

Clitherall Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2026
Approved

President Tom Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present were Tom Frank, Scott Early, Jeff Stabnow, Chris Deitz, Jeff Lindholm, Eric Pierskalla, Steve Adams, Mike Lipke, Bret Sorensen, and. Ron Nelson. Absent were Alan Storry and Beth Franklin.

Tom Frank noted that the July minutes had previously been approved via board member emails.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Tom Frank presented the Treasurer's Report provided by Alan Storry. Total receipts from all sources since the June meeting were \$12,437.85. Of this amount, \$2075 in dues and \$6874 in donations came from 83 paid memberships received during that time. Paid memberships to date are at 148 compared to 174 at the same time last year. There was some discussion about contacting people who had dropped off the membership from last year. A note provided by Alan stated that the association has enough liquid funds currently to pay for the fall fish stocking.

Scott Early made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Mike Lipke seconded; motion carried.

Environmental:

Ron Nelson performed the water sampling for July and August. The Secchi Disk reading for August was 17 feet. Board members noted that surface water temperatures were up and water levels have been dropping.

Scott Early announced that association members Eric Pierskalla and Rachelle Graham have qualified for a Lake Steward award.

Fishing:

Tom Frank said that all necessary paperwork has been submitted to the DNR for this year's stocking. A date for stocking has not yet been set. The fingerlings stocked this year will be larger than the past couple of years, 4"-6" compared to 3"-4". This means that fewer fish will be stocked but the survival rate should be higher.

Public Relations/Memberships

Eric and Bret had nothing to report.

Fundraising:

Beth Franklin was not present, but Tom said that he had talked to her prior to the meeting. He said that having items for sale at the annual meeting has been popular with members. He encouraged board members to brainstorm ideas for next year.

New Business:**Letter to Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources:**

Eric reported that the CLA had received an email from Andrew Werthman, the Midwest Consultant for The Pew Charitable Trusts. They are working with a coalition of Minnesota organizations to seek stronger wetland protections as the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) updates the rules implementing the state's Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), which was last updated in 2009.

Andrew is asking the CLA if it would consider joining a joint letter asking the BWSR to strengthen the state's WCA rules. This would be done to compensate for reductions in the amount of wetlands protected by the federal Clean Water Act triggered by a 2023 Supreme Court Sackett v. EPA decision.

After some discussion, Tom Frank made a motion for the CLA to join the letter. Scott Early seconded. Motion carried.

Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Eric Pierskalla announced that Clitherall Lake Association is now enrolled in Thrivent Choice and appears in the Thrivent Choice Online Catalog. He said that people who are Thrivent members can now choose to direct their Thrivent Choice dollars to the CLA if they wish. Non-Thrivent members can also make donations without any processing fees. He said that he will get details out to the board and announce it on the Facebook page and website.

Adjournment:

Tom Frank adjourned the meeting at 7:50.

Submitted by Eric Pierskalla