

## CLAA General Meeting

5-26-13

*The General Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m., by Eric Pearson-President,  
at the Moore residence (garage), 27261 North Shore Drive, Leonard, MN*

Approximately 20 to 25 in attendance. Eric asked for an all-around introduction from all of those in attendance.

The CLAA Secretary Report from the fall meeting minutes of 2012 was read by JoLynn Chadwick.

The CLAA Treasurers Report was read by Eric Pearson in the absence of Ann Bardwell (treasurer) and reviewed. It was noted that dues were due from BCLARA and MN Lakes and Rivers. The dues for PERM are being deliberated/reviewed by the Board. CLAA insurance is also under review by Board Members. The Loon Project reported that three artificial nests had been placed. One is west of the landing, one in the bay – which is being used, and one by Mason's Island.

**Lady Slipper Project:** Roz Johnson (coordinator of the project) reminded those attending, that it consists of an approximate 3.5 miles stretch of roadway. This year there may be a “count” of the Lady Slippers. A count was done two years ago.

Roz has arranged for use (through a donation), the chemical and sprayer unit to be used. She will contact those members who volunteered, when the time is right for 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. It has been looked at by the locals who use the road and also by the township. It appears that some excavation might be needed to fix it properly. This may have to be addressed with the township Board.

**Water Quality Testing:** Collecting of the lake water for testing is done by John Cucci and Bruce Bjerke. This year, the county of Clearwater does not have the money to fund. However, Beltrami County does. Bret Rudd, from Beltrami County, has been contacted about the continuance of water testing on Clearwater Lake and they will work with CLAA and the Clearwater County SWCD (Nathan Nordlund) to continue with the analysis. Eric Pearson shared with the CLAA members a 20 page report on the lake water quality for Clearwater Lake created by Clearwater SWCD. The 20-page report can be found online ([www.clearwaterswcd.org/cwf.lps.report.clearwater.pdf](http://www.clearwaterswcd.org/cwf.lps.report.clearwater.pdf)) and printed for review. Eric did pass around, to those in attendance, the report was printed out and everyone had a chance to take a look at the report. Nathan Nordlund from the Clearwater SWCD stated “that because of the many years of continuous water testing done by John Cucci and Bruce Bjerke, this report could be drafted because of their contribution”. Most lakes don't have this continuous testing and a

Lake Water Quality report cannot be prepared. A short moment of recognition was given to John Cucci and Bruce Bjerke for doing such a fantastic job!

**July Picnic:** Discussion about the possibility of pulling together a July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic this year in 2013. The CLAA had done this the prior two years and Eric thought it had been very successful with around 50+ in attendance. Eric asked if anyone would be interested in helping coordinate the picnic and no one volunteered. He will check with other Board members who weren't able to attend the meeting.

**Meeting Announcement in Newspapers:** It was noted; for this Memorial Day gathering, an announcement had been posted in the Bemidji Newspaper, and also online. The Clearbrook Record publication is one that was overlooked and for the fall Labor Day Meeting, JoLynn Chadwick will contact and get it posted. The contact person would be Dick Richards.

**CLAA Cards:** Six various cards were designed by JoLynn Chadwick. (Thank-you, generic type, welcome etc.) They were passed around for all in attendance to review. All were approved.

It was suggested that a notice/posting could be on the CLAA website asking members for photos to be used for various notecards in the future or just for posting online as well.

**Canoe Route:** It was brought to the attention of those at the meeting of an email received from Les Torgerson in regard to the proposed canoe route. Les wanted this to be brought up at our meeting and discussed. He's looking for feedback from CLAA members.

The proposed canoe route would be on Clearwater River and would affect both counties of Clearwater and Beltrami. They are looking for volunteers to guide the development of the route.

Motion to support – from Bill Johnson and David Chadwick second the motion.

CLAA will contact Les Torgerson and inform him of the CLAA's support. We will ask if a meeting with him in the future will need to be arranged.

**Invasive Species:** Steve Chadwick is the only current CLAA member who has taken the 8 hour class and is certified to act as a "look-out" individual through the DNR. It was noted that additional volunteers would be desirable so we can better monitor the public landing.

It was suggested to have an article in the fall newsletter about invasive species and give members a reminder about this subject. Also suggested was a possible email to go out to all members (that we have email addresses) informing them again about this issue and look for additional volunteers. With this email, the class schedule could be included for the certification.

**Nathan Nordlund from Clearwater SWCD:** Nathan joined us and spoke at the end of our meeting. He represents the Clearwater SWCD. He talked about tree sales through the county. If a person wants to order...the orders need to be placed in January of that year. They can be ordered in bundles of 25 with five different species of five consisting of the bundle.

He talked about Lakeshore Restoration and money available to lake shore owners in a “Grant” form through the Legacy Act. Cost-sharing also available. There is also a “Buffer Grant” available in which buffers can be installed by lakes and streams. All the benefits to lake water comes from “upstream”, e.g. farms, feedlots, etc.

Nathan also talked about the Report prepared for and about Clearwater Lake. This report was funded from a Grant and Clearwater Lake was the only lake that supplied enough consistent reporting to compile this report. The clarity, phosphorus, and algae were the main items watched and something to keep an eye on.

**Meeting Adjourned.**