

Cullen Lakes Association

Board of Director's Meeting

9:00 a.m., May 15, 2021, Via Zoom (Video)

Present: Ann Beaver, Patty Hicks, Carol Lindahl, Paul Beilfuss, Debi Oliverius, John MacGibbon, Denny Opsahl, & Joel Knutson.

Absent: Mike Lawrow, John Maguire, C.B. Bylander, & Dan Hurley.

- 1) President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion carried.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Carol Lindahl reported contributions for treating Curley Leaf Pond Weed are doing well. Also, with the transition to the new bank the Association is receiving a small amount of interest on the checking and money market accounts. Earnings on the Investment account are also doing well. At this time, the expenses of the Association are on budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- 4) Committee Reports:
 - A. Administration: The Annual meeting for the Association is scheduled for August 14, 2021. The Board discussed whether to conduct an "in person" or a Zoom meeting. The topic was tabled until the July 2021 meeting, when it is expected Covid-19 restrictions, if any, will be available. Joel Knutson offered to follow-up with the availability of a birding presentation for the Annual Meeting. The meeting is on the Church schedule should an "in person" meeting be permitted by Covid-19 restrictions.
 - B. Budget & Finance: Paul Beilfuss reported no adjustments to the budget are required at this time. A discussion was held regarding the desired level of the CLPW savings account, and the possibility of reducing the suggested member donation to the fund. President Beaver suggested the Association consider joining the MLRA (Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Association), as MLRA has done a good job of representing the interest of MN rivers and lakes before the State Legislature. MLRA membership is \$200/ yr. Also, Legacy fund projects were discussed, with the Fisheries Committee proposing two possible three minute videos documenting the advantages of Cullen Lakes. These videos could be posted on the website, one on water quality and one on fishing. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$1,500 each.
 - C. Education: The "Get the Lead Out" program to collect and replace lead fishing tackle was discussed. It was decided to table this discussion to the June 2021 meeting, in order C. B. Bylander can obtain additional information.
 - D. Environmental Issues: No Report.

- E. Fisheries: No Report.
- F. Invasive Species: President Beaver informed the Board of the receipt of two grants for treating CLPW in Middle and Lower Cullen Lakes. The grants are determined via a lottery system. All three Cullen Lakes will be treated May 18th and 19th.
- G. Land Development: It was reported that Crow Wing County granted a variance to Eric Olson for his lot on Upper Cullen Lake for a tree house which does not meet the required 75 foot set back. The variance approves occupying the tree house, prior to the construction of a conforming home on the same lot. Prior to the vote by Crow Wing County representatives, President Beaver wrote a letter to the County advising that the Lake Association opposes the variance.
- H. Membership: Carol stated the Association currently has 247 members and 8 complimentary memberships for new property owners.
- I. Water Quality: The 1st water testing will be performed the weekend of May 22nd.
- J. Nominating: The Association has 7 members up for re-election. All members in attendance with expiring terms have agreed to stand for re-election to a two year term. Other persons were also discussed as possible additions to the Board, as the current bylaws provide for a total of 12 to 18 members. Currently there are 12 members of the Board.

5) Old Business: None

6) New Business: It was discussed that new homes are being prohibited from being constructed on the fairway of the golf courses north of Upper Cullen Lake, because of the proximity to Upper Cullen Lake. New homes may be constructed near the driving range.

7) Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.