

CLAA General Meeting 5-24-15

The General Meeting began at approximately 2:50 p.m. following the pot luck meal.

Location: Moore's garage

All officers and Board Members were in attendance.

Eric introduced himself as the CLAA President and asked for the people attending to introduce themselves as well.

The meeting was then called to order.

Eric asked if the General Meeting minutes from the fall meeting should be read and those in attendance voted to omit the reading. The May 2015 Dockside lists a recap of topics discussed at the fall meeting and that seemed to be sufficient.

Eric noted that we needed to give recognition and acknowledgement for two major players from the history of the Association that had passed away within a week of each other; Roger Holm (Janet, spouse) and Donald Livingston (Ann Bardwell-Ross, daughter and CLAA Treasurer).

Both men had played significant roles in the continuation and structure of the lake association as we know it today..

Treasurer's Report: read by Ann Bardwell-Ross – treasurer.

Checking balance...as of 5-17-15	\$ 466.97
Money Market	\$3,125.93
Interest to date this year	\$ 1.97
Total Dues Collected	\$ 590.00
Memorial Donation (in memory of Monte Mason)	\$ 50.00
Checks written:	
MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLRA 2014)	\$ 200.00
PERM Membership (2014)	\$ 100.00
September 2014 Postage/Printing	\$ 131.96
Liability Insurance	\$ 216.00
Service Fee:	\$2.95 per month

Lady Slipper Project: Roz Johnson, Board Member

The Clearwater Lake Area Association continues with their adoption of a three mile stretch of land. Blanket spraying was done along with the pulling of weeds. This is done one time each summer. A lady slipper count will be performed next year. This has been done previously and is completed about every five years.

Last year in 2014, the County did some road improvement along this stretch by hauling in extra gravel. Hopefully this will not have a negative affect but will be apparent next year if it did.

Loon Report/Update: Skip Anderson and Bruce Bjerke, Board Members.

May 9, 2014 was the date for the first spotting of a loon on a nest.

Water Quality: Bruce Bjerke and John Cucci, Board Members.

Water quality/clarity is remaining normal. Last year the testing was covered through Grant money shared between Beltrami and Clearwater counties.

Testing is done one time each month at the same location and is done five or six times each year.

Eric Addresses A.I.S. Issue: Eric informed everyone that at the Board Meeting held prior to the General Meeting, that time ran out and the Board did not discuss. However, Eric wanted to discuss the topic now at the General Meeting. It was announced that Clearwater Lake now has a paid personnel individual sitting at the public landed but is working on weekends only. Lake volunteers would need to monitor during the week days.

Presently we have four state certified A.I.S. volunteers and the Lake Association officers and board members are asking for additional volunteers. If anyone is interested, please contact any of the officers or board members for further information.

Debs Parade/Membership Drive: The Lake Associations primary focus will be the distribution of the new brochure. The brochure captures highlights of the mission and projects currently in force. Also included in the brochure is an application form for membership

Bruce Bjerke will drive his restored Model A in the parade and the car will also carry a banner with the CLAA logo.

Skip Anderson and Jean Chadwick have volunteered to hand out the brochures and encourage membership.

Board Meeting Guests:

Eric informed the attendees about the additional guests present at the Board Meeting, held prior to the General Meeting.

Les Torgerson: Red Lake Watershed District Manager (RLWD) and CLAA member

Les encouraged the Association Board to communicate, via a letter, to the RLWD about our partnership with Minnesota Lake and Rivers Advocates (MLRA) and explain the benefits we receive from them. RLWD is in the process of making a decision on joining MLRA.

The Board's decision was in favor to authorize such a letter.

50 Foot Buffer: Les explained the 50 foot buffer topic which is being discussed at the State level. The Board decided more discussion and added information was needed before CLAA took a stand on their position. Many details as to who it would affect are still being discussed at a political level.

Grant Money: Les talked about retention ponds and their benefit by controlling sediment runoff. Grant money is available for such a project but much research would need to be accomplished first.

Cheryl Grover: Public Relations for Enbridge Pipeline

“Good Neighbor” Grant money is available to those counties having a high impact in regard to the proposed pipeline. Board Member Bill Johnson will be doing research into this available grant money and the criteria for application for such grant money. The minimum dollar amount for application is \$25,000. If any members have ideas, they can be sent to Eric Pearson or any of the officers or Board Members.

Other Business: The Debs Parade was discussed and Christen and Eric volunteered for the purchase of candy for the kids and the banner with the CLAA logo to be displayed on the car that Bruce Bjerke will be driving.

Eric thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.