

**Minutes of the
Cullen Lakes Association Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021**

This was the 39th annual meeting of the Cullen Lakes Association. It was held at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. Following registration and the pre-meeting social time,

- **Ann Beaver**, association president, opened the meeting. About ___ members were in attendance.
- **Carol Lindahl** presented the treasurer's report. She said we have a "healthy organization" thanks to the generosity of our members and two recent grants from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for curly leaf pondweed control. She said 2021 year-to-date revenue totaled \$51,672, the majority of this (\$40,450) from CLP donations. The other two main sources of revenue were member dues (\$6,425) and DNR grants (\$4,050). Year-to-date expenses totaled \$33,227. Curly leaf pondweed control was the largest expense (\$28,252) followed by Education (\$1,791) and other expenses (\$1,645). She referred members to the printed treasurers report (part of the agenda package) for further details.
- **John McGibbon**, nominating committee chair, reported that the terms of the seven of the association's 12 board members were set to expire in 2021. Of these, six agreed to serve another term. McGibbon thanked Mike Lawrow, who had served on the board but declined to serve again, for his service. McGibbon reported that Lora Graumann and Randy Steenholdt, both of Middle Cullen, sought to serve on the board and their nominations were approved. As no one at the meeting expressed an interest on serving on the board, by unanimous vote the following people were re-elected to the board: Paul Belifus and Dan Hurley, Lower Cullen; and Patty Hicks, Joel Knutson, John McGuire and Debi Oliverius, Middle Cullen. New Board members are Lora Graumann and Randy Steenholdt. All terms are two years in length.
- Paul Belifus, Budget and Finances Committee chair, presented the proposed 2022 operating budget. The budget estimates income at \$44,250 and expenses at \$45,930. Belifus explained that this budget, like previous budgets, is based on anticipated donations and the likelihood that curly leaf pondweed treatment will be in the \$40,000 range. The 2022 budget was unanimously approved following his presentation.
- **C.B. Bylander**, Education Committee chair, showed a newly produced video on the Cullen Chain of Lakes that was funded by a 2016 donation to the association by the estate of Dr. Lowell and Morraine Norden. The Nordens owned a cabin on Lower Cullen starting in 1958. Lowell died in 2001 and Morraine died in 2015. Their estate donated more than \$46,000 to the Cullen Lakes Association. The video was produced for \$1,500 and will be featured on the association's website and Facebook page.
- **Stan Tekeila**, a nationally known naturalist from Minnesota, delivered a highly entertaining and educational presentation on the common birds of Minnesota. This post-business meeting entertainment was a hit with the audience. It was funded, in part, by a anonymous donation from an association member.

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President Ann Beaver called the meeting to order. John MacGibbon, Nominating Committee chair, presented the slate of Board officers for 2021-2022:

President – Ann Beaver

Vice president – Debi Oliverius

Secretary – John MacGibbon

Treasurer – Carol Lindahl

A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect the slate of officers as presented.

The meeting was adjourned.