

Cullen Lakes Association  
Board of Directors' Meeting

9:00 a.m., June 13, 2020, Via Zoom (Video)

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, C.B. Bylander, Joel Knutson, Anne Kostreba, Mike Lawrow, Carol Lindahl, John MacGibbon, John Maguire, Debi Oliverius

Absent: Dennis Opsahl

1. President Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The May 16, 2020 minutes were approved on a voice vote with the recommended changes: a) the June meeting date is June 13, not June 11, and b) according to the treasurer's report, income should be adjusted to include this fiscal year's DNR grants.
3. The treasurer's report was approved on a voice vote. It was noted that the DNR is processing our grant requests. According to the DNR, the grants were allocated within the first five and one-half minutes of availability, so we were fortunate that Carol Lindahl, treasurer, worked rapidly on our behalf.
4. There no additions to the agenda, so President Beaver adopted the agenda as presented.
5. Written committee reports were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Anne Kostreba reported that other lake associations she contacted have not yet decided annual meeting procedures. Paul Beilfuss, requested Board members, especially committee chairs, to make budget recommendations by July 1, so a proposed operating budget for FY 2021 could be initiated. Ann Beaver established the second Saturday in August as the deadline for newsletter items. It was reported that there are loon chicks in Upper Cullen and Middle Cullen; however, there appears to be a reduction in nesting pairs this season. Anne Kostreba reported that zebra mussels are overly abundant in the west end of Lower Cullen. Ann Beaver stated that our AIS contractor, Clarke, will conduct post-treatment surveys after June 15. In light of discussion regarding the proposed updated Lake Management Plan (LMP) presented by Ann Beaver, it was decided to move forward with approval. The LMP was approved on a voice vote. The updated LMP will be presented to the association membership this fall. It

was reported that Crow Wing County commissioners recently approved an ordinance with respect to short-term rentals (commonly referred to as VRBO rentals) by a narrow vote, 3-2. Bill Brekken, our area commissioner, voted for the ordinance, which is good news for us. Debi Oliverius indicated that the ballot is basically established for the Board election, and it appears that members with expiring terms will run for re-election; however, Anne Kostreba remains on the fence regarding running for re-election. Board officer positions remain under discussion. Water testing is scheduled for June 14-15, and Ann Beaver will meet with the Whitsons (LC) soon so they can take over Lower Cullen water testing. The results of the voluntary voting for the mail-in annual August meeting will be in the fall newsletter, including the Board election, annual budget, and annual committee reports, which are due to Ann Beaver by the second Saturday in August.

6. John Maguire reported a bear sighting near Middle Cullen. Condolences were offered for the recent passing of Denny Opsahl's mother. There was no other business to conduct, so President Beaver adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.