

CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 a.m., September 12, 2015, Lutheran Church of the Cross

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

Absent: Dan Meixner, Deb Oliverius

1. **Ann Beaver, president, called the meeting to order.**
2. **Introductions** – Ann introduced new member C.B.Bylander from Upper Cullen.
3. **Approval of minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the July 25 and the August 8 special meeting minutes.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Charlie Boudrye reported on expenses to date and the balances in our accounts, noting the deficit balance in the operating budget is due to the cost of curly-leaf pondweed treatment in the spring. Carol Lindahl reported that the DNR has cut funding to the AIS grant program for 2016 – from \$675,000 this year to \$200,000 in 2016 – so even if we get a grant it will most likely be much less than the \$9100 we received this year. John MacGibbon raised the idea suggested at the Annual Meeting that we be specific on what level of donations are needed to support the cost of CLP treatment. Carol suggested that this suggestion be drafted now so that it is agreed to prior to the membership mailing that goes out in January. Members felt that we also needed to get the issue out to the membership before the end of the year, and John, with the help of others on the Board, agreed to write an article for the fall newsletter. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.
5. **Agenda:** Agenda was adopted as presented.
6. **2015-2016 Committee assignments:** Ann recommended that committees remain the same as last year, with the addition of our new members, who should indicate what committees they are interested in joining. If current members wish for a different assignment, let Ann know.
7. **Committee reports:**
 - a. Administration – Carol reviewed the Annual Meeting and asked for additional comments. She has asked the church for the same space for next year's meeting and for the ability to handle the AV equipment ourselves. It was suggested that we invite Carroll Henderson to speak on his loon research at next year's meeting and C.B. Bylander will invite him. Carol will circulate the existing procedures to their authors for updates and attempt to finalize the entire set of procedures by the end of the year. Paul Beilfuss indicated that he and Charlie will meet by year-end to review the budget results from this year.
 - b. Education – Ann will mail the fall newsletter in October – all articles are due to her by the end of September. If anyone has ideas for the website, send them to Dan Meixner.
 - c. Environmental issues –
 - a. Fall highway cleanup had 12 volunteers. Ann reported on the loon egg, found unhatched last year – DNR does not know why it did not hatch, but has observed a higher level of petroleum contaminant in other studies and this may play a role, however, there are other possibilities.
 - b. Invasive species – Ann reported that Clarke will do a CLP survey in October. Purple loosestrife was noted by the Middle-Upper channel. Property owners are responsible for removing this invasive. Ann suggested that we could do a special mailing if county funding

- becomes available next year. C.B. will look at what materials are available free from the DNR. Ann continues to monitor the funds allocated to us for public access monitoring and has notified the County to stop when the funds expire.
- c. Water Quality – Samples will be taken this weekend; last month's results were within the normal parameters.
 - d. Land Development – Wilderness Villas has still not met with the Pequot Lakes nor answered their request to survey the trees on the property.
 - e. Membership -- Ann gave Dan Hurley the new owner packet of materials and reviewed for the Board the materials in the packet.
 - f. Lake Management Planning – Ann will put the final document together for distribution in the winter/spring.
 - g. Fish Management – Gull Lake Board is meeting to discuss the proposed muskie stocking program. Ann has informed the DNR that our Board will not be taking a position on the proposal.

8. Old Business – none.

9. New Business – none.

10. Adjournment -- A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at the Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Submitted by Carol Lindahl, CLA secretary.