

CLAA General Meeting 9-1-12

*The General Meeting was called to order at 12:52 p.m., by Eric Pearson-President,
at the home of John Cucci, 27367 North Shore Drive.*

The CLAA Financial Report and last years meeting minutes were read and reviewed.

Items to be discussed: Loon activity; review of the Lady Slipper Project; dog nuisance; safety at the lake (by Bruce Bjerke and John Cucci); recap of last meeting.

Anne Bardwell read the treasurers report.

Eric Pearson: discussing the money shortfall. Current members need a plan to push for increased membership.

Additional money from current members could be designated for a specific plan or placed within the General Fund.

Discussion of whether the CLAA membership dues are tax-deductible and should something related to that fact, be placed on the enrollment form. Need to find out if the CLAA qualifies as a “tax deductible” organization...do we qualify?

Loon Update: Skip Anderson gave an update of this summer’s loon statistics. Question was presented to the Association members if the Association should give any type of assistance to other residents of the neighboring lakes.

Water Quality Testing: Collecting of the lake water for testing is done by John Cucci and Bruce Bjerke. Three have been collected so far and one more test needs to be done.

Lady Slipper Project: Roz Johnson is the coordinator of this project. It consists of approximately five to six mile stretch of ditches/land. The brush, noxious weeds need to be maintained. Steve Chadwick stated that some of the weeds are hard to identify strictly by sight. Merry Whipple (CLAA member) asked if additional chemicals could be purchased through the County, to maintain the weeds on lake property. Eric Pearson said to contact Roz directly and discuss with her. It was stated that it is up to the Association to move forward with this project we have undertaken. If we don’t handle the weeds...it will go back to the County to handle. One spray should be effective for three years. With a raise of hands, there were enough volunteers. (approximately ten individuals are needed) Mike Mason (CLAA member) voiced approval to spend the \$100. David Chadwick seconded the motion. All members approved.

Board Members up for re-election: (Eric Pearson read)

Skip Anderson; Bruce Bjerke; Bill Johnson; Jean Chadwick; Roz Johnson; John Cucci; Rachelle Ricke; Ann Bardwell-Ross; Eric Pearson;

Skip Anderson requested for all those members that are up for re-election be approved for another term. All members present agreed unanimously.

Jean Chadwick along with Roz Johnson who was absent, requested that JoLynn Chadwick be nominated for Secretary. Replacing Rachelle Ricke whose term had expired. All approved...a second motion was accepted. At that time, Eric Pearson announced that if anyone has any information to share with the Association, should send that information to JoLynn Chadwick.

Membership discussion: A new membership form to be created. In addition to the standard new member enrollment form, a section designated for return in which a “receipt of sorts” for tax write-off purposes.

At the time of this General Meeting, the Association has 23 paid members. In the past, the Association has had as many as 46. All agreed we have to take this under serious consideration to push hard for new members and increase the membership total. Next year, prior to or meeting dates, we will post information in the local newspapers with an announcement.

Other discussions about membership included: Steve Chadwick made a verbal comment asking the attendees, “what does the Association do for the lake?” Eric Pearson responded with information about the various grants available. Merry Whipple suggested that we bring guest speakers back to the meetings. In regard to the special grants available...information on the website can be posted with links back to these various sites with grant info. Also to post on the website is a link to Conservation Minnesota.

Lake Association generic “all-occasion” type card. Discussion about the creation of a card that the Association can use for various reasons.

Money Market Funds: The question was asked if the funds are available for use. Jean Chadwick stated that the use of these funds are for education or for additional funding of projects. For example: an “in-kind” match of labor like shoreline work.

Fish Survey: The survey was to be this year, however with the government shut-down, this has been bumped to 2013.

Aquatic Species: Eric Pearson asked Steve Chadwick about this issue. Steve stated that there has not been “repeat” boats. He has asked some boaters to throw leeches and seems like the people just don’t know the law.

Garbage Issue: was brought up for discussion. The pros and cons. The biggest problem is by the dam. Others voiced their concerns and said that people just need to call and let their voice be heard if they see a problem.