

Clitherall Lake Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
July 8, 2023

President Scott Early called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M. Scott introduced the Board members present: Mike Allmann, Jeff Stabnow, Bret Sorensen, Scott Early, Dave Franklin, Harley Anderson, Steve Adams, Alan Storry, Eric Pierskalla, Tom Frank and Karla Grages.

Treasurer Alan Storry presented the Annual Report of Income and Expenses as of 7/8/23. Total Receipts were \$13,814.49, Total disbursements/transfers were \$1560.99 for the month and Total Funds year end were \$54,520.80. Scott pointed out that one of the expenses we incurred last year was to Scott Davis for placing buoys on the lake and removing them. This is an expense that was deemed necessary last year to make the lake safe for all. Alan noted that total memberships year to date are 131; 28 of these are new members that were not members last year.

Scott Early called for all ballots for board members renewing and new board members seeking election, along with any write-in candidates, to be turned in. Scott thanked Dave Franklin and Mike Allmann, who will be completing their terms with this meeting, for their service on the board. He then introduced the candidates seeking election: Harlely Anderson, Mike Lipke and Jeff Lindholm.

Dave Franklin gave an update on the fish stocking program. There were 800 lbs. of Walleye fingerlings stocked last year, which is the recommendation by the D.N.R. The D.N.R. intends to stock 400 lbs. of fingerlings this year and the lake association will stock an additional 400 lbs. of fingerlings at a cost of approximately \$8,000 this fall. Dave mentioned that 3 loon nests were placed on the lake this spring, 2 of which were new. The new nests were not productive so there was discussion about finding new locations for them.

Jeff Stabnow presented the environmental report. The water clarity reading was 23' in May, which is the best reading ever. The clarity

reading last month was 19.5'. Jeff said that clarity does not equate with "clean" water. He noted that clarity is a result of our Zebra mussel infestation. They are eating food in the lake, which supports the fish population. There are 1048 lakes in Ottertail County, which has the most lakes in Minnesota. Of those, 15-20 are infested with Zebra mussels and they are the largest lakes. Jeff also spoke about the Starry Stonewart danger and mentioned that we need to be diligent to prevent it. There will be an Annual "Star Trek" event on August 19. This is a volunteer event to go to lakes in Ottertail County and look for this invasive specie. If caught early, it can be eradicated.

Scott Early introduced guest speaker Jeff Forester from Minnesota Lakes & Rivers. This group does advocacy work at the capital. Jeff spoke about their efforts to have money directed to counties to battle invasive species such as Starry Stonewart and Zebra Mussels. He also informed us about the progress in controlling these. He stressed that lake associations are a critical base to protect water quality statewide, and invited individuals to join as well. Minnesota Lakes & Rivers needs a base to make an impact at the legislative level. Other topics discussed were: the Lake Steward program, Mike Lipke and Rita are current stewards, the impact of wake boats on the lake and the prevalence of swimmers' itch.

Scott Early announced the election results: Harley Anderson, Mike Lipke and Jeff Lindholm were elected.

Karla Grages made a motion to adjourn, and Dave Franklin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karla Grages, Secretary