

Clitherall Lake Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2025  
Approved

President Scott Early called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:**

Since a quorum was not present at the April meeting, Alan Storry again reviewed the April treasurer's report which covered the activity from September 27, 2024 through April 24, 2025. Tom Frank motioned to approve, Mike Lipke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alan then presented the May report. Membership dues and donations from 45 members have been received since the April meeting. He said that the average donation received with membership payments year to date is \$106. Most of the donations were directed to the General Fund.

Notable expenditures were the purchase of clothing to sell at the annual meeting, buoy placement, and annual membership dues to Minnesota Lakes & Rivers. Mike motioned to approve the report, Steve Adams seconded, motion carried.

The "Wake Safe Map" that the CLA has purchased from Minnesota Lakes & Rivers was discussed. This is a map of Clitherall Lake in PDF format that highlights the areas that are greater than 20 feet deep and greater than 500 feet from shore. When received, the map will be placed on the website and made available for the resorts on the lake. In addition, putting the map on a sign and placing it at the public access was proposed. Mike volunteered to look into getting signs made. He also said that Bonnie Beach resort had indicated that they would like to have a sign to place at their boat launch. Tom agreed to check with the DNR regarding placing a sign at the public access.

**Environmental:**

Chris Deitz said that he will be reviewing the requirements for the Secchi Disk readings and water sampling gathering with Jeff Stabnow. Since Chris did not yet have his boat available, Jeff handled the water quality tasks for the month of May.

**Fishing:**

Tom reported that there were no new developments.

**Public Relations/Membership:**

Eric Pierskalla gave a summary of website changes and costs that would be involved in order to take membership payments online via the CLA website. After discussion, it was agreed that this is not something that would be cost effective for the association at this time.

**Fundraising:**

Beth Franklin reviewed the clothing that would be for sale at this year's annual meeting. She also brought in one of the coffee mugs that will be for sale to show to the board. Currently she has 36 mugs to sell. Tom made a motion to purchase 36 additional mugs with a different picture on them to sell at the meeting. Alan seconded, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Membership:**

Alan gave Eric a copy of the membership spreadsheet so that he could make any needed changes to the membership addresses and email addresses in the Gmail contact list.

**Annual Meeting:**

It was agreed to keep the food menu the same as last year with the quantities of some items adjusted. Alan will not be able to make the meeting. Mike agreed to handle the membership check-ins and payments with Eric assisting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Advertising:**

Eric reported that there had been an inquiry about purchasing advertising on the CLA website and/or Facebook page. After discussion, it was decided that the effort required to sell, bill, and manage advertising was not something that the CLA wished to do at this time.

**Lake Steward Symposium:**

Scott encouraged people to register and attend the Lake Property Owner Stewardship Symposium at Thumper Pond on May 31.

**I-LIDS:**

Scott noted that the I-LIDS system has not yet been installed at the public access, which is a concern. He has been in contact with Spencer McGrew, the AIS Specialist for Otter Tail County, about this. Tom agreed to follow up on this as well.

**BOD Term Review:**

At the July Annual Meeting Scott Early and Bret Sorensen will be at the end of their second 3-year term, while Tom Frank and Eric Pierskalla will be at the end of their first 3-year term. All 4 stated that they wish to be on the ballot for another term.

Tom made a motion to adjourn, Chris seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18.

Submitted by Eric Pierskalla