

CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 a.m., October 11, 2014, Lutheran Church of the Cross

Present: Ann Beaver, Charlie Boudrye, Jim Burrell, Dan Hurley, Jim Kostreba, Kathy Kriewald, John MacGibbon, Dan Meixner

Absent: Paul Beilfuss, Rich Johnson, Carol Lindahl, Jack McNamara, Denny Opsahl

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 September 13, 2014 meeting.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Charlie Boudrye distributed copies of his report. He noted the purchase of a new CD and the recent receipt of two dues payments and one donation. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.
4. **Adoption of agenda:** The agenda was adopted with the addition under old business of loon signage update and Highway 371 expansion.
5. **Committee reports:**
 - a. **Administration**
 - 1) General – Ann reported Carol Lindahl had reserved the large meeting room of Lutheran Church of the Cross for the 2015 Annual Meeting.
 - 2) Budget and Finances – Charlie stated the audit is still pending but will be completed before year's end.
 - b. **Education**
 - 1) Fall newsletter – Ann said the newsletter is almost done and will go out within the next week and a half.
 - 2) Web site – Dan Meixner reported that he now has all the desired web content switched over from the old site. He has written an article for the newsletter to help site visitors navigate the new site.
 - c. **Environmental Issues**
 - 1) General – Dan M. said the beavers have dammed up Rice Creek north of Upper Cullen, but there are currently no other beaver dams.
 - 2) Invasive Species
 - a) Curlyleaf pondweed – Ann reported Clarke Aquatic Services will be conducting its fall survey of the lakes the week of October 20, weather permitting. She went through the main points of the three-year contract the Board had asked her to obtain from Clarke and said she and the committee co-chair, Carol, recommend signing it. It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize Ann to sign the contract for 2015-2017 CLP treatment.
 - b) Ann asked if board members knew of any areas of purple loosestrife other than the problem area just south of the stream entranceto Middle Cullen from Upper Cullen. No other areas were known and everyone agreed this invasive was not widespread this year.
 - 3) Water Quality – Ann said she has not had time yet to do in-depth analysis of this year's water testing results, but they were all within the normal range for lakes in this region.
 - d. **Land Development** – Ann reported on a recent site visit of the Pequot Lakes Wilderness Resort Villas Monitoring Committee to check on the trees reported to have been cut down on the steep slope where villas are to be constructed. The Planning Commission (PC) will follow up with a site visit before its October 16 meeting. CLA has submitted a letter of concern, along with photos, regarding the WRV lighting and vegetation plan, a plan that has not yet been approved by the PC.

- e. **Membership** – no report
- f. **Lake Management Planning** – Ann said the committee met October 2 to revise/update the property owners survey that will be mailed in February, 2015. She will prepare a draft of the revised survey for committee members to review before finalizing it.

6. Special Committee report:

- a. **Fish Management** – no report

7. Old business

- a. M.C. buoy update – Charlie said the required application has been completed and returned to the Sheriff's Office for processing. He will check into how and when it will be reviewed.
- b. CLA merchandise – Jim Burrell said he has contacted Minnesota Ts for pricing and sizes of youth sized apparel. As soon as he receives the information he will send it on to Dan M. for the web site and to Ann for the fall newsletter.
- c. Loon signage – Kathy Kriewald shared the response she had received from the DNR regarding loon nesting signage at the public accesses. The DNR believes it may be information overload at the public accesses, but they will pursue it if the CLA really wants it. She passed around the trifold brochure the DNR suggested distributing instead of the signage at the public accesses. Board members felt the brochure could be utilized at the four Cullen Lakes resorts and the requested signage would be appropriate for the two public accesses. Kathy will pursue the signage and John MacGibbon will look for an appropriate display structure for the brochure to be used at the resorts, if they agree to it.
- d. Jim Kostreba reported that Jack McNamara will be receiving the latest highway construction plans and details from MnDOT this week. Since the highway expansion project is now scheduled to begin in 2016, it will be important to share this information and the effect(s) it may have with Cullen Lakes property owners.

8. New business – none

- 9. **Adjournment** – A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Lutheran Church of the Cross