

The General Meeting began at approximately 6:00 p.m. following the pot luck meal.

Location: Moore's garage

(Absent was Bruce Bjerke)

Eric made an announcement about dues to be paid at this fall meeting.

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

Checking balance of \$2.63; Money Market balance of \$2,931.52 with YTD interest of \$2.95

Expenses yet to pay: Dockside mailing expense of \$38.88 and filing of the 501 (c) 3 EZ form for a cost of \$275.00.

Board has approved the transfer of \$500 from the Money Market account to handle any extra money that will be going out to cover expenses. Some of those extra expenditures will be for Insurance, Website, BCLARA.

Eric stated at this time that in the past years CLAA has been a member of MN Lakes and Rivers for a yearly cost of \$100. Eric asked for members to possibly contribute to cover the cost of this membership. Eric said he would match half the cost if anyone would contribute \$50 or if four people would do \$25 each do cover the dues. The Board thought was this membership was a way of spending our money in the right place...beneficial to CLAA to continue our membership.

Loons: One successful juvenile hatch. We are wondering if this is normal for the size of our lake. JoLynn Chadwick (volunteer loon watcher) will do research into this question and will retrieve 5-year data to share in the Dockside and at the spring meeting in 2017.

Water Testing: Two various locations where the testing has been done this year. Our data is on the RMB Environment Laboratories website. The cost to cover 2016 expenses has been accomplished through Grant money retained by Clearwater County. The data accumulated is scientific data and is of great value for reviewing over a time frame...not just an individual memory.

Guest Speaker: Sheriff Darin Halverson and Chief Deputy Ryan Solee from Clearwater County. Skip Anderson arranged for these two attend the fall meeting and address the members about topics of interest as it pertains to water safety.

Topics discussed:

- Emergency Action Plan for the lake (we need to contact the Emergency Director for specifics)
- Boating Safety
- ATV Rules
- Dam Issues/Useage

The city of Clearbrook now has a boat and water response team from Bagley.

ATVs: 60 inches or less is a Class I; 65 inches or more is a Truck Class.

15 and under (for age) cannot operate on private or public property unless they have a certificate to operate on private property. Class III: side-by-sides can operate on public roads. If a Class I, a permit can be acquired to be on a public road. Permit is no cost.

Passengers under the age of 18 must be wearing a helmet. Class III must be seat belted.

Boating Laws: Kayak/Paddle Boards must have a life jacket with at all times. Non-powered water crafts have the right of way. Jet Skis; must be at least 13 years of age and the age of 13 to 18 must have a Safety Certificate. Life jackets at all times are required. The useage ends one hour before sunset and not used before 9:30 in the morning.

Pulling tubers behind a boat and/or water skiers...the useage time is the same as above.

There is no policing or monitoring unless they receive a call. Otherwise the patrol is part of their normal patrolling.

Dam Issues: Much discussion about the possible danger involved. Underage drinking, garbage left behind etc. Suggestion of installing signage at the dam e.g. children at play, or lowering the speed limit in that location.

Sheriff Halverson stressed the importance of calling the non-emergency number if anyone notices anything out of the ordinary plus taking down licenses plate numbers and if that's not possible...take down the description of the vehicle.

Currently Clearwater County has four deputies; plus one deputy for court; one deputy for investigations; and one deputy as a school officer. Deputies put approx. 400 miles on their vehicle in a day/shift.

Some of the questions asked from the members: laws regarding the Reservations; drug problem; cell tower coverage; and thefts.

Sheriff Halverson said if anything odd is noticed while picking up garbage in the area...to notify the department.

Skip requested information from Sheriff Halverson to be sent to him (via email) in regard to setting up our emergency plan on the lake.

Skip Anderson interjected for the wrap up along with giving our guest a round of applause. Also in appreciation; an applause thanking Shirley Moore and Eric Pearson for the use of the garage for our meeting and potluck.

A.I.S.: Starry Stonewhort description and some of the newly located lakes where this infestation has occurred. CLAA will be looking into getting a speaker about the subject of AIS for our Spring meeting. It was mentioned that five people had signed up in the spring for showing interest in being a volunteer AIS inspector. Hopefully we can get more added to the five and next spring will have enough for a class where Mike Bolinski (our regional AIS Inspector) could travel to our area and put on the training class.

Nancy Mason asked about the float plane and how a situation like that gets inspected. No one knew the answer as to how they are monitored.

Les Torgerson said Beltrami County had asked for funds to install a wash station but wasn't sure where it will be installed. Funds are available...we as a Lake Association just need to request the funds.

Lady Slippers: Roz Johnson acknowledged those members present with a thank you for their volunteering in spraying of the weeds.

Bylaws: Eric asked the members present, if everyone had the chance to review. At this point, it was explained the additions and/or adjustments that had been made to the Bylaws at the Board Meeting. Ann read the changes out loud to all present. She also asked if everyone had reviewed the copy being passed around and that everyone had a chance to sign the back page. Ann said she would be filing for the 501 (c) 3 status around the 15th of October.

Eric made a motion for approval of the Bylaws. Mary Whipple motioned for approval and Mike Mason seconded the motion. A motion for approval of the Bylaws was carried for unanimously for approval.

It was announced that three memorial gifts had been given this past year to the Lake Association.

It was requested the mailing address of the treasurer be in the Dockside for those who may be sending their membership via snail mail. Only the email address was listed in the last issue.

Emergency Plan: Skip Anderson volunteered to push this initiative forward.

Enbridge Grant Money: It was uncertain at the time of this meeting whether Grant Money from Enbridge was still continuing.

Membership Drive: Skip Anderson will be driving this initiative forward. He will begin working on January 1, 2017.

Star Lake Assoc. Designation: Jean Chadwick requested updated details on this information for the Spring Meeting.

Board Elections: Three members are ending their term in September. Eric Pearson, President; Ann Bardwell-Ross, Treasurer; and Skip Anderson, Board Member.

Ann stated she would continue for only a one-year term length so she could see the 501 (c)3 status to its conclusion. The additional year would also give her time to train the next person in on the duties.

At this time Eric asked for any volunteers to come forward to sit on the Board. Two members would be ideal...but one would work. Fred Sundquist volunteered for the open Board position and was nominated by Skip Anderson...all members were in favor.

Spring Meeting Date: Two options were given to the members to be voted on:

- 1) Continue with the same spring meeting time e.g. Memorial Weekend and a Sunday, or
- 2) The weekend after Memorial Weekend and on a Saturday.

Option #1 passed. The spring meeting will continue to be held Memorial Weekend on a Sunday.

Meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the General Meeting, the Officers (Jean Chadwick, Ann Bardwell-Ross, Skip Anderson, Fred Sundquist, Roz Johnson, JoLynn Chadwick (absent Bruce Bjerke))joined together and Ann Bardwell-Ross nominated Bill Johnson as Treasurer; (she will train Bill in to the duties in the upcoming year) she also nominated Jean Chadwick as President; Jean Chadwick nominated Skip Anderson as Vice President. All present agreed.Fred Sundquist volunteered his house for the Board Meeting to be held in the Spring of 2017. The General Meeting would be held in the garage of Shirley Moore. The coffee and lemonade will be handled by Skip Anderson.