

CLAA Annual Meeting 7/17/21

The Annual Meeting was held in the garage of Eric Pearson at 27295 N Shore Dr., Leonard MN. The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:30 pm.

Attending: Mike Mason, President; Fred Sundquist, Vice-President; Bill Johnson, Treasurer; JoLynn Chadwick, Secretary; Nancy Mason, Board Member; Skip Anderson, Board Member; and Bruce Bjerke, Board Member.

Absent: Jean Chadwick, Past-President and Board Member; Monte Mason, Board Member.

Guest Speaker: Bob Richards, AIS Inspector for Clearwater Lake – public access.

Bob shared his experience in the task of inspecting boats coming into and leaving the lake. Bob's main focus/job along with his inspections, is to educate the people.

Agenda
CLAA Annual Meeting – July 17
Approximate start time: 12:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. AIS Presentation; Speaker: Bob Richards (AIS Inspector for Clearwater Lake)
3. Introduction of Officers and Board Members
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Committee Reports: Loons, Ditch Spraying, Water Quality, Membership
7. New Business: Amend By-Laws to reflect meeting change; Get The Lead Out Initiative; BP Oil Spill Settlement; Wake Boat Study; One Watershed One Plan (1W1P); AIS mitigation
8. Old Business: AIS Update
9. Adjourn

Introduction of Officers and Board:

Name tags were worn by all officers and board members.

They were also for members to use.

Secretary's Report:

JoLynn Chadwick reviewed the highlights from the 2020 July Meeting.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Johnson reviewed the financial status. Last year there were 52 paid members. That was a gain of approximately 20 members. Balance from checking and saving as of 7-12-21 was \$6,363.00

Treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Loons: Skip Anderson

One baby loon on the lake that is a definite. Sightings reported of another possible baby loon from the south end of the lake, but not confirmed.

Ditch Spraying: Roz Johnson

Success with the spot spraying. Nap weed is getting less and less with each year. Clearwater County is pleased with CLAA's initiative to continue with the spot/ditch spraying each year.

Water Quality: Bruce Bjerke

The water clarity depth was 13 feet but with the last sampling done around July 5th, the depth was at 9 feet. The clarity is normal for this time of the year.

Membership: Nancy Mason and Monte Mason

Nancy explained the new use of Mail Chimp in getting quick announcements out to all members. Looking for new and/or added ideas for member increase.

New Business:**Amending By-Laws:**

After reviewing the By-Laws, it was discovered that the by-laws could not be amended at this meeting and at this time. Written notification needs to get out to all paid members 15 days prior. So, will have to address next year at our summer meeting.

Get The Lead Out initiative:

JoLynn Chadwick explained what this GTLO initiative is all about. Funding is a trickle down money settlement from the BP Oil spill that happened in 2010. This initiative is to educate the public about the dangers of lead use for tackle and show there are replacement medals that are lead-free and work.

This is a three-year initiative with a goal to reduce loon mortality and increase reproductive success of loons in eight Minnesota counties. (Aitken, Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard and Itasca)

The start date of this initiative is July 1, 2021

Wake Boat Study:

Bill Johnson explained about the Wake Boat Study which is currently being conducted by the University of Minnesota. Last year, CLAA donated \$1,000 in this study. The final report should be out in six to nine months. They are testing four various styles of boats. Also included in the study is wake boarding and water skiing. The final report will be based on scientific research and data collected. Not on opinion. This study is very comprehensive in nature. Once Bill receives the final report, it will be released to all members via Mail Chimp.

There was much input and discussion with all members present on this matter.

One Water Shed One Plan (1W1P):

Mike Mason explained to members what this is. It is a DNR Initiative for every watershed there will be one plan. Funding for this is a result of the BP oil spill settlement. In May of this year, CLAA was asked by Chester Powell (Clearwater County) to come up with a listing of what CLAA believed to be primary issues in regard to this initiative. (AIS and water quality) Twelve key points were laid out and delivered to Chester. Bruce Bjerke (CLAA member) sits on this Advisory Committee. The timeline is: August – October: solidify the goals; November-February 2022: come up with an Action Plan; March-April 2022: Initiate the Action Plan.

Clearwater County expects to receive funding for AIS mitigation and CLAA has looked into cleaning stations for the public access. The Wayside Solar Cleaning Station with a cost of approx.. \$34,000. Along with the initial cost would also be \$900 to \$1200 in yearly cost to maintain the unit. In October, our plan will be presented to the Clearwater County Commissioners. Also discussed at this time and information given by Fred Sundquist explaining the Outreach Program conducted in Otter Tail County which has been quite successful. It's a program designed to educate and involve the youth within the

classroom about their lakes. CLAA would like to follow their program and get involvement from the youth in the area.

Old Business:

The topic of possibly raising dues next year and also the importance of donations.

Skip Anderson brought up the issue of thank you plaques for a couple of people. Especially one to Shirley's (Moore) family for the use of garage over many years.

Russ Johnson shared a little about this year's fourth of July parade in Debs. Around 45 floats/participants, a pig roast and two inflatable slides for the kids.

Fred Sundquist moved that the meeting be adjourned and Larry Dorman seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.