

## July 9, 2022, CLA Meeting Notes

Cullen Lakes Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
9:00 AM Live at Lutheran Church of the Cross

Current members in attendance:

Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, Patty Hicks, Carol Lindahl, C.B. Bylander, John MacGibbon, Randy Steenholdt, John Maguire, Joel Knutson, Denny Opsahl.

1. President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.
2. Motion to accept the June 11, 2022, meeting minutes was made, seconded and passed.
3. Treasurer's report was reviewed by Carol Lindahl. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed:
  - a. Donations are consistent with budget planning. Membership participation and generosity remains stellar.
  - b. Payments to Clarke to date are \$34,281. We have a DNR grant pending that should yield \$1650. Note that the net effect of this grant will be minimal as the grant requires a pre survey by a company other than Clarke which cost \$1,000.
  - c. As discussed at June meeting, treatment areas allowed were less than previous years. This is primarily due to the late spring resulting in CLP growth not appearing within the DNR allowed survey and treatment window that assures maximum efficacy of the treatment.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Budget and Finance
    - i. Paul Beilfuss shared YTD income/expenses to budget. Also discussed 2023 budget projections. Discussion regarding the opportunity to show the membership the balanced budget was embraced, and we will be able to accomplish that along with reviewing the proposed 2023 budget for membership approval. Donations and estate planning ideas were brainstormed. Our current donation initiatives continue to reflect the generosity for stewardship of the lakes by our membership. The need to do a deeper dive into establishing a compelling message for consideration of CLA in estate planning was also reviewed. New website might provide such an avenue along with recognition of those that have bequeathed to

the organization. Again, further plans for purpose and cause beyond CLP/AIS war chest need to occur.

b. Administration

- i. Debi Oliverius emailed the update on the Annual meeting planning and confirmed all is on track.
  1. Discussion over agenda sequence resulted in having the business meeting initially with speaker to follow.
  2. Joel stated the speaker from the Loon Center is set. Board confirmed \$100 honorarium. Joel to get speaker bio to Debi for use in the membership Annual Meeting mailing.
  3. Program printing is will take place in late July after receipt of committee reports.
  4. Door prizes of some remaining CLA merchandise will take place.
  5. Paul will secure refreshments.
  6. Joel is the coffee Brewmeister.
  7. Denny and John M. registration.
  8. Board members to arrive by 8:00 AM.

c. Education

- i. C.B. Bylander previewed new website. Board found it impressive, very well organized and navigable. Discussion regarding remaining build out, maintenance and CLA social media vs. website role occurred. John Maguire on behalf of his son and Maguire Refining donated \$2000 earmarked for the further build out of the website especially drop downs for archived historical datapoints, with anything remaining to reside in the general fund. The board thanked him for his generosity as it will allow the project to achieve best in class status. C.B intends to present website work to date at the annual meeting.

d. Environmental Issues

- i. John Maguire had nothing new to report.

e. Fisheries

- i. Nothing new.

f. Invasive species

- i. Post treatment surveys were completed and reviewed with the board. Again, membership is encouraged to notify CLA board with any present problem areas as we can then alert for subsequent years treatment area consideration being implemented.

g. Land Development

- i. Ann reported the “after the fact” variance request on Middle Cullen was approved by Crow Wing County contingent on specific mitigation

requirements and a deadline to complete. Randy surfaced the topic of our role in such matters. Discussion ensued regarding the need for CLA awareness of such requests and assurance of compliance with protocols of the governing criteria be it Crow Wing County, Pequot Lakes or Nisswa. Randy reported that they will schedule a meeting with Pequot Lakes similar to what the committee did with Nisswa to gain further understanding of their policies and initiatives and develop the relationship with our organization.

h. Membership

- i. Carol stated that we currently have 249 members and 6 “complimentary” members.

i. Water Quality

- i. June report “normal.”

j. Nominating Committee

- i. Paul again confirmed incumbents with expiring terms intend to run for reelection. He is trying to contact Peter Miller to confirm his desire to be nominated. Incumbent board officers agreed to serve another term in same capacities with one reluctant but ultimately yielding individual.

k. Old Business

- i. Nothing of significance

President Ann Beaver asked for any additional items, none being raised she asked for adjournment motion that was made and seconded. Accordingly, meeting was adjourned.