

CLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023

Jeff Stabnow called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Eric Pierskalla, Tom Frank, Mike Allmann, Harley Anderson, Dave Franklin, Jeff Stabnow and Karla Grages

REPORTS:

Tom Frank made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/22/2022 meeting and Harley Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by via email from Alan Storry. The balance as of 9/23/2022 was \$47,800 and the balance as of 4/14/2023 is \$48,709. There are 204 lake association members. Dave Franklin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Tom Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Environmental Report. Jeff Stabnow reported May 15, 2023 will be the first water sample collection. He mentioned that Starry Stonewart is the invasive species of most concern for area lakes and is not currently present in Clitherall. He stressed that we need to be diligent to prevent it.

Fisheries: Dave Franklin reported that the D.N.R. stocked 11,195 walleye fingerlings, or 645 lbs. and 322 yearlings, or 161 lbs. for a total of 806 lbs. last fall. This is an increase above their current stocking plan of 403 lbs. each year. Our association has been stocking additionally to the D.N.R. every 3 years. Our last stocking was in 2020. Dave did some research as to cost: \$19.00/lb. from Klug Fish Farm in Garfield. We will need to get permission from Jim Wolters at the D.N.R. in Fergus Falls and then send an application to the Bemidji regional office for approval to stock this year. Dave made a motion to stock 400 lbs. of walleye fingerlings this fall, assuming approval from the D.N.R. and Tom Frank seconded. Motion carried. There was further discussion of transitioning to a plan of stocking 150 lbs. of walleye fingerlings each year in order to improve the walleye population in the lake. The Stalker

Lake association is currently following a yearly stocking plan and has seen positive results. Tom Frank will contact them to get more information about their plan. The next D.N.R. test netting is set for July 2024. There will be a crappie assessment and smallmouth bass survey at that time as well. Since Dave will be off the board this year, the fisheries committee members will be Tom Frank and Harley Anderson. Dave will make the contacts regarding application for stocking this year and then let Tom & Harley complete the job.

Membership/P.R. Eric Pierskalla updated the membership form and presented it to the board. He eliminated the line re: well water testing, as Otter Tail county is providing this service. After discussion, it was decided to include information to highlight the board's commitment to improving fishing on Lake Clitherall through a more aggressive fish stocking program. This would be best addressed in a cover letter, which Tom Frank agreed to compose. Roger Wold has agreed to lead the 4th of July boat parade again this year.

Beach Captains: Mike Allmann notified the board he is missing some beach captains and has had difficulty filling the slots. After discussion the board decided to do a mailing this year, to all addresses in the Clitherall Lake directory in hopes of increasing our membership. This mailing would include the membership form and cover letter. Eric and Tom will investigate getting the forms printed and compiling a mailing list.

Fundraising. Karla Grages has ordered t-shirts from Lake Shirts; there are two styles for women and two styles for men. The approximate cost is \$1,800. She will also look into placing an order for mugs.

Dave Franklin made a motion to adjourn, and Tom Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: May 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Grages, Secretary

