

Clitherall Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2025

Treasurer Alan Storry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present were Alan Storry, Mike Lipke, Harley Anderson, Beth Franklin, Eric Pierskalla. A quorum was not reached.

REPORTS:

Treasurer:

Alan Storry presented a report of the activity from September 27, 2024 through April 24, 2025.

Receipts during that time totaled \$4707.22. This income included \$1220 earned on 3 Certificates of Deposit, \$514 profit on last fall's online clothing sale, and membership dues and donations from 35 members who have already renewed for 2025. He said that last year at this time only 2 memberships had been received. Eric Pierskalla remarked that this is likely due to sending out membership information earlier than last year.

Disbursements for the period were \$12,268.01. The largest expenditure was \$9500 for walleye stocking done last fall. Other significant expenses included the purchase of merchandise for fundraising sales, buoy removal, Otter Tail County COLA membership, and website hosting.

Mike Lipke asked about restrictions on spending the donations to the Memorial Fund. Harley Anderson said that he has handled Memorial Funds in the past, and if the donation specifies what the funds are to be used for, they must be used for that purpose. If the donation does not specify how they are to be used, then they can be used as the board sees fit.

Alan reported that one of the members had asked if paying dues online would be an option. Eric Pierskalla replied that to offer that, we would have to upgrade our website hosting plan to the next level, and that the web hosting company would take a percentage of each transaction. He didn't know what these costs were but will find out and report at the May meeting.

Since a quorum was not present, the report was not approved at this meeting. It was decided that the report could be published on the website pending approval.

Membership:

Eric said in early April he sent emails to approximately 300 contacts with instructions on downloading membership forms from our website. In addition, 107 printed membership forms were mailed. 88 of those went to new property owners or to existing contacts that have not supplied an email address. The other 19 went to current members who have supplied email addresses, but errors occur every time the CLA tries to send them email. These letters included a note about this problem. So far, a few members have responded regarding this issue.

\$169.90 was spent on printing forms, postage, and mailing supplies. About 35 printed forms remain to have on hand at the annual meeting.

Fundraising:

Beth Franklin summarized the results of the online store that was active last fall. 104 items were sold giving the Lake Association a profit of \$514. She also brought samples of the clothing and coffee mugs that will be for sale at this year's annual meeting. Prices and quantities were discussed.

Harley Anderson discussed plans for the annual meeting luncheon. A question about giving away and/or selling cups was decided to be postponed to the following meeting since Tom Frank was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wake boat Study:

Alan relayed from Scott Early that there have not been any updates on the wake boat study being performed by the U of M.

Buoys:

Mike Lipke reported that we have 12 serviceable buoys, and 1 more that he needs to repair. Last year 11 buoys were placed on the lake, but this year we plan to add 1 more to mark the rock pile near Thompson Point.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Membership Status:

This was discussed during the Treasurer's Report and the Membership Report.

Annual Meeting:

This was discussed during the Fundraising Report.

Otter Tail County COLA Meeting Information:

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

Harley made a motion to adjourn, Beth seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Submitted by Eric Pierskalla