

CLAA General Meeting

9-2-17

The General Meeting was held in Shirley Moore's garage, 27295 North Shore Drive, Leonard, MN and was called to order at approximately 5:45 p.m. by Jean Chadwick, President.

Attending: Jean Chadwick, President; Skip Anderson, Vice President (loons); Bill Johnson, Treasurer; Bruce Bjerke, Board Member (loons & water quality testing) and JoLynn Chadwick, Secretary–Webmaster.

Absent: Roz Johnson, Board Member (Lady Slipper Project), and Fred Sundquist, Board Member.

General Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretary Report – Jo Lynn (Have we read these on line?)
- III. Treasurers Report – Bill
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Loons - Bruce
 - b. Water Testing - Bruce
 - c. Ladyslippers - Roz
 - d. AIS - Jean
 - i. Packets – hand-out with explanation
 - e. Membership Drive
 - f. Roadside clean-up
 - g. Enbridge Ecofootprint Grant progress – Bill / Jean
 - i. Sign-up for in-kind funds
 - h. Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc. Round up Grant
 - i. We were awarded \$500.
 - i. Clearwater-Polk Electric Trust Round-up Grant application
 - i. We were not selected.
 - j. Lakescaping – Roz
 - i. Beltrami County program for Community Partners Storm Water Grant
 1. Funds for program and plantings in Beltrami County (Clearwater County does not have a program equivalent)
- V. New Business
 - a. Booth at Deb's 4th of July parade 2018
 - i. AIS Education and membership drive
- VI. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes: Jean asked for an approval of the 2017 spring meeting minutes since it was previously decided by all members to review the prior minutes before attending the current meeting. There were no corrections or additions. David Chadwick made a motion to approve with Rachelle Ricke seconding the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: by Bill Johnson

(Misc. Income from Ice Out wager increased to \$5.00)

As of 8-15-17

Checking Balance	\$1,136.83
Money Market	\$2,436.22

Items Paid as of 5-28-17

JoLynn Chadwick (secretary) postage, mailings, etc.	\$24.39
MinnKota Power	\$58.73
USPS (stamps)	\$9.80

Conservation MN (dues and website hosting)	\$220.00
BCLARA (dues)	\$50.00
	<u>\$362.92 sub total</u>
<u>Incoming Receipts</u>	
Dues received as of 5-28-17	\$175.00
Dues received as of 8-23-17	\$75.00
Beltrami Electric Grant Money	\$500.00
Misc. Cash (Bruce Bjerke)	\$4.00
	<u>\$754.00 sub total</u>

New Members

Four New Members: John & Julie Simmons, Joel & Shani Shriver, Howard & Judi Johnson, Jerry & Kirsten Campos. All new members are from Beltrami County.

Insurance amount from last payment: \$218.00

Bill Johnson made announcement that members from the Beltrami side could come by boat if they wish and use his dock for their boats during the meeting.

Motion to approve the report was made by Mary Whipple and David Chadwick moved to second the motion.

Loons: Bruce Bjerke

Clearwater Lake had one successful pair on the south end of the lake and one successful pair on the public landing side of the lake.

Water Quality Testing: Bruce Bjerke

Testing occurs the latter part of each month. In the month of July it was 5' to 6' and for August to was back to the normal range. The reports are posted on the RMB Laboratories web site if people would like to review. The link can also be found on the CLAA website.

Lady Slipper Project: Jean Chadwick reported in the absence of Roz Johnson.

It was discussed at the Board Meeting to look into the matter of reducing the length and doing a one mile stretch and then a break, with another one mile stretch after the break. Roz will be contacting the county on this matter and report her findings at the Spring meeting.

AIS: Jean Chadwick

Presently CLAA has three volunteers. Mike Mason is the latest volunteer who has completed the course through the MN DNR. Coordination is done between the volunteers and the workers who are paid to be at the public landing. Jean Chadwick recently completed an additional training course; AIS Detector Training.

Jean distributed information for all members present. Each family member received a packet with material and Jean went through each piece and gave explanations of all the various enclosed literature.

Jean had also volunteered her time working at an AIS booth set up at the Itasca County Fair.

If anyone thinks they have spotted any form of AIS on the lake, they should call the Board of Soil and Water. The Board will then send someone out to do an official detection.

AIS volunteers are at the public landing to educate. However they can call the sheriff if something is noticed from any boat being launched.

Membership Drive: Skip Anderson

The goal of increasing our membership is still “in progress”. All areas around the lake have been assigned to individuals (officers and board).

