

CLEARWATER LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
Saturday, June 5, 2009, 9 a.m.  
Annandale Park Pavilion

**Membership, as of 5/31/09: 241**

8 A.M. Coffee, Juice and rolls

Attendance: 81 property owners

**CLPO Board Members and Volunteers:**

Tom Bacon, Chairman;

Debbie Flygare, Treasurer

Sandy Jerpseth, Newsletter Editor

Keith Jerpseth, Water Patrol

Vi Novotne, Secretary

Kathy Irwin, Membership

Jerry Truman, Bill Lovgren, Stan Otto, Marty Ferguson, Dean Flygare, Lee Novotne, Ron Schmitz, Ken Johnson, Steve Irwin, Lee Carlson, Dick Olson, Dick Ransom, John Lovegren, Ross Fitzsimmons and Toni Hoeft

Chairman Tom Bacon extended a welcome to the property owners attending today! Secretary Vi Novotne read aloud some of the highlights of the 2008 CLPO Annual Meeting. Copies of the minutes were available.

Treasurer Debbie Flygare presented the association's financial statement:

Cash Balance, 6/1/08	\$31,634.28
<u>Income:</u> Dues, donations, advertising, lawn program, milfoil reimbursement and interest	\$ 9,732.70
<u>Expense:</u> Bank charges, gifts, meeting, Milfoil, newsletter, office expense and equipment, signs, website and picnic	\$ 5,631.82
Cash Balance, 5/31/09	\$ 35,735.16

**Water Patrol: Keith Jerpseth**

Purpose of the volunteer water patrol is to be the "eyes and ears" for the Wright County Sheriff's Water Patrol. The volunteers receive instructions, and have a personal background check. The volunteer reports reckless and illegal activities to the Sheriff's Department and gives friendly reminders such as the need for life vests for each person in a boat. A volunteer does not necessarily have to be out in a boat as you may be watching from your own deck, or your yard or anywhere. Last year ten members of the Clearwater Lake Water Patrol volunteered 677 hours monitoring lake activity. In 2007 volunteer hours were 462 hours. Call Keith if you wish to volunteer. Thank you volunteers!

Dawn Schramm told of an incident: At a short distance from her property, two fishermen in a rented boat harassed and with a stick, beat a loon and crippled another. A neighbor called 911 and was told to call DNR. They felt no one responded. Keith stated that the Wright County Sheriff's Water Patrol will respond to these actions. In reporting activities, it is important to obtain license numbers and descriptions. Carl Lindgren stated that the County has an excellently run department and the Patrol and DNR may have responded and the caller did not hear of the results. Marty Ferguson added that the patrol should also be concerned with incidents that happen during the winter.

### Community Lawn Care - Randy

For at least five years, Community Lawn Care has offered a donation to the Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association each time a member used their professional lawn care services, purchased lawn products or purchased copper sulphate for swimmer's itch control. Over \$600 was donated to CLPO in 2008. All products are phosphate free. Services are from a 5 or 3-step lawn care program to recommendations of how to apply products. Thank you for the business!

Ash tree borer infestations have not been found in this area. Some infestation has been located 15 miles of Hennepin County. New product, "Tree..Age", an insecticide treatment, works well and has a two-year guarantee. The insecticide is injected into 12 holes in the tree trunk and holes are plugged. The liquid product kills the insects as they chew. Another method met with some success is an application added to a dredged area under the tree base or canopy. A repeated treatment is recommended in two years to eradicate. Seeing top branches of a tree dying is an indication of the problem. Now is the time for prevention. Warning: When removing an ash tree, do **not** transport the limbs.

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### Newsletter - Sandy Jerpseth

Newsletter issues are mailed to 520 lake property owners three time a year: before Annual Meeting, before Annual Picnic and in December. She would like articles of interest such as the "loon story" heard at the meeting. The new ad display makes for more interesting reading. Sandy asked property owners to support the local business advertisers and express a thank you for placing an ad. Ads help to defray mailing costs. Being notified of address changes and E-Mail addresses are truly appreciated.

Suggestions for newsletter articles given were:

The Annual Meeting Minutes should be highlighted in the next newsletter.

Insert local interest articles such as "eagles are sighted on the lake".

Updated Watershed articles concerning work upstream that affect our lake.

Offer a one time prize drawing to create attendance at the annual meeting or picnic.

Article about the sound of a generator, and bright lights shining in the dark when bow hunters are searching for carp,

DNR telephone number should be listed on website.

More loon nesting areas are seen on the lake this year. Loons give warnings of osprey circling nearby. Loons will follow a boat and persons should not feed them.

WCCO broadcasts stories of the quality of fishing.

Sandy announced that the Annandale Triathlon Committee needs volunteers for the community event this summer, July 19, 2009.

### Membership - Kathy Irwin

Kathy offered to have a membership drive with a personal touch. A "blurb" about importance of being a member will be in the July Newsletter. Kathy asked for ideas why membership is important.

Tom Bacon reported that Vi Novotne is purchasing a large size map of the lake and will have CLPO member locations marked and is to have the map ready for display at the annual picnic. Barbara Scherek offered to help. The property owner parcels without a marker needs to have a visit by a nearby member. This member should convey what CLPO plans are and what CLPO has done for the lake and the importance of being a part

of the membership for \$10 dues per year. Tom added that if the lake has issues then meeting attendance and membership is higher. Chuck Koehler added that in the past the lake was divided into around twenty sections with a volunteer to make contacts. Tom Bacon stated that more members are more important than raising dues. Budget needs are not an issue as assessment money and a grant cover treatment expense. DNR receives the fees for fish tournaments.

Bog Removal - Tom Bacon:

Please notice the sign our association has installed at the point: “Enjoy our lake and keep it clean”

In 1985 the Clearwater River Watershed provided funds for bog removal. Today CLPO and Lake August Association have built a trailer with a dragline and a chugger and a 4000# rope that hooks into a bog. The bog is dragged to backhoe for loading into a dump truck. In the past, bogs have been hauled to a farmer’s field. The bog is cut up by a saw as each water soaked bog is extremely heavy. CLPO purchased the trailer cover and the August Lake Association purchased the trailer and chugger. Equipment will be stored at JJ Marine. Watershed would like to have a trailer and chugger placed at the Grass Lake Dam. Individuals should check with DNR before removing a bog. The trailer and equipment were on display at the meeting area.

Milfoil Treatment - Tom Bacon:

Volunteers have worked two nights applying the chemical to treat milfoil and are two-thirds done. Cold weather has delayed milfoil growth. The milfoil areas are not thick – let’s hope it stays that way. The crew marked the areas to be treated, buoys were placed and later removed, bags of chemical had to be loaded on boats for transporting to treatment boat crew for spreading and treating and all this is being accomplished by volunteers. Applause for the milfoil volunteers: Jerry and Marge Truman, Lee Carlson, Stan Otto, Bill Lindgren, Ron Schmidt, Steve Irwin, Dick Olson, Lee Novotne, Ken Johnson and Tom Bacon. The volunteer crew had its first injury this year – Ken Johnson injured his arm.

The Zebra Muscle is not a problem.

Lily pads areas are DNR protected. A property owner is allowed a 15’ channel to open water.

A permit is needed for applying chemical to treat for shoreline swimmer’s itch control. Copper sulfate dissolves quickly and medium crystals instead of powder are recommended to be applied when lake water reaches 70 degree temperature.

Tom reminded everyone to attend the picnic planned for August 2 at Truman’s Point and to have a good summer at the lake.

Respectfully submitted,

Vi Novotne, Secretary