

Cullen Lakes Association
Board of Directors' Meeting

9:00 a.m., July 11, 2020, Via Zoom (Video)

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, C.B. Bylander, Patty Hicks, Dan Hurley (9:14), Joel Knutson (9:14), Anne Kostreba, Mike Lawrow (9:23), Carol Lindahl, John MacGibbon, John Maguire, Debi Oliverius, Denny Opsahl (9:14)

Absent: None

- 1) President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order at approximately 9:04 a.m.
- 2) The June 13 meeting minutes were approved on a voice vote after Anne Kostreba corrected the minutes by indicating that she does not intend to run for re-election.
- 3) Carol Lindahl, treasurer, stated that the budget was in good shape regarding income vs expenses. Ann Beaver complimented Carol on a good format for the treasurer's report. Carol said that there would be limited annual meeting expenses this year due to Covid-19, and the budget income was adjusted to include the DNR grants the CLA received. The treasurer's report was approved on a voice vote.
- 4) There were no additions to the agenda, so President Beaver adopted the agenda as presented.
- 5) Paul Beilfuss, Budget/Finances Committee chair, introduced the proposed 2021 FY operational budget for Board discussion. Carol Lindahl recommended that the annual treatment for CLP control be reduced by \$3000, since it doesn't appear that the DNR will allow us to treat more acreage in the future than the current year. The Board supported Carol's recommendation, and the budget was approved on a voice vote, thereby eliminating the requirement for a second Board meeting in July (typically for budget approval).
- 6) It was recommended that the Budget/Finances Committee prepare articles for the fall newsletter by October 1, especially with respect to the Legacy Fund, in order to initiate members' interest in the approved Legacy Fund policy. The policy includes solicitations for members' suggestions to improve/enhance the quality of the lakes. It was requested that the Education Committee review the association's web site in order to improve the web site and to remove dated material. C.B. Bylander stated that he would speak with Dan Meixner, former Board member and web site operator, in order to update the web site. C.B. Bylander also requested that the committee prepare annual goals. Ann Beaver noted that the annual goals are in the recently approved and updated Lake Management Plan. C.B. also requested that committee work be better publicized. It was noted that there were three pairs of loons on Upper Cullen; however, no chicks were observed. Patty Hicks reported that there weren't any loon chicks on Middle Cullen, and she believes that eagles are to blame for the lack of chicks. Dan Hurley reported that there is one chick left from the nesting platform near the DuFour property on Lower Cullen. In addition, Anne Kostreba reported that a loon continues to sit on a nest on the west end of Lower Cullen; however, there aren't any observable eggs. C.B. reported that there is limited supervision of area fisheries this year due to the pandemic, therefore scheduled assessments will not occur this year. In addition, some area lakes are now limited with

respect to the number of pan fish allowed to be caught. The Invasive Species committee reported that there haven't been any reports of zebra mussels in Middle or Upper Cullen. Ann Beaver stated that the summer newsletter would include a ballot for the Board election, and also a ballot for members' approval of the proposed annual budget. The Budget/Finances Committee will conduct an audit near the end of the fiscal year, and it will report its findings in the fall newsletter. In general discussion, it was reported that Dan Hurley and John Maguire were able to reacquire and install a buoy typically located near the channel between Lower and Middle. In addition, the July 4th boat parades were a success, with 15 craft in Upper, 20 plus in Middle, and 38 in Lower. However, Lower's parade experienced a rider weaving in and out of the parade, creating a dangerous situation.

- 7) No old business.
- 8) No new business.
- 9) The meeting was adjourned by Zoom at 9:35 a.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020, via Zoom (video).