

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association
Board of Directors meeting minutes
Monday, May 13, 2024
Belle Plaine Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by President Gary Schumacher. Other directors present were Kevin Goodman, Jeff Casperson, Jessica Meier, Pete Jensema and Rick Schultz. Andy Hines was excused.

Gary will submit April, 2024 board meeting minutes.

Three bills came due since last meeting: Pete Karlson \$1573.75 (culvert clean out), UW Stevens Point \$618.00 (water testing), Pete Jensema \$200.00 (reimbursement for gravel fill near the culvert after clean out was completed). Motion by Gary to pay these, second by Jessica. All in favor. Motion passed.

Shanda Hubertus from WAMSCO was a guest speaker. She updated the board on WAMSCO activities. Specifically to Cloverleaf Lakes she spoke of the denial of this years' DNR grant to CLPA for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control. AIS is in nearly all Wisconsin lakes now and the DNR is not able fund all grants submitted. Only four were approved by the DNR this year and of those only one received the requested amount. She suggested CLPA look at applying for grants in underutilized DNR categories rather than AIS control. She reminded us WAMSCO will write grants charging 2% of the grant or \$250, whichever is greater.

Gary and Jessica attended the Wisconsin Lakes convention in Stevens Point in April. Thank you to them!! DASH (diver assisted suction harvest) and wakeboats seemed to be hot topics. Nothing definitive on wakeboats. The Wisconsin legislature seems to be looking at this issue. All lakes are looking for better ways to control weeds!

CLPA Annual meeting will be held Saturday, May 25, 2024, 10:00 AM at the Round Lake Shelter. Updates will be given on things affecting Cloverleaf lakes. Weed control will be one. Since the chance of DNR grants to offset weed control costs (\$135,000 for Cloverleaf lakes in 2024, not acted upon due to insufficient funds in the CLPA checkbook) is dramatically diminished, lake associations (including CLPA) will need to figure out financing if they wish to make an effort to control aquatic invasive species and maintain lake quality. In the interim, lake owners will have the option to hire Pete Karlson, at their own expense of \$150/hour, should they want to clean up weeds around their docks.

Independence Day activities will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024. Jessica is organizing Kiddie parade. There will also be the usual boat parade (theme "favorite TV show"). Sheriff Dept. will provide coverage for both.

The Rustic Road culvert has been cleaned out. Thank you to all volunteers!! As a result, water flow out has improved, hopefully helping control high lake levels.

Discussion about mounting a water level gauge on the culvert near the boat landing. Pros and cons were discussed. Pete will get an estimate to have the gauge welded to the culvert. A decision will be made next meeting on how to proceed.

Next meeting is Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM at Belle Plaine Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Casperson
Secretary CLPA