

# CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting  
9:00 a.m., May 20, 2017, Lutheran Church of the Cross

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, Charlie Boudrye, Jim Burrell, C.B. Bylander, Jim Kostreba, John MacGibbon, Jack McNamara, Dan Meixner, Denny Opsahl

Absent: Dan Hurley, Rich Johnson, Carol Lindahl, Debi Oliverius

**1. Ann Beaver, president, called the meeting to order.**

**2. Approval of minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2016 meeting.

**3. Treasurer's report:** Charlie Boudrye distributed copies of his report. He first went through the Balance Sheet as of May 20, 2017. Jack McNamara pointed out, and other board members agreed, that the Legacy Fund CD should be the full \$46,184 of the Norden bequest to CLA, not just \$40,000, even though the remaining \$6,184 is untouched in the checking account. The reasoning is so the membership can easily see the entire amount of the bequest remains untouched, as stated in the last report to the membership. By keeping it a separate fund, we can more easily solicit additional donations to the fund in newsletter articles and the annual membership mailing. Next Charlie went through the 2016 Profit & Loss report. A question was raised as to what the "Legal Fees/Permits" expense was under CLP Expenses. After discussion, it was determined the expense was related to the pre and post treatment surveys done by Clarke. In the January 1, 2016 through May 20, 2017 Profit & Loss report, the only figures needing to be noted were the amounts received from early December, 2016 to the present for CLP donations, membership dues, and support donations. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

**4. Review of agenda:** The agenda was adopted as presented.

**5. Committee reports:**

- a. Administration:** Ann Beaver reported that, due to family health issues, Pam Perry will not be able to be the speaker at the August annual meeting. She said if the Board still wanted a speaker on birds, she could contact the local Audubon Society. Another option would be to find a speaker on zebra mussels, either someone from the DNR or perhaps from a lake that has been dealing with them for a while. Board members agreed zebra mussels should be the topic. Ann will work with Carol Lindahl, committee chair, to find someone to speak on the topic.
- b. Budget and Finances:** Paul Beilfuss said the subcommittee formed to investigate ways of investing the Norden bequest to CLA has pretty much decided to invest the money with the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation, as it can be combined with other funds to better leverage earnings.
- c. Education:** C.B. Bylander said he had taken advantage of the County's AIS education grant money to do a mailing on zebra mussels to all Cullen Lakes property owners in April. Dan Meixner asked board members to send him anything they felt should be added to the web site.
- d. Environmental Issues:** Jack McNamara reported he had not heard back yet from his contact with MnDOT regarding Hwy. 371 issues, especially the new Cullen Brook bridge under the highway. C. B. said he would be talking to someone from MnDOT this afternoon and would convey the board's questions and concerns to him. Highway noise heard on Lower Cullen was also discussed.

**e. Fisheries:** No report

**f. Invasive Species:**

1) **CLP:** Ann Beaver passed around a map of each lake showing the treatment areas used for the final DNR permits. She said Middle Cullen was treated Monday, May 15 and Upper and Lower Cullen were treated Thursday, May 18. She has not yet received the maps showing the treatment tracks. She said the DNR reduced the number of acres that could be treated on Upper Cullen from 40 to 33. She did not know which seven of the proposed 40 acres were not treated. She will have a full report on the spring treatment at the June meeting.

2) **Zebra mussels:** Ann left a message with her contact at the DNR to see if anything additional was going to be done regarding the discovery last October of the mussels in Lower Cullen, but she has not heard back yet. With the strong current flowing out of Middle Cullen into Lower Cullen, it is likely the only way the mussels, especially the microscopic veligers, will find their way into Middle or Upper Cullen is by watercraft and bait buckets.

**g. Land Development:** Ann shared information on the timber harvest that will take place this year on county land west of Upper Cullen. She reported that three properties, two of which were undeveloped at the time of sale, have recently sold on Middle Cullen and that Wilderness Resort has not yet acted on the amended CUP it was considering last fall.

**h. Membership:** Charlie Boudrye there was no change from what was reported in the spring newsletter.

**i. Water Quality:** Ann said the committee would conduct its first tests of the season over Memorial Day weekend because this weekend is too cold and rainy.

**6. Nominating Committee:** Ann appointed Rich Johnson, John MacGibbon, Jack McNamara, and Denny Opsahl to this committee and told them what their responsibilities would be. All other board members, except for Ann, have terms that expire as of the August annual meeting.

There being old or new business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

**Next meeting: Saturday, June 10, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Cross.**