Road Clean-Up: Skip Anderson, Mike Mason and Bruce Bjerke each have sections they maintain. Skip’s is completed, Bruce will be doing his in the next week and all were sure that Mike would be taking care of his section. (Mike Mason was not present)

Enbridge Ecofootprint Grant: Bill Johnson

The tour of the lake has been completed. Twelve property owners were selected from the preliminary investigation. Seven property owners responded. Property owners are from both Clearwater and Beltrami Counties. The current schedule at the time of this meeting is: each property/project being reviewed in August; final design/cost in September; meeting with property owners to review designs in October.

The minimum cost to property owners is \$1,000 and the maximum cost is \$3,600. Each property owner will be responsible for 10% of the project cost. October 19, 2017 the SWCD meets and will vote to approve the contracts/projects and permits. They will work with the DNR to set the high water marks.

It will be the responsibility of each property owner to locate their contractor. They could do individually or work together as a team. Totally up to the property owners.

November 1, 2017 the designs completed and approved by the SWCD.

Once again it was reminded to keep track of all time devoted to this project. We can charge \$26 per hour and will go toward our in-kind hours the Association is responsible to contribute.

If any work done is over and above the estimated cost, it will be the sole responsibility of the property owner to pay for these charges.

Four property owners are on the Beltrami side and three owners from the Clearwater side of the lake.

The original grant money amount was for \$112,000. Current project cost is running \$134,000 to \$135,000. Zach is looking for additional funding and he doesn’t seem concerned at finding it.

Old Business:

Beltrami County Round-Up Grant. The Board decided to use the \$500 awarded towards the project of lakescaping. Roz Johnson will be handling and gathering information as this project moves forward.

Beltrami County Storm Water Grant. Potential funds available. Roz Johnson will be looking into this and report back on this to the Board and members in spring 2018.

Clearwater County Round-Up Grant. Our Association was not selected to receive any funds this year. We can apply again next year.

New Business:

Booth set up at the Fourth of July Parade in Debs, MN. All present were in favor and thought it would be a good idea to have and distribute information about the Association as well as informative literature on AIS. Jean asked for volunteers to sit at the display booth. Rachele Ricke said she would gather other info which could be handed out at the booth as well.

Social Committee. All present were in favor of such a committee. Jean mentioned about the pontoon party on the lake which happened this summer and was coordinated by Judy Johnson and Carol Torgerson. Jean asked for any volunteers for assistance with this undertaking. It was suggested the committee consist of Rachele Ricki, Judy Johnson and Carol Torgerson. Once created, any events could be posted on the website or info could be sent to JoLynn Chadwick and she could distribute to all members via email.

Lake Association Apparel. The vendor who has made our current clothing items is willing to set up a page on their website that would be designated to CLAA apparel. Jean asked for feedback on items people are interested in purchasing with the CLAA logo. Here are the items people mentioned: tote bags, hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts (regular and hooded), rain gear jackets.

The cost will be listed and the individual will pay direct to the vendor and items would be shipped to purchaser when completed. Court Sports in Owatonna is the vendor with our design and who has made the items in the past.

Thanks went out to Shirley Moore for donating the use of her garage for our meetings. She was again willing to donate her garage in 2018.

Cabin Owner Contact List. Rachele Ricke asked for a listing of property owners in case of a need to contact. Mary Whipple suggested handouts at our next meeting rather than posting on our website. Bill Johnson suggested sending our an email to all members asking for feedback on this issue. The email could be a voting of yes or no if they want their phone number published for other cabin owners to have. Emergency contact info was also asked about at this time. Skip Anderson said he has a boat with oars. Local law enforcement are aware of the location. This information could be added to the phone listing of cabin owners.

Bruce Emmel and his Sea Plane. Bruce flies his plane for MNDOT and this winter his plane will be tore down and redone. The progress can be followed on his Facebook page: Clearwater Sea Plane Base.

Canoe Route Follow Up. Members questioned where this topic was currently. Jean said she has had conversations with Hank Slotnik and Corey Hanson from the RLWSD. All studies have been completed and recommendations sent to MPCA for approval. Completion of all data is set for April of 2018. At that time, one watershed with one plan will be done. Funds may be available and the project would be funded by non-competitive grant money (e.g. Federal money would pay for everything). Completion is set for a date of 2020.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Skip Anderson and Dave Chadwick second the motion.

Meeting was adjourned.

