

# CLAA General Meeting 7/18/20

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The General Meeting was held on the beach in front of Ann Bardwell-Ross' house at 27267 N Shore Dr. Leonard MN. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm.

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Attending: Mike Mason, President, Fred Sundquist, Vice-President, Bill Johnson, Treasurer, Nancy Mason, Board Member and acting Secretary, Monte Mason, Board Member Skip Anderson, Board Member  
Absent: Jean Chadwick, Past-President, JoLynn Chadwick, Secretary.

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## **Introductions:**

Going around the circle all of those in attendance introduced themselves. There were 17 people in attendance.

## **AIS:**

Skip Anderson gave a description of an incident at the Public Landing where a boat owner refused to have their boat inspected and entered the lake anyway. There was a frustration that there really is nothing we can do. Fred Sundquist, Board Member, attends BCLARA and MN COLA where this issue is studied and approached through a group of associations. Mike Mason as President will also try to attend these meetings. Mike Mason mentioned that the CLAA Board discussed forming a committee dedicated to AIS and would be looking for members from the general membership.

## **Wake Boating:**

Mike Mason spoke about the hydrological study that the University of Minnesota is attempting to raise funds for. He told them that the Board approved a \$1,000 donation towards that effort. Mike also talked about forming a committee dedicated to this issue which he is willing to lead. He would be looking for members to be a part of this committee also. Later in the meeting John McEvers, CLAA member, explained to the group what a wake boat was and what activities can be done with a wake boat.

## **Membership:**

Mike Mason asked Bill Johnson to go over the member numbers for the past several years. Over the last four years our membership numbers have been: 31, 41, 34, 31. There are approximately 100 lakeshore properties total. Mike Mason mentioned the idea of having a membership committee, Monte Mason and Nancy Mason would be willing to take this on. Nancy Mason asked for suggestions from the group as to what might help us build our numbers. After Rachelle Ricke went through quite a list of the projects that CLAA is a part of Larry Dorman suggested that it might help to go door to door with a simple, non-wordy, flyer ("less is more these days") pointing out all that the association does for lake owners. The membership fee was discussed but the general consensus was that \$25 was about right. Chelsey Erickson mentioned that having someone come to her door and take care of the paperwork right then and there would be helpful.

### **CLAA Ongoing Projects:**

In and around the discussion of membership the following projects that CLAA carries out each year were mentioned and briefly explained.

- **Water Quality:** Done by Bruce Bjerke. See attached Clearwater Monitoring Report. Water clarity in Clearwater continues to improve.
- **Lakeshore Restoration:** With the help of an Enbridge Grant and some in-kind money from the state and county four lakeshore properties received money for lakeshore restoration. Mike Mason said that Jean Chadwick plans to investigate whether or not there is more grant money out there for this purpose.
- **Lady slipper Project:** Roz Johnson had spearheaded the effort of CLAA to do their own ditch spraying saving hundreds of lady slippers growing in the ditch along Clearwater Lake Rd and near the dam. This spring Mike Mason and Gary Hushley (sp?) were able to help. They may be able to do some spraying in the fall as well.
- **Loon Observation:** Lake area members record observations of loons throughout the summer. Skip Anderson has also put out “Loonie Bins” for nesting.
- **Highway Clean-Up:** Several CLAA members take responsibility for cleaning up two miles of the Clearwater Lake Road and the Clearwater Dam area twice per year.

### **CLAA General Meeting in coming years:**

Mike Mason talked about the plan for future General Meetings. This was the first year holding the meeting mid-summer and our attendance was lower than usual. Several people who rsvp'd mentioned that they were glad the meeting was not on a holiday weekend and they hoped that we continued that. McEvers, Dormans and Chelsey Erickson also expressed that they were glad it was not on a holiday weekend. Mike Mason repeated Fred Sundquist's comments from the board meeting that it takes a few years for something new to catch on. Rachele Ricke made a motion that the CLAA 2021 General meeting be held on July 17, 2021. Deb Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous agreement.

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Nancy Mason moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 pm. Monte Mason seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.