to second the motion.

Loon Status: Skip Anderson report to those attending that two baby loons were produced this year on Clearwater Lake.

Lady Slipper Project: Roz Johnson (project coordinator) reported this year produced much growth. A large amount of blooms late in June and July. The County continues to blanket spray. The spray used by the Association has been donated and members Steve Chadwick, David Chadwick, Mike Mason, and Laura Bagaason have been assisting in the spraying.

Culvert Issue: The culvert, which is by the Roger McQuire residence, had some washing-out issues this spring with all the snow and rain. Bruce Bjerke informed attendees that discussion has taken place at the township meeting. A resolution as to what will be done will hopefully be resolved at the Township meeting this fall.

DNR Fish Survey: John Cucci shared some preliminary results from the August 5 netting done by the DNR on Clearwater Lakes. The data showed the findings were rated as good. The walleye population looks great. The northern population was in lots of 30" to 36" in size. The final report will be available in March of 2014.

Invasive Species: John Cucci spoke to the attendees about this most important issue and how it could affect Clearwater Lake now and in the future. This summer there was a major scare for Lake Bemidji. An article that appeared in the Bemidji Pioneer talked about a close call for Lake Bemidji. Two invasive species were detected but luckily, both species were dead. John stated that in Minnesota there are now 200 lakes infested. CLAA has only one volunteer (Steve Chadwick) that monitors the public landing and does a check on boats. Steve Chadwick shared some of the basic rules that a volunteer needs to know to conduct an inspection. The CLAA is asking for at least six or more additional volunteers. If we get more volunteers, a schedule could be arranged and would alleviate some of the burden that now rests solely on one individual. It was suggested that it's most important for someone be at the public landing on weekends and during holidays when the landing sees the most traffic.

Ann Bardwell-Ross suggested a possible incentive be put into place to entice more to volunteer. Like the possibility of a waiver to membership dues for one year.

At this point, there was a request for volunteers for the upcoming year of 2014. Four people stepped forward to volunteer to take the training needed to be an inspector. They were: JoLynn Chadwick, David Chadwick, John Cucci, and Mike Mason. The training dates and locations are not available yet for 2014 but once the schedule is posted through the DNR, notification will be sent out. Suggestion was also made to send out an additional request for volunteers during the winter months, via an email, hopefully to get a few more to volunteer. Once the training has been completed, a schedule can be made. Steve Chadwick suggested there be a notebook for each volunteer inspector to place notes of their time spent, and any issues, which would be recorded in the book. This notebook would then go to the next person on the schedule.

Water Quality Testing: John Cucci reported that the lake water quality is excellent. The full report can be viewed online at www.clearwaterswcd.org/cwf.lps.report.clearwater.pdf

Canoe Route: Discussion of the proposed canoe route and a recap of all information from the beginning of the proposal to the present time. Roz Johnson passed around a sign-up sheet for those individuals who may be interested in volunteering as the development of this proposal moves forward.

Nominations: A motion was made to nominate all Board Members to another term. They are Skip Anderson, Bruce Bjerke, Eric Pearson, John Cucci, and Bill Johnson. Motion to second was made by David Chadwick.

Motion was made at 2:03 p.m. by Elwyn Peterson to adjourn the meeting until we meet again in May of 2014. Bill Johnson second the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

A special meeting of the officers and board members formed immediately following the General Meeting. A unanimous agreement was made by all those present, to appoint all officers to another term.

Eric Pearson (President), Jean Chadwick (Vice President), JoLynn Chadwick (Secretary), Ann Bardwell-Ross (Treasurer).

Bill Johnson motioned to accept the decision and John Cucci second the motion. The motion was carried.