

Administration Committee — Debi Oliverius

Lutheran church contract signed and set October, 2020 for the 2021 annual meeting. I have been in recent contact w/ the venue and we are scheduled for the “Celebration Center” large room for **August 14, 2021** (reserved 8 a.m. to noon) for event 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The only restrictions are the chairs are set in order for worship on **Sunday**, so no tables. If we move chairs, they are to be returned to original setting. Coffee and donuts/ cookies allowed. Masks are encouraged to be worn but if attendees are vaccinated the church is OK if they are not worn.

Next month set up needs are requested, i.e. screen and podium. This will need to be determined depending on needs of the speaker and requested.

July meeting- set up jobs such as coffee maker, doughnuts, greeters etc. for the meeting.

Budget & Finances — Paul Beilfuss

Committee chairs, please review this fiscal year's budget and prepare an anticipated budget for your committee for next year. Our fiscal year is **October 1 to September 30**. In addition, it is important to prepare an expenditures budget for special projects or programs for next year. You may wish to recommend a special project or program for the Board's consideration if you are not a committee chair; however, please include a proposed budget with your recommendation. As you know, the annual budget is approved during the Annual Meeting held in August, so we only have a few meetings to consider special budget and committee requests. I'll begin to build our annual budget soon, so please gather your anticipated expenditures and send them to me when you have done so.

Education — C.B. Bylander

The Education Committee, which had been asked to consider participating in the Get the Lead Out for Loons campaign, has decided against doing so. The committee recommends that the board accept this recommendation.

The recommendation turned out to be an easy decision. That is because the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, which is spearheading the campaign in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, stopped taking applications for program materials at the end of May. As such, the Education Committee suggests the Cullen Lakes Association continue to do what it has always done, which is to promote loon conservation and sound environmental practices in ways it deems appropriate.

The Education Committee intends to convene soon to discuss the objectives of the upcoming Cullen Lakes video that was approved at last month's meeting.

Environmental Issues — John Maguire

Unfortunately I missed the last CLA Board meeting. Hence I am unclear as the progress or lack thereof in regards to The Lake Steward Project started by Dorothy Whitmer of Gull Lake and touted by Jeff Forester as a model for a statewide model for MN Lakes Associations to consider. Perhaps for the annual **Saturday CLA August** Dorothy Whitmer or another representative, perhaps Jeff Forester, could go through the model for best lake practices.

Fisheries — C.B. Bylander

The Fisheries Committee intends to convene soon to discuss objectives of the upcoming Fish of the Cullen Lakes video that was approved at last month's meeting.

DNR Fisheries crews will conduct a netting assessment of the Cullen Lakes fish populations in July. The work is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, July 6, and continue for about three weeks. The DNR conducted an electro-fishing assessment of Cullen Lakes fish populations on June 2.

Invasive Species — Ann Beaver

On May 19 Clarke Aquatic Services technicians treated 7.7 acres of CLP on Upper Cullen, 5.5 acres of CLP on Middle Cullen, and 18.9 acres of CLP on Lower Cullen. We don't know yet when they will do the post treatment survey and report, but it is usually in early July. We have not yet paid the invoice we received because it included MN sales tax on the chemical used and lake associations are now exempt from paying sales tax on approved chemicals used to treat aquatic AIS. I submitted the required paperwork to claim this exemption and a corrected invoice will be sent to us sometime this week. I'm not a math/tax wizard, but I believe this exemption will save us around \$1,000.

Land Development — Ann Beaver

The former Mark Peterson undeveloped property on the west shore of Lower Cullen was sold to Next Shift Enterprises, LLC. The property is approximately 10.5 acres with just over 1,000 feet of shoreline. The buildable area is separated from the lake by Lower Cullen Road and the Paul Bunyan Trail. The owner is proposing to divide the property into 9 conforming lots. All the lots have at least some shoreline; the depth of the shoreline between the lake and the PB Trail right of way ranges from 6 feet to 26 feet. The lake in this area is quite shallow with rushes and lily pads the predominant aquatic vegetation. A sketch plan review, required by Nisswa, for all subdivisions with more than two lots created, was before the planning commission on June 4. After touring the property and noting the Paul Bunyan Trail and the shoreline, the commission tabled its review of the sketch plan until its July meeting. I'll stay on top of this proposed development and keep the Board informed. I have no way of predicting what the commission will eventually decide regarding the proposal. It's a very awkward area to develop as regards its lakeshore and the use of it, with property owners needing to cross not only Lower Cullen Road but also the PB Trail to get to the lake, and the topography of the land east of the road is, for the most part, challenging.

Membership — Carol Lindahl

We have 252 paid members and 8 complimentary memberships.

Water Quality — Ann Beaver

Water testing was done the third weekend of May. Water clarity (Secchi disk reading), total phosphorus, and chlorophyll *a* results were all within the acceptable/usual ranges. The June testing will be conducted this weekend. It will be interesting to learn if the lack of rain and low lake levels have had a noticeable effect on the three parameters.