

CLPOA ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2018  
Lutsen Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM

Board Members Present: Fred Morris, Bob Reid, Louise Suomi, Julie Bittinger, Tom Rider, Bill Dunn, Karl Karst, Larry Mullen.

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- I. Minutes of 2017 approved
- II. Commissioner Storlie gave an update on Cook County News. She thanked CLPOA for the care of Caribou Lake shown over the years. Commissioner Storlie serves on the AIS committee and is aware of all the ecological concerns about our bodies of water. Town Hall meetings are being conducted in all 5 townships for those wishing to learn and to give input. In addition, everyone has a "Community Conversation" opportunity for giving input before Cook County Board meetings 1x/month.
- III. Treasurer Report by Louise Suomi: Current balance is \$5017.12. No significant changes. On going expenses include CCCOLA dues, Town Hall rental, MN Lakes and Rivers Advocacy-dues for our website, donation to Fire Hall, mailings and a new donation to AIS research.
- IV. CCCOLA by Irene Mullen. This group remains active in Cook County by holding workshops and seminars on various topics related to lake ecology concerns including: Septic and Wells, Lake Management Plans, Arrowhead Electric chemical use on right of ways.
- V. Water Quality Report by Larry Mullen. Caribou Lake is within our goal limits on all areas of concern. No rusty crayfish or spiny water flea found. Water levels at the Westby dock are the lowest in 10 years. Upgraded public boat landing by DNR to make it deeper and longer and decrease runoff.
- VI. Nominating Committee - for CLPOA Board 2 year term- by Julie Bittinger. Board members with expiring terms have agreed to be nominated to serve another 2 year term: Bob Reid, Tom Rider and Karl Karst. In addition, Carol Westbrook nominated by Julie Bittinger. Motion made to accept all nominees- by Charlie Austin. 2nd. Motion passed.
- VII. Guest Speaker Tim Nelson, Director of Land Services Cook County. Tim outlined responsibilities of Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission. 90% of variances are lakeshore related. Most variances are granted as many are widowed out before being brought to the Board when property owner applies for permit/variance. A lively discussion followed with questions from the audience on variances, fines, compliance and violations.
- VIII. Guest Speaker Steve Parsons, DNR Fisheries Supervisor Grand Marais. Steve was asked to speak as the Caribou Lake Management Plan is to be renewed this year. Initial fish survey was taken in the early 50's. Repeated over the years. In the 1980's documentation began being kept. Caribou's last Plan was done in 2010. Walleye population is down from historic levels, but still higher than average amounts for Cook County lakes at 5.67. Walleye population number decrease is a very complex issue and not easily solved. Stocking with fry has been tried but doesn't result in older walleye surviving and building up population. Slot limits could be tried. Questions and comments from audience.
- IX. Other Issues: No slash pick-up this year due to high cost to individual property owners because Firewire can not subsidize entire amount this year. Please give email address to Louise, so we can go paperless. Grab a donut on the way out!
- X. Motion to adjourn made and passed at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by Julie Bittinger, secretary

