

## June 10, 2023, CLA Meeting Notes

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

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, C.B. Bylander, Patty Hicks, Dan Hurley, Joel Knutson, John MacGibbon, John Maguire, Denny Opsahl, Debi Oliverius, Randy Steenholdt.

Absent: Lora Graumann, Julie Johnson, Carol Lindahl, Pete Miller

1. President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.
2. Motion to accept the May 20, 2023, meeting minutes was made, seconded and passed.
3. In the absence of Carol Lindahl, the CLA treasurer, the treasurer's report was presented by Ann Beaver. The report reflected no changes in expenses from the previous month and slight additional income from dues and interest. Move to accept was made, seconded and passed.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Administration: Debi reviewed plans for upcoming annual meeting. Noted increase in mailing expenses. A request was made to have committee reports to Deb by July meeting so they can be assembled for the annual meeting. Ideas for the annual meeting speaker were discussed. Joel reviewed potential options with input from the group. Finalization will take place at the July meeting.
  - b. Budget and Finance: Paul requested committee chairs update their expectations on expenses for next year in light of increasing costs. He discussed a member inquiry regarding buoys. John Maguire volunteered to check with Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department regarding regulations.
  - c. Education committee: Randy updated the group on the preparations for the shoreline restoration seminar on 6/17. Speaker, logistics, venue, refreshments and AV were reviewed and confirmed. AV, chair rental and any miscellaneous expenses Randy volunteered to donate. A report and photos of the event will be assembled and posted on our website. C.B. updated the group on the website regarding document retention periods,

posting photos and narratives from newsletter family history stories and some time spent by our consultant to simplify the data input process for information such as Secchi disc reading.

C.B also reviewed the activity regarding the grant initiative. He visited a few sites that had the survey completed by Crow Wing County Soil and Water and the resultant plans. Discussion for documentation for reimbursement protocols were identified.

- d. Environmental issues: Nothing additional to report beyond John's intent to get buoy clarifications from CWC Sheriff's Department.
- e. Fisheries: Nothing additional
- f. Invasive Species: Ann discussed the issues regarding CLA treatment denial by DNR. Potential options moving forward were initially discussed with additional discussions to ensue. Our 3-year contract with Solitude (the treatment application company) expires this fall. The intent is to pursue an RFP for the next period,
- g. Land Development: Extensive clearing was done on the former Bev Johnson property. Ann will check with Nisswa P&Z to see if what was done is allowed.
- h. Membership: Current paid membership is 261.
- i. Water Quality: Secchi disc readings:
  - Lower 22'
  - Middle 14'
  - Upper 6 ½'
- j. Nominating Committee: C.B. confirmed members with expiring terms and all agreed to run for additional terms. Also revisited the discussion regarding mutual expectations for board members' engagement and responsibilities. A suggestion was made for an application form with a bio be researched, refined and potentially implemented.

Additional: Joel raised the challenge of navigating the channel from Middle to Upper with the pervasive cattails causing impedance. John Maguire will look into any possible remedies.

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.

