

CLPOA Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2026

(by Lisa Miller-Johnson)

Meeting was called to order and introductions were made. Larry asked for a show of hands of new members...4 people in attendance were new to CLPOA.

Rusty crayfish update from Larry and Tom:

- Larry continues to work on acoustic barrier to prevent rusty crayfish from entering Caribou via Bigsby
- DNR is cooperating, but not fully in favor due to possible impact on trout
- acoustic barrier will going into a test pond/pool for further research
- last year 72 traps were placed, this year it will be 96 in addition to 200 commercial and 30+ on docks
- population has increased, and harvest has also increased
- the impact of our trapping efforts will be determined after 5 years, we are in our 3rd year of being fully committed
- Pike Lake is not currently working on the RC problem, they gave up using Crawdaddies 2 years ago
(membership discussed what could be done to motivate Pike Lake to be more involved)
- any residents interested in trapping more aggressively could do their own trap line in addition to their dock traps
- if you have traps, now is the time to put them out before eggs are laid by the invasive crayfish
- reminder given that Larry, Tom and camp have freezers, and 36 hours is a better freeze length than 24 hours
- additional lake health note from Irene: MPCA is funding blue green algae testing for 3 lakes in Cook County,
one of them being Caribou

Updates from Sharon:

- Lutsen FD worked the recent fire from Betty's Pies to Two Harbors, saving many homes and structures
- read letter from Lutsen fire chief Steve Duclos regarding purchase of drone and the 3 people certified to pilot it
- the drone is used for search and rescue, fires etc.
- donations from citizens accepted and appreciated, and can be made to Lutsen Township (make sure to include "Drone" in the subject line)
- Larry may be able to put a link on the CLPOA website for donations

Comments from membership regarding fire prevention:

- Lutsen Town Hall is an emergency shelter and the county/township have an emergency plan for fire (Sharon)
- FireWise info is widely available, and FireWise visit to fall meeting could be arranged (Ginny)

- Master Gardeners are a good source of info and advise on increasing fire safety for property owners (Brad)
- Cook Co. may have a class available for fire prevention (Tom Flink)

Tom announced highway clean up September 4th, and that a vote regarding a name change for CLPOA will be taken on September 5th. Meeting was adjourned.