

CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:00 a.m., September 14, 2019, Lutheran Church of the Cross

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, C.B. Bylander, Patty Hicks, Dan Hurley, Anne Kostreba, John Maguire, Debi Oliverius, Denny Opsahl

Absent: Carol Lindahl, John MacGibbon, Mike Lawrow, Mike Lawrow

1. President Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. The minutes of the July 27, 2019 and August 10, 2019 meetings were approved on a voice vote. The July 27 meeting minutes were corrected to include Denny Opsahl's absence.
3. The treasurer's report was presented by Ann Beaver, and the report was approved on a voice vote.
4. There were no additions to the agenda, and President Beaver adopted the agenda as presented.
5. President Beaver reported a possible change in the Board Secretary's position when John Maguire offered to assume the position; however, John withdrew his offer, and Paul Beilfuss will continue as Board Secretary. Ann also requested anyone interested in assuming the secretary's position to contact her.
6. Ann Beaver reported that she received a response from two Crow Wing County commissioners regarding the letter she sent on the Board's behalf about regulating VRBOs (rental properties). Ann said that Commissioner Barrows responded with a qualified yes response when requested to regulate rental properties, and Commissioner Brekken phoned Ann to suggest that two of five county commissioners support regulating rental properties advertised as VRBOs. The remaining commissioners did not respond. The LARA Board did not receive a response to their inquiry. Ann stated that she didn't know about future steps to regulation at this time, although there is speculation about possible taxes on rental property owners.
7. Anne Kostreba requested to be removed from the Board's Water Quality Committee, since the Kostrebas sold their boat. Patty Hicks was appointed to the Board's Land Development Committee. Ann Beaver also reported that she was contacted recently by a new

property owner to inform her that the owner was requesting a variance for a property improvement. Ann expressed satisfaction that CLA was contacted about a property matter. Ann said that she would send out an updated Board committee list, assuming members are satisfied with their assignments.

8. A. Anne Kostreba stated that she believes the annual meeting went well according to the positive comments she received about the event, including the keynote presentation. 66 people were in attendance, and a number of CLA-branded items were sold. It was suggested that two Board members are necessary at the registration desk for future annual meetings, since most folks arrived in a brief time frame. In addition, the budget in the meeting handbook had an error due to formatting the handbook; however, Paul Beilfuss corrected it during his presentation. Board members agreed that the annual meeting was a success.

B. Paul Beilfuss distributed the Board's approved Legacy Fund policy. Paul is attempting to schedule a meeting with the executive director of the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation and the Board's Budget and Finance Committee in order to explore various investment opportunities. C.B. Bylander requested clarity in the guidelines the committee develops regarding proposals.

C. i. Ann Beaver reported that the fall Cullen Currents is in preparation, and she requested articles for inclusion. Debi Oliverius said she would provide an information item from a DNR water quality workshop she intends to attend. Ann Beaver reported that a property owner on Lower Cullen, Margaret Hasse, contacted her about buckthorn, invasive vegetation, on her property. Ann directed her to the DNR, and the DNR representative visited the property and told Margaret how to remove it. Ms. Hasse requested the DNR representative provide a newsletter article about buckthorn and its removal.

ii. It was reported that the CLA maintains its website presence with Dan Meixner's help. C.B. Bylander said that he would contact Dan to support updates and the removal of old material. We also maintain a presence on Facebook.

D. No report.

E. No report.

F. Ann Beaver reported that her husband, Tom, found zebra mussels on a lake pump, but none in the intake. She requested that Board members keep their "ears to the ground" for reports about zebra

mussels, especially with respect to Middle Cullen. Carol Lindahl and Ann Beaver are scheduled to meet with Tim Plude, DNR, to discuss our concerns about CLP treatments for the last two years. Ann said she would sent out a summary of the meeting to Board members.

G. According to our Lake Management Plan, we are obligated to conduct a member survey next spring. Ann Beaver said she would distribute information to Board members to solicit input for survey questions. The Board would approve an updated LMP utilizing member input. John MacGibbon asked the Board to consider utilizing an electronic format for the survey.

H. Members noted an unusual increase in the number of lake properties for sale.

I. We have 259 members, with 11 complimentary memberships. Approximately 40 property owners have not joined CLA.

J. Upper Cullen and Middle Cullen have good phosphorous readings; however, Lower Cullen had a very large spike in its phosphorous level. The high reading may be related to the filamentous algae growth Lower Cullen experienced during the summer. The reading may also be related to the heavy rains, so the issue would be worth discussing with water quality research personnel.

9. The recognition of Charlie Boudrye's significant years of service on the CLA was discussed, and it was suggested that the Board recognize Charlie with a dinner certificate. The issue service recognition was discussed; however, no firm plan emerged.
10. There was no new business.
11. President Beaver adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Next meeting is 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 12, at Lutheran Church of the Cross