

CLPOA Board Meeting February 24, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

All Board members present: Fred Morris, Bob Reid, Tom Rider, Larry Mullen, Sharon Hexum Platzer, Bill Dunn, Karl Karst, Julie Bittinger

- I. Newsletter to be emailed to replace 2021 Spring Meeting due to Covid restrictions on large meetings. Larry put together a beautiful newsletter including a letter from the Board on activities during the year, CCoLA report, water sampling report, AIS reports. No changes to the Newsletter were brought forward. One addition - Larry will add the CLPOA email address so those willing to volunteer can contact the Board. Fred suggests that decision on mandatory masks for the fall meeting can be made closer to the meeting. This can be added to the meeting notice sent out in August. The Spring Newsletter will be emailed in 2 weeks, so any changes need to be given to Larry before then.
- II. Annual Meeting Agenda - agenda will include Board nominations. Larry will contact Charlie Austin, Sharon will contact Sandy McHugh, and Julie will contact the Nicklows about being nominated to serve on the Board. Since there was no annual meeting last year due to Covid, their term would be for 3 years in order to even out terms on the Board for 5/6 members elected on even years and 5 members on odd years. The next item of discussion was on various topics for the main presentation: 1. Arrowhead employee to present on the grid and alternate energy ,2. Forest Service presentation, 3. John Oberholtzer to present on real estate values reacting to remote workers choosing to live in our region, 4. Mike Larson or County Assesor Bob Thompson presenting on rentals/taxes, 5. Ms. Voss presenting on transfer of lake property to children, 6. Bill Lane presenting on owls (or someone from the Houston MN Owl Center), 7. presentation on local history by Pecore family or Elsa McQuatters, 8. EMS representative. In June Karl and Bob will email these ideas for Board members to vote on their top 2 choices. Julie will contact Commissioner Ginny Storlie to give an update on County issues including the new vacation rental taxes.
- III. Other Issues - Tim Nelson will be sending out letters to the Caribou Lake property owners about the SSD tax assessment and required County meeting. The Board agreed to ask the County to raise the amount from \$30 to \$50 in order to cover costs for not only our water quality sampling, but education, AIS invasive control and increased water quality monitoring. Another issue raised by Larry - a structure at the boat landing would be helpful for boat inspectors to protect them from the elements... a simple open sided structure that must be okayed by the DNR. Discussion on the landing - does it need any remediation by the DNR to protect the lake from runoff? This led to questions about water levels of Caribou Lake and the necessity of a new Lake Management Plan. Since water sampling shows we are meeting our goals for lake quality, it was decided we don't need a new plan but we probably need an addendum to address aquatic invasive species like Rusty Crayfish.
- IV. Treasurer Report - Current Balance is \$3773 which is lower than normal (probably due to lack of meetings in 2020). Only 31 members paid in 2020 instead of the usual 45 to 50. A reminder about paying dues will be added to all emails, newsletters, etc sent to CLPOA membership. Tom has submitted the forms to have CLPOA designated as a non-profit instead of a corporation. This will eliminate having to pay taxes. Another benefit will be that donations to CLPOA will be tax deductible. Fred is working on getting a nameplate for the grill at the Lutsen Town hall to indicate donation by CLPOA.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM