

Minutes of the April 13, 2017 Comfort Lakes Association (CLA) General Meeting.

Meeting held at Wyoming UMC 7:00 P.M.

Called to order by President Mary Renn

Mary welcomed all present; Gabe & Alex Baker, Wally & Carole Ostlie, Dave & Jan Freemore, Teri Gave, Dave Skarsky, Jon Spence, George & Gloria Osgood, Steve McComas, Jack MacKenzie, Mike Sorenson, Bruce Anderson, Bill Keilty, Dick Berglund, Bill Ziemke, Mary Renn

MSP Bill Keilty, Dick Berglund to approve agenda.

Board members introduced – People encouraged to become a board member. Meetings second Thursday of each month.

CLA membership runs from January 1 – December 31. Successful membership drive from 26 to 42 and growing.

Web site redevelopment is being done by Eric. Should be up by May . Cost is about \$560.00.

Lake resident email list is incomplete. Everyone is invited to have their email address added.

Picnic usually covers its own costs.

Boat Inspections.

Funding in place for 35 hours per week .

CLA has contributed \$2,000.00.

Watching for invasive species such as zebra mussels, not just Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

Decontamination unit from Chisago County to be on site for at least 1 day this season.

Woods on Comfort Lake Development.

5 on the lake, 3 off the lake.

Beginning in May.

West Comfort Drive will connect north and south sections.

Watershed Citizen Advisory Committee has room for more members.

MSP Bill Kielty, Bruce Anderson to approve March 9, 2017 CLA meeting minutes.

Treasurer report by Dick Berglund.

49 paid members (about 50%).

\$50.00 dues are tax deductible.

Account balance(s) 12/31/16 \$5,510.36, 4/13/17 \$5,750.96.

Jack MacKenzie – St. Croix Watershed Steward.

Introduced his capstone project.

Educating the community on how they can responsibly care for property in the watershed.

Classes April 17, 25, 26 May 3, 9. Times and dates to be sent out by CLA board. Turf class level 2 to begin mid May.

Bill Kielty - St. Croix Watershed Steward.

Capstone project “Empowering Watershed Stewards”.

Tools for identifying and tracking plant and animals in and around Minnesota lakes.

Additional information will be added to the CLA website.

Mike Sorenson – CLFLWD.

- Mitigating phosphorus infiltration into the watershed.
- Monitoring Woods on Comfort Lake project
- shoreline restoration, rain gardens, cost share grants, \$500 plant grant. 12 projects last year, 9 FL – 2 Sylvan – 1 Bone.
- Watercraft Inspections. Weekend and holidays are priorities. CLA \$2,000 CLFLWD \$6,000 County \$5,000 for 660 hours this season.
- Carp fishing. Boats inspected. Education and literature provided at the start of the tournament .
- Water quality. Goals for 2020, 2030 and 2040 established. We had a grade of “B” last year. Rules for new development – treat storm water, erosion control, 25’ buffer on properties, 50’ buffer on wetlands.
- Bixby Park Project. Weirs built to back up water in the wetlands. Mike will be managing the weirs to maintain maximum effectiveness.

Steve McComas. Blue Water Science.

- sedimentation study,
- fish survey,
- curlyleaf pondweed.
- Lilies limit EWM treatment. Limited to a certain # of acres. Permits needed for up to 150’ out. Expecting low EWM growth as we have low nitrogen levels.

John Spence. Deep core sampling gives profile of what has come in for past 150 years. We do not have algae levels to support anything but light zebra mussels.

MSP Mary Renn, Bill Keilty. Meeting adjourned 8:40

Respectively submitted Dave Freemore Assistant Secretary.