

CULLEN LAKES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 a.m., September 10, 2016, Lutheran Church of the Cross

Present: Ann Beaver, Paul Beilfuss, Charlie Boudrye, Jim Burrell, C.B. Bylander, Dan Hurley, Jack McNamara, Dan Meixner, Debi Oliverius, Denny Opsahl

Absent: Rich Johnson, Jim Kostreba, Carol Lindahl, 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 July 30 and August 13 board meeting minutes.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Charlie Boudrye distributed copies of the report, noting he had purchased a 6-month CD with \$40,000 of the Norden Estate bequest and deposited the remaining bequest funds in the checking account. The funds can easily be accessed when the Board's committee decides how best to invest the money. He also noted Annual Meeting expenses and income from merchandise sales. He passed around the thank you note CLA had received from the 2016 recipient of the Soteroplos Scholarship. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.
4. **Review of agenda:** Paul Beilfuss asked to add promotion of CLA under New business. The agenda was adopted with the additional item.
5. **Draft committee assignments for 2016-2017:** Ann Beaver said the draft committee assignments she had emailed to board members before the meeting contained a few changes but were essentially the same as last year. If anyone wants any changes in assignments, Ann should be notified as soon as possible.
6. **Committee reports:**
 - a. **Administration:** Ann asked board members for feedback on the Annual Meeting. There were 63 people in attendance, including board members and the speaker. Everyone agreed Carroll Henderson's presentation was a hit. The church facilities have been reserved for next year's meeting on August 12. C.B. Bylander said Rich Baker the, the Minnesota DNR's endangered species coordinator, is a thoughtful and engaging speaker who could deliver a fine presentation on the nature of our environment and challenges of the future. He volunteered to contact him to see if he might be available to speak at next year's meeting. Board members agreed C.B. should contact Baker.
 - b. **Budget & Finances:** Paul Beilfuss said the "legacy fund committee" had not yet had a chance to meet.
 - c. **Education:** Ann asked for newsletter articles to be sent to her by the end of September. Dan M. said he had not uploaded everything yet to the web site but would do so in the near future. Ann pointed out that Crow Wing County had for the second year given \$250 to any lake association that wanted to do an educational outreach to its members and that CLA had not yet availed itself of this funding. She asked the committee to consider preparing a late spring or early summer mailing to all Cullen Lakes property owners on AIS if this funding is available again in 2017.
 - d. **Environmental Issues:** No report
 - e. **Fisheries:** No report other than the DNR intends to go ahead with muskie stocking in Gull Lake.
 - f. **Invasive Species:** Ann reported that as of September 4, of the 200 hours of public access monitoring provided by State funding through Crow Wing County 195.5 hours have been used at Lower Cullen's access and 189.5 hours have been used at Middle Cullen's access.
 - g. **Land Development:** Ann said the Pequot Lakes Planning Commission's "tree watch" group for Wilderness Resort Villas conducted an on site visit in August to check that no additional trees had been removed in areas of concern. She said resort developer Tom Steffens had planted a number of

white pines in the shore impact zone where he had previously removed trees. The biggest news from the on site was that Steffens will be filing an amended plat in which he will propose retaining the existing resort cabins on the south shoreline and the point instead of building twin villas for sale along that stretch of shoreline.

- h. Membership:** Charlie said we gained a new member at the Annual Meeting – Pam and Ken Perry. They bought a campsite at Upper Cullen Resort. Pam is a retired DNR Non-Game Wildlife Specialist and Ken is a retired Brainerd middle school science teacher.
- i. Water Quality:** Ann said the committee would be collecting the final 2016 water samples over the weekend. She reported that the August water quality results were worse than usual, perhaps because of the rains and winds of the many storms that moved through the area that month.

7. Old business: none

8. New business:

- a. Channel dredging:** Ann said she followed up on the channel dredging question asked at the Annual Meeting. She talked to Mike Duval, DNR Region 2 Water and Ecological Resources Manager in the Brainerd DNR office. He directed her to MN Rules 6115.0200 and 6115.0201 and pointed out that you have to prove a need for the dredging and that it will not harm lake habitat or water quality. Such dredging would need continuing maintenance and would come at a very high cost. It was his opinion also that the DNR would not likely approve a request to dredge the Middle to Lower Cullen channel and out into the lake through the sand bar. Dan Hurley said he had called Tom Steffens, as requested by the Board, to ask that his resorts, Good Ol' Days and Wilderness Resort Villas, contribute more money than they had to the treatment of CLP each year, and during the conversation Steffens brought up the dredging of the channel. He asked Dan to see if the Board would allow him to speak to the issue at an upcoming meeting. Board members said that would be fine.
- b. Promotion of CLA:** Paul Beilfuss shared a lake association promotional idea that he thought CLA could possibly use. A small CLA decal could be made, with the logo and perhaps something like “Proud member of the Cullen Lakes Association” which could be given to those who make a donation towards the treatment of CLP. The decal could be displayed on their dock or boat, etc. Board members thought it was a good idea and Paul agreed to look into it.

9. Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Submitted by Ann Beaver, CLA president