

## Clitherall Lake Association BOD meeting 8/25/2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00. Attending were Scott Early, Jeff Stabnow, Alan Storre, Bret Sorenson, Dave Franklin, Steve Adams, Harley Anderson, Tom Frank and Eric Pierskalla

Approval of the July BOD minutes: Jeff motion to approve, Harley second

### **Treasurer's Report** – Alan Storry

- Strong month
- Apparel sales and memberships took in approximately \$10k
- Additional \$5,794 in donations
- Current balance of the account is approximately \$47k (\$13k checking / \$34k savings)
- 182 members
- *A list of people who paid last year but have not paid this year was requested by Scott*

Dave made a motion to approve, Bret second. Motion carried.

Chris Dietz / Swimmers Itch: Chris gave a presentation based on his research/findings as pertains to swimmer's itch. As a backdrop we're hearing more reports of people contracting swimmers itch.

- It's always been something we've seen in Clitherall over the years but it's more prevalent this year.
- Chris shared some supporting docs / presentation which illustrated some work researchers/PHD's have uncovered about this parasite.
- Summarizing . . . it's a parasite that is spread through some forms of waterfowl (mallards, Canadian Geese and most likely the largest contributors', mergansers). The parasite lives in the intestines of the ducks and then distributed through duck feces. From there the parasite links up with snails and then is looking for another duck or organism to contaminate. And if it's in the lake it's typically in the warmer/shallow water and then comes in contact with humans then swimmer's itch happens, although 30% of people don't seem to be bothered.
- It seems most likely . . . 95% of the time the merganser (diving duck) is the most likely culprit of distributing the parasite/flatworm.
- There is a team of researchers who have had some success mitigating swimmers itch in some Michigan lakes.
- It wasn't clear if this has been performed in MN
- To have someone perform preliminary testing on Clitherall the costs could be \$3.5k - \$5k. That's phase 1, phase 2 would entail capturing and relocating mergansers. Its unclear about total cost or how long/effective would be or if DNR/USFS would approve such an effort.
- If we were to go forward it would likely make sense to link up w/other lake associations, WB, Ottetail, etc.
- Chris is going to ask for some better numbers on testing, etc.

**Environmental** – Jeff

10'5' clarity was the last reading

Zebra mussels more obvious/visible to most people on the lake

One more clarity measurement in September

#### **Fisheries – Dave**

Next year would be the year CLA to consider stocking. Cost is approximately \$10,000.

Some discussion surrounding fry vs fingerling/carryovers

Most agree with test net results which reflect walleye numbers that are down to historical lows

#### **PR – Bret**

286 Contacts

#### **Memberships – Bret**

Need a list of people who want directories (Alan provided on 8/26)

#### **Fundraising – Dave reported**

Sweatshirts didn't go that well, have around 50 more. Won't need to order more next year and will likely need to discount the price

Other items sold very well

*Need budget for our next meeting*

#### **Buoys**

There was a thought to contact all resorts to see if perhaps they would support the cost of putting in and removing buoys (\$1,500 / year). Maybe a letter would be sent out?

Jeff to follow up re. place to store buoys so we can remove them from Bonnie Beach.

#### **Lake Improvement District (LID)**

Bret shared a concept to set up is local government unit which needs approval by the county board. I'm summarizing a lot but it effectively assesses all lake owners a fee and it's a managed fund for lake related projects – it gets all property owners on board vs a voluntary lake association as presently constructed. Some lakes like Lida and Eagle have LIDs. The program is then overseen by a BOD.

Subsequent to our meeting Bret was kind enough to share a Q&A on LIDs.

**Honorarium** – Dave made motion to give Megan Johnson an honorarium of \$250 for keeping the CLA Facebook page up-to-date. Eric second. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** - Harley made a motion to adjourn, Steve second. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Frank (filling in for Karla)