

## CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION

### Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 a.m., October 13, 2018, Lutheran Church of the Cross (Nisswa)

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, Charlie Boudrye, Jim Burrell, Patty Hicks, Dan Hurley, Joel Knutson, Anne Kostreba, Debi Oliverius, Denny Opsahl

Absent: C.B. Bylander, Carol Lindahl, John MacGibbon

1. Ann Beaver, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: The July 28, 2018 Board meeting and August 11, 2018 special board meeting (election of officers) minutes were approved on a voice vote.
3. Treasurer's Report: Ann Beaver distributed the treasurer's report for Carol Lindahl, treasurer. After limited discussion regarding the re-categorization of some expenditures, the treasurer's report was approved on a voice vote.
4. Agenda Review: The agenda was adopted, with one addition for new business requested by Debi Oliverius.
5. Committee Assignments for 2019: Ann Beaver reported that she did not receive any objections from board members about their committee assignments.
6. Committee Reports:  
Administration: Anne Kostreba requested that updated committee chair responsibilities be forwarded to her. Committee responsibilities may be found in the Lake Management Plan (LMP). The LMP should be reviewed and updated in 2020 (every five years), including a property owners' survey. The annual meeting was attended by more than 60 members, and there appeared to be a consensus that it went smoothly. An Annual Meeting review will be prepared for the fall newsletter. Ann Beaver requested our contractor, Clarke, to review their work on our lakes during the 2019 annual meeting.

**Budget and Finances:** The Budget and Finance Committee met and will finalize a Legacy Fund statement in early 2019 for board approval. Jack McNamara, Carol Lindahl, and Debi Oliverius served as an audit committee to review the association's finances. There did not appear to be any material issues regarding the association's budget. The audit format utilized was recommended by a CPA to avoid the expense of an outside audit and to comply with non-profit reporting procedures.

**Education Committee:** Ann Beaver reported that she is preparing the fall newsletter and requested additional articles from board members. In addition, Ann reported that zebra mussels are spreading around Lower Cullen; however, none have been reported in Middle Cullen. The Facebook page is being maintained by Alli Isaacson, Eagle's Nest Resort, and there are no issues to report.

**Environmental Issues:** Trees are being planted along Highway 371 according to MNDOT's landscaping plan. Bushes will be planted under the power lines. The average water depth readings from the gauge in Upper Cullen are regularly reported to the DNR.

**Fisheries:** No report.

**Invasive Species:** As previously mentioned, it is reported that zebra mussels have spread around Lower Cullen, with mussels reported to be found on boats, water pumps, and boatlifts. The question as to whether jet skis might spread invasive species was raised, and there was conjecture that due to the manner in which jet skis are propelled that this is likely. There was also discussion about bow fishers, especially roaming the lakes late at night or early morning, utilizing bright lights and loud generators. Bow fishing boats have access to our lakes to remove "rough" fish; however, they are required to comply with regulations. If they are causing a nuisance, members are requested to contact the Crow Wing Sheriff's office.

Land Development: There was discussion regarding the sale and purchase of several properties. In addition, it was reported that the new townhomes on Lower Cullen near Good Ol' Days Resort have met the conditions required by the City of Nisswa.

Membership: No report.

Water Quality: Water quality reports during May through September indicate that the quality remains good, and it has remained so over the last few years.

7. Old Business: There was no old business.
8. New Business: Debi Oliverius reported that she attended a citizen water quality monitoring program in Walker. She stated that the main presenter, Nicole Kovar, a DNR invasive species specialist, was excellent, and added that she should be considered as a speaker for one of our annual meetings. Kovar discussed "sleeper" species, and she handed out photos and related materials. Debi stated that there are more than 900 volunteers monitoring water quality in Minnesota lakes. In addition, Debi reported that representatives from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Cass County Environmental Services, and DNR Fisheries presented helpful information regarding monitoring lake water quality. It was requested that Debi prepare an article for the fall newsletter.
9. Adjournment: President Ann Beaver adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Cross.

