

May 20, 2023, CLA Meeting Notes

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

Present: Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, C.B. Bylander, Lora Graumann, Dan Hurley, Carol Lindahl, John MacGibbon, Debi Oliverius, Denny Opsahl

Absent: Patty Hicks, Julie Johnson, Joel Knutson, John Maguire, Pete Miller, Randy Steenholdt

1. President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.
2. Motion to accept the October 8, 2022, meeting minutes was made, seconded and passed.
3. The treasurer's report was presented by CLA Treasurer, Carol Lindahl. She reviewed investment performance via the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation being on the upside and noted that we now file different documentation with the IRS via form 990. CLA CLP donations are consistent with budgeted expectations. Membership dues renewals have 12 outstanding that were paid members last year. Water quality testing fees have risen from \$750 to \$840, and web site expenses are anticipated to be slightly higher. Other expenses are consistent with this FY's budget. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Administration: Debi reviewed plans for upcoming annual meeting. Time, date, and location are secured and confirmed. Speaker and topic options were discussed. Joel has taken on this task with great results in the past and we will revisit at the June meeting.
 - b. Budget and Finance: Paul expressed the need to schedule an audit and will follow up accordingly. The request to committee chairs for FY 24 budgets will be made at the June meeting with submission at July meeting.
 - c. Education committee: C.B. updated the group on the upcoming shoreline restoration seminar to be held at Randy Steenholdt's on June 17. C.B. did a site visit and review with Randy. The plan is a 45-minute sit down presentation followed by a tour of 3 contiguous properties each with

different approaches to the issue. Budget was revisited and confirmed that \$2500 from Legacy Funds was set for CLA members support who applied for county site visit and plan. Minimal additional budget will be needed for audio, water and any other logistical needs. Ann and Carol summarized the area Lakes associations meeting at the Nisswa Community Center and the presentations by DNR Hydrologist, Nisswa Planning and Zoning, and Crow Wing County Soil and Water Dept.

- d. Environmental Committee: Nothing new to report
- e. Fisheries: DNR has designated certain lakes for experimental fishing limits (reductions.) Members have expressed concerns with increased pressure on our lakes where limits are not reduced. C.B. had reviewed issue with DNR and their initiative. He summarized DNR's position and intent as well as concerns on impact.
- f. Invasive Species: Ann reported on CLP survey done by Solitude. They did the work the week of 5/8 and found very little evidence of CLP. Work was submitted to DNR (Tim Plude) and response was to permit treatment of 12 acres on LC and nothing on MC nor Upper. Carol had follow up discussions regarding slow initiation of growth due to the lingering winter. She will continue to push for expansion with DNR and emphasize post treatment surveys showing large areas of growth that will now potentially be untreated. Water temperatures are rising quickly so the opportunity window is closing. No Zebra mussels yet found in Upper Cullen.
- g. Land Development: Nothing of significance to report.
- h. Membership: 257 members.
- i. Water Quality: Initial readings to be completed this weekend.
- j. Nomination Committee: Discussed 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.

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.