

Clitherall Lake Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2026  
Approved

President Tom Frank called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

Absent were Chris Deitz, Bret Sorensen, and Jeff Lindholm.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:**

Alan Storry reported that it had been a very quiet month regarding financial activity. Dues and donations from 5 members were received, as well as the first donation made via the Thrivent Choice program. There were no expenditures during the month.

He noted that our Certificates of Deposit will be maturing in January and February and he will have information available on renewal options later this year. The renewal decisions can be made via emails.

Alan also stated that currently we have enough in checking, the Fish Stocking Fund, and the General Fund, to cover the cost of fish stocking this fall.

He then noted that our paid membership stands at 153, which is the lowest number since tracking began in 2009. Discussion occurred about possible reasons for the falloff, and possible actions that could be taken to increase membership numbers next year. Board members who had attempted to personally contact property owners who did not renew their membership this year said that it was difficult to find them at their lake residence.

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

**Environmental:**

Ron Nelson, who now monitors the lake water level and reports readings to the DNR, said that between July 26 and September 4 the lake level dropped 5". Rains since then have brought the level back up 2", so it is now at 3" below the July reading.

**Fishing:**

Tom Frank said that permitting has been approved by the DNR for this year's stocking. He believes that Klug's Fish Farm will perform the stocking around mid-October. It was decided that we will announce on Facebook and the website when the stocking occurs so that interested people can watch.

**Public Relations/Memberships**

Eric Pierskalla had nothing to report.

**Fundraising:**

Beth Franklin said that she sold some of the leftover fundraising merchandise to Off the Wall. Remaining merchandise consists of visors, zip up sweatshirts, and coffee mugs. More discussions occurred about possible items to offer next year.

**Old Business:****Follow up on contacting past members:**

This was discussed at the end of the Treasurer's Report.

**New Business:****Update on CU SO4 Zebra Mussels**

Scott Early reported that at last week's MN COLA meeting, the principal speaker was a federal researcher from La Crosse, WI studying low-dose, long duration copper sulfate treatments to control or eliminate zebra mussels in lakes. The speaker said that they have had some success, however it was in a small (76 acre) body of water. Tom asked if anyone had seen any results from a similar test being performed on Lake Riley in Eden Prairie. Ron thought that results from tests like these often take several years of monitoring. Scott added that representatives from 2 other lake associations at the meeting said that the MN DNR would not issue permits for more than 1 treatment of copper sulfate.

**Chapman University Loon Project:**

In August, Alan Storry saw a story on KARE11-TV news about Chapman University's Loon Project ([loonproject.org](http://loonproject.org)). Since 1993 they have been studying the loon population in northern Wisconsin and since 2021 in north-central Minnesota (Cass and Crow Wing counties). The studies in both states have similar results, and those results are that the percentage of loon chicks that survive and return to their nesting lakes has dropped dramatically. They are looking for factors that could be responsible for this decline. Alan thought that a donation to the project would be appropriate since their work supports our mission statement,

Mike Lipke made a motion to donate \$500 to help fund their work in Minnesota. Beth Franklin seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Tom Frank adjourned the meeting at 7:54.

Submitted by Eric Pierskalla