

August 13, 2022, CLA Meeting Notes (Annual Meeting)

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, Dan Hurley, Lora Graumann, Denny Opsahl, Debi Oliverius.

1. Following attendee registration, viewing of exhibits and social time, President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.
2. Motion to accept the August 14, 2021, CLA Annual meeting minutes was made, seconded, and passed.
3. Treasurer Carol Lindahl reviewed the report as of 7/28/22. We are fortunate to remain a "healthy organization" thanks to the continued generosity of our members. This is especially critical as the DNR grants are considerably less (in 2022 \$1650) than the early years and the cost to comply with the survey requirement alone rivals the grant amount. Members were referred to the details outlined in the printed treasurer's report in the Annual Meeting packet
4. Paul Beilfuss, Nominating Committee chair, introduced board members, highlighting officers and those with expiring terms. He presented Peter Miller as a new board candidate. Ann Beaver asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Discussion ensued regarding board member responsibilities which were then outlined by President Beaver. Julie Johnson was then nominated and seconded. Ms. Beaver asked the membership to approve the slate and it was approved unanimously.
5. The bylaws regarding the fiscal year were then reviewed as it required membership approval to alter. The new FY was asked to be approved as 10/1-9/30. This change was embraced by the Board previously to align with expense cycles and provide a greater clarity to assess expense and income aligned more closely to seasonality. The motion was presented to membership and approved unanimously.

6. Paul Beilfuss reviewed the proposed operating budget for the coming FY as contained in the meeting packet, noting the balanced budget projection. He also further discussed CLP/Invasive Species donations thanking the membership. He then reviewed the Legacy Funds and opportunities for CLA inclusion in estate planning. Ann asked for approval of the next year's budget which was approved unanimously.

7. A question from the floor was fielded by Ann Beaver regarding treatment areas and efficacy. Ann explained the DNR survey/assessment/permit process and how problem areas that are very apparent post survey arise, but at survey time may be negligible. The timing of the assessment cannot be altered, as water temperature and other factors have a critical window for optimal application efficacy. If members are aware of significant areas of CLP this year, they are asked to document the areas and forward the information to the Board, as it may then be able to further direct the DNR in the spring for treatment consideration.

8. Board member Randy Steenholdt presented the membership with ideas for further educational / information opportunity topics for the CLA membership for the Board to coordinate and provide value. Potential topics mentioned were:
 - a. Building permits, zoning, lakeshore statutes that would be informative and helpful for members considering improvements.
 - b. Estate planning for CLA Legacy Fund Consideration
 - c. Lake Management practices.A survey questionnaire was distributed to attendees at registration to gauge topic interest and ideas. Discussion from the floor ensued around optimal manner to access such initiatives. Most favorable may be Webinar or Zoom formats and then archived for membership access from a CLA website link.

9. C.B. Bylander, chair of the Educational Committee, reviewed the website revamp project highlighting the format, content, layout, and access. The intent was to make it timely, relevant, and be certain content is easily accessible. He went on to illustrate the key features and content.

10. Guest speaker, Mike Pluimer, of the National Loon Center in Cross Lake gave a very informative and engaging presentation on loons, the Loon Center presently and the build out projections with stunning renditions of the final project.

At the conclusion of the presentation the board members met briefly to elect officers for the coming year and the slate was passed unanimously.