

Clitherall Lake Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Minutes
July 9, 2022

President Scott Early called the meeting to order at 9:42 A.M.

Treasurer Mike Lipke presented the Annual Report of Income and Expenses as of 7/9/22. Total Receipts were \$17,291.87, Total Expenses were \$7,007.85 and Total Funds were \$36,468.12 for the year.

Scott Early called for all ballots for board members renewing and new board members seeking election, along with any write-in candidates, be turned in. Following this he introduced all current board members present to the group: Alan Storry, Bret Sorensen, Al Molde, Harley Anderson, Steve Adams, Mike Allmann, Mike Lipke, Dave Franklin, Karla Grages, and Jeff Stabnow. Scott thanked Al Molde and Mike Lipke, who will be completing their terms with this meeting, for their service on the board. He then introduced the two new candidates for membership: Tom Frank and Eric Pierskalla along with members that would be renewing: Scott Early, Bret Sorensen, and Karla Grages.

Mike Allmann introduced the Beach Captains, who serve as the contact between CLA and lake shore owners. Mike requested that anyone who did not know who their beach captain was contact him for information.

Scott Early introduced guest speaker Spencer McGrew. He updated the group with the latest information about Zebra Mussels, their history and the progress in fighting and/or managing infestations. Mr. McGrew also discussed Eurasian Watermilfoil and Starry Stonewort, which are not currently in Ottertail County, and the efforts to combat these invasive species. He pointed out that the most effective way is to clean watercraft & trailers, use public access points with inspection programs in place and wait up to 5 days before moving a watercraft from one lake to another. There is not state law regarding a waiting period, but it is a recommendation from the D.N.R.

Dave Franklin gave the fish report for Clitherall Lake. The D.N.R. has changed its management plan because netting counts have revealed that the walleye population is declining, and the past stocking policy did not have an effect. The D.N.R. will not stock every year and use either carryover walleye fingerlings or large fingerlings. Last year they stocked 646 pounds and they will stock a minimum of 403 pounds from now on. They will be stocking the lake sometime this fall.

Scott Early mentioned the Lake Steward Program and encouraged people to review the information on our Facebook page to participate.

Bret Sorensen will answer questions people may have about using Facebook or Twitter, which is becoming more popular.

The loon count on the lake is currently 15 adults and 2 juveniles have been spotted. The average is 18 adults and 3-4 chicks.

Scott Early reminded members that they should receive a new directory with their membership this year. The last directory was from 2016. He also thanked all who gave extra money with their memberships for programs that the CLA donates to and expenses that they incur, such as paying for placing buoys around the lake. He also asked for volunteers to place the buoys and take them in and store them, as this is now an expense we have. All present were in favor of making sure buoys are on the lake.

Roger reported that there were 21 boats participating in the boat parade this year, despite questionable weather. There was a minimum of 535 people that enjoyed the parade from their beaches. The loop was completed in 1 hour 45 minutes. Roger reminded the group that there should be no fireworks launched off boats in the parade, it is not a place for political endorsement or criticism, jet skis involved in the parade must maintain their position in the group and not interfere with the other boats and no balloons are allowed as decorations.

Scott Early announced the election results: There were no write ins and all candidates on the ballot were elected. Scott again thanked Al Molde and Mike Lipke for their service.

Finally, swimmers' itch was discussed. It has been more prevalent this year and there is no real information as to why.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Grages, Secretary