

CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 a.m., July 9, 2016, Lutheran Church of the Cross

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, Charlie Boudrye, Jim Burrell, C.B. Bylander, Dan Hurley, Rich Johnson, Jack McNamara, Dan Meixner, Denny Opsahl, Deb Oliverius, Carol Lindahl
Absent: Jim Kostreba, John MacGibbon

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 June 2016 meeting.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Charlie Boudrye distributed copies of the report, noting that we have received a \$46,184.76 donation from the estate of M.E. Norden, a former Lower Cullen property owner. After discussion, a three-member team of Paul Beilfuss, Jack McNamara and Deb Oliverius was formed to come back to the Board with recommendations on how to maximize the long-term value of this gift, perhaps by creating a legacy fund or foundation. Charlie also pointed out some format changes he made in the report, listing our grant funds and CLP treatment costs by lake. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.
4. **Review of agenda:** Agenda was adopted as presented.
5. **Committee reports:**
 - a. **Administration:** Carol Lindahl reported on planning for the Annual Meeting. The announcement mailing will go out next week, highlighting speaker Carrol Henderson on the pioneering research on the effects of the massive Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010 on loons that migrate between Minnesota and the Gulf of Mexico. Jim Burrell will order additional logo items for sale at the meeting. Dan Meixner will promote items on the website for pre-order (by July 23) and pick up at the meeting. Carol noted that committee reports should be submitted electronically by July 30 for the meeting booklet. She will communicate with Carrol H. and with John MacGibbon on the AV needs for the meeting. Ann will update the CLP treatment displays and bring extra copies of the post-treatment summaries for distribution.
 - b. **Budget and Finance:** Paul distributed information for the 2017 budget, noting changes and comments vs. the 2016 budget. It was suggested that we show the need for CLP donations as income rather than showing a deficit budget, especially since we had such good response from our members this year. Send all comments to Paul; a final draft will be presented at the next meeting.
 - c. **Education:** Ann needs newsletter articles by July 18. She is adding a new feature called "fish tales." Dan M. noted additions to the website and Ann will send him photos from the boat parades that she has received. We 32 boats out on Lower; 27 on Middle and 6 on Upper.
 - d. **Environmental Issues:** Ann asked for an update on loons for the newsletter: Three pairs and three chicks on Upper; four pairs and four chicks on Middle; two pair and four chicks on Lower.
 - e. **Fisheries:** – no news.
 - f. **Invasives:** – Ann shared a summary of the Clarke post-treatment surveys, showing where CLP was treated in May and where it was found in June. DNR boat launch inspections continue on Lower and Middle. During discussion it was noted that Dan Swanson is retiring from his work at the DNR. Ann will draft a letter thanking him for his work with us during his tenure there.
 - g. **Lake Management Planning:** – nothing.
 - h. **Land Development:** There are a few properties for sale on the Cullens. Ann has contacted the Pequot Lakes "tree watch" group for Wilderness Resort; no action yet.

- i. Membership** –Charlie reported that a few more dues payments have been received.
- j. Nominating Committee** –Dan Hurley reported that all looks good.
- k. Water Quality** – June testing was all within normal ranges.

6. Old business – none.

7. New business – none.

8. Adjournment – A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Submitted by Carol Lindahl, CLA secretary