

CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
9:00 a.m., July 13, 2019, Lutheran Church of the Cross

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, Charlie Boudrye, Jim Burrell, C.B. Bylander, Patti Hicks, Dan Hurley, Joel Knutson, Anne Kostreba, Carol Lindahl, John MacGibbon, Debi Oliverius, Denny Opsahl (arrived 9:10)

Absent: None

1. Board President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. The June 8, 2019 board meeting minutes were approved on a voice vote.
3. Treasurer Carol Lindahl distributed the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report of income and expenses through July 11, 2019 was approved on a voice vote.
4. President Beaver requested additions to the agenda as presented. There were no additions, and President Beaver adopted the agenda as presented.
5. A. Anne Kostreba, Administration Committee Chair, reported that all is set for the annual meeting on August 10, 2019. Anne will mail an annual meeting announcement that includes the meeting agenda to the membership in the near future. Anne Kostreba requested John Maguire, property owner and meeting keynote speaker, to provide a title for his presentation. Ann Beaver said that she would provide displays; however, she also solicited additional displays from assembled board members.
B. Paul Beilfuss distributed a proposed FY 2020 operational budget to the board for discussion that included changes requested by Ann Beaver. There was a consensus among board members to maintain the CLP donations line item in the revenue section in order to continue to build a "war chest" for a variety of AIS. C.B. Bylander requested the board to pursue a grant to help defray AIS expenses if it becomes available to us. Anne Kostreba moved that the board approve an increase of \$150 for the room donation line item expenditure to the budget for next year. Anne's motion received a second and considerable discussion followed. Anne Kostreba mentioned that she checked with the church's representative, and that the CLA was the lowest donor among organizations using the facility and contributing to the church. Ann Beaver called for a voice vote

to increase the donation to the church from \$100 to \$250. The board approved the expenditure increase. Carol Lindahl requested to increase the CLA's web site budget from \$125 to \$250 due to an increase in expenses. Discussion ensued regarding Carol's request, and there was a Board consensus to approve the request. Paul Beilfuss reported that the Budget and Finance Committee would meet after the Board meeting, and they intend to present a policy proposal to utilize the Legacy Fund during the next Board meeting.

C. Ann Beaver requested articles for the upcoming newsletter. C.B. Bylander offered to provide some educational pieces. A request was made to include information about the new development on Poplar near the Paul Bunyan Trail, since a considerable number of trees have been felled. Carol Lindahl requested permission to eliminate the initial URL (web site address) to reduce web site expenditures by approximately \$30 annually. Carol said that the initial web site is seldom used, and she viewed the expenditure as an unnecessary expense, since we have an improved site. Carol explained that the original web site essentially serves as a "shell." Carol moved to eliminate the first web site, and her motion received a second. There was general discussion, and a concern was raised that the vacated web site could create an opportunity for illicit/illegal activity from unsavory characters. President Beaver called for a vote on the motion by asking Board members to raise their hands. The motion failed 9-4. Joel Knutson offered to do additional research regarding this topic for the next agenda. C.B. indicated that he would send an educational mailing about AIS along with the next newsletter, and that he would not pursue a grant through the county for this purpose. Ann Beaver reported that the CLA's July 4th boat parade was featured on Facebook.

D. Anne Kostreba requested board members to forward any information about loons on the lakes to Ann Beaver for the newsletter, since people seem to be quite interested in this topic. There were reports from board members regarding loon and chick sightings on the lakes. Patty Hicks reported watching an eagle take two loon chicks unable to dive. Ann Beaver stated that she would include information about the green algae bloom on Lower Cullen (filamentous algae).

E. No fisheries report.

F. Ann Beaver distributed Clarke's recent survey reports about AIS (CLP). Ann reported that Clarke, our contractor, found CLP in Upper Cullen on

June 25 with potential treatment areas. Clarke did not treat Middle Cullen this year since it wasn't apparent; however, after a June 24 survey they noted high volume in small areas. Heavy CLP was noted in Lower Cullen on May 17 on the east side, with a water temperature of 58 degrees. Apparently we did not meet the DNR's criteria to treat the majority of CLP growth as in past years due to water temperature, volume, and other variables. Ann Beaver noted that Lower Cullen has utilized 88 of the 300 allocated hours at the public access for boat/trailer inspections for AIS as of July 5. Middle Cullen has not utilized any hours. Ann also suggested that anyone utilizing lakes this year should use water shoes due to the Zebra Mussel infestation.

G. Ann Beaver reported that Wilderness Resort continues to receive attention from the Zoning/Planning Committee of Pequot Lakes. They did approve an expansion of their beach and boat ramp move; however, they did not approve a boat house bathroom. Ann requested additional information regarding questionable activities from Wilderness Resort observers to share with Pequot Lakes officials.

H. Carol Lindahl reported that we have 244 CLA members, including 14 associate members. We also have 8 complimentary members.

I. Ann Beaver reported that the water quality reports remain in the typical range for our lakes. She'll report on this in the upcoming newsletter.

6. Denny Opsahl, Nominating Committee Chair, requested the Board to consider succession planning, since Ann Beaver has indicated her intention to retire from the Board Presidency in the next year or two. We are continuing to search for additional Board members from Middle Cullen. Denny spoke with John Maguire, presenter at this year's annual meeting; and Middle Cullen property owner; however, John indicated that he would like his wife to represent him on the Board if he is unavailable for meetings. This option was not readily received by the Board.
7. There was no old business.
8. There was no new business.
9. President Beaver adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. on a voice vote.