

Clitherall Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2026
Approved

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

Present were Tom Frank, Alan Storry, Bret Sorensen, Steve Adams, Eric Pierskalla, Mike Lipke, and Jeff Stabnow.

Absent were Scott Early, Harley Anderson, Chris Deitz, Beth Franklin, and Jeff Lindholm

Tom Frank stated that the September 2025 minutes had previously been approved via board member emails.

Reports:

Treasurer:

Alan Storry reviewed the financial activity since last September. Notable receipts included just under \$1000 of interest earned on 2 certificates of deposit. Both certificates of deposit had been renewed for another 12-month term earlier this year with board approval.

Notable disbursements were: \$15,000 to Klug's Fish Farm for last fall's fish stocking, 2 - \$1000 donations to the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, one for starry stonewort research, the other for swimmer's itch/zebra mussel research. A \$500 donation to the Battle Lake Food Shelf was much appreciated. Yearly membership dues to Minnesota Lakes and Rivers and the Otter Tail County Coalition of Lake Associations were also paid. Jeff Stabnow pointed out that the OTC COLA membership fee also includes the cost of the monthly lake water testing.

Tom Frank inquired about the amount of liquid capital and maturity dates of our CDs. Alan said the \$28K CD is earning 3.65%, maturing February 2027, the \$16K CD is earning 3.55%, maturing January 2027. If either one is accessed early some loss of interest would occur.

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

Environmental:

Jeff Stabnow said that after further wake boat studies done by the U of MN St. Anthony Falls Lab, they have modified their recommendation of operating wake boats in minimums of 20' depth and 500' distance from shore to minimums of 20' depth and 575' from shore. There was some discussion about the safe wake area signs created and installed last year since they were based on the 500' recommendation, but no changes or replacement is planned.

Fishing:

Tom Frank reported that the fish stocking done last fall went very well, and that the DNR has been very supportive of the CLA's stocking efforts. The DNR said that Clitherall Lake is one of about 20 lakes in the area with low walleye counts so they are trying to increase their stocking levels into the lake. They have designated Clitherall as a "surplus" lake, meaning it may receive leftover walleye stock after their yearly stocking quota for other lakes has been fulfilled.

Mike Lipke asked if there have been any plans made to stock again this year. Discussion of past year's stockings, test netting results, and fishing success then occurred. Tom said that any stocking by the CLA would very likely be approved by the DNR, and that the association has a fair amount of money, although it is not directly in the fish stocking fund at this time.

In response to a question from Mike, Tom said that 3 loon nesting platforms have been put out by Dave Franklin. Tom had 3 "Loon Nesting" signs made and will be placing them near the loon nesting areas to alert boaters and people fishing nearby.

Public Relations/Memberships

Eric Pierskalla said that he had updated the postal mailing list to reflect property ownership changes over the past year. He also removed contacts who have supplied email addresses, as well as those who have shown no interest in joining. He plans to mail membership forms to 76 contacts and email the others.

Dates and details for the boat parade and annual meeting were then discussed and agreed upon by the board. Tom said that he would get the membership forms updated with that info, and when they are done Eric will then get them on the website and printed and mailed.

Fundraising:

Beth Franklin was not present but sent a note stating that she has purchased ¼ zip sweatshirts, visors, stemless wine glasses, and photo coffee mugs for sale at the annual meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Submitted by Eric Pierskalla