

## CCROA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, JULY 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by President, Greg Wenzel.

Board members in attendance were: Dean Challed, Helen Hayhurst, David Fauntleroy, Denise Fauntleroy, Joan Cavanaugh, Wes Kiley, Tom Kraurkramer, Kully Rohlen, Jack Erhart, Bob Warren, Dean Stanton, Paul Lucas, Tom Wilson, Bob McGuffin, and Linda Hammer. Absent were Jessica Ryden and Laurie Cooney.

Minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: Greg introduced and gave gifts of wine glasses or a plaque to four board members to honor them for their service. They were Kully Rohlen, Judy Challed, Gloria Andersen, and Don Hall.

Greg gave a quick update on the dam. It is in FERK's hands to make a decision. He requested everyone supply their email addresses to keep them updated. Greg introduced our attorney, David Macdonald, who is helping with revising the bi-laws to put us in a better place to buy the dam if possible. Wes Kiley has found favorable insurance with affordable rates, so we can pursue buying the dam ourselves. Each property owner will receive the documents pertaining to the changes to the bi-laws for examination and a vote. The membership must vote on:

- 1) Amendment to the bi-laws: Cisco Dam Fund committee will be set up. It will report to the board.
- 2) Investment principals and guidelines. The principle will be invested in suitable places trying to get 4% if possible.
- 3) Amendments to articles of incorporation. Protection for officers, volunteers, etc. who engage in activities for the CCROA. We may want to expand the purpose of the organization.

Greg opened up the meeting to questions and concerns. Eugene Clark expressed concern that the dam issue could go on forever. David Macdonald explained that we are close to a decision, but things have been held up since UPPCO was sold to a British company. Wes said this company is very interested in selling so we are only concerned with UPPCO at this time. Mark Lucas asked if FERK would reject our offer to buy the dam since the county turned us down. Carl Knoll, Thousand Island Lake, asked if anything had been done on the weir. The power company adjusted the dam to a fix crested weir. Bob McGuffin, V.P., explained what is happening with AIS issues. Clearwater Lake will be treated with a chemical which treats the entire lake. Then for the next 2 years 2-4D will be used to spot treat. 80% reduction is guaranteed. We will spend \$13,000 this year for treatment which does not include supervising biologists. \$1500 was spent to treat Thousand Island. Northland College is helping with Big lake which is still a challenge. Curly Leaf Pondweed is also on the chain but Eurasian milfoil is the main concern. \$15,000 in donations came in from 139 members this year. Bob asked that the rest of the members step up to the plate and contribute. The Wisconsin DNR is funding the work on Wisconsin lakes. We get nothing from Michigan.

Minutes from last year's July 18, 2013 were read and approved.

Helen Hayhurst nominated Jay Sweney to be rep for Cisco Lake. Don Hall discussed Jay's attributes.

Kully Rohlen made the motion to accept Jay Sweney. Seconded by Kully Rohlen, Motion passed.

We still need reps for Mamie Lake and Big Lake South.

Chuck Sauberlich moved to keep the board as is. Mary Congdon seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by David Fauntleroy. \$417,000 in all accounts. \$442,000 in the lake management fund. Dam fund money is invested in a BMO Harris. Goal is 4-5% range. Joan Cavanaugh moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Jim Glaze seconded. Motion passed.

Membership report was given by Denise Fauntleroy. 448 members, 285 paid, 163 not renewed to date.

Kully moved to accept the Membership report. Jean Erhart seconded. Motion passed.

The upcoming vote will be from members in good standing only!

No-wake signs, safety, shoreline erosion are all part of our ongoing concerns. Thank you to Karen and Mark Johnson who paid for the new signs. New signs on HWY B announce "Thousand Island Lake Road".

Helen Hayhurst announced plans for the July 20<sup>th</sup> picnic at Vacationland Resort. You can still register today for \$6.00, \$8.00 at the picnic. Lois Bates needs volunteers for kid's games.

Vacationland does not have a liquor license, so legally we cannot sell beer. We will give it away and accept donations for invasive species. Thank you to Rogers Bar for donating their tent, tables and chairs. Greg opened up concerns from the floor. Ms. Clark reported boats go by buoys everyday and ignore warnings. Jim McConnell asked if the Sand Cut could be dredged. Tom Krautkramer explained that if the Sand Cut is opened up, boats will be going through faster. Omar wanted to know when was the last time dues were raised. Denise Fauntleroy, membership chair, suggested raising the dues to \$30/year and \$500 for lifetime membership. Ron Verkuillen suggested one-time lifetime of \$250 might be a selling point. Jack Kohler suggested \$100/year and actively going after the non-paying members would be reasonable. Diane Baldassari stood up for people who just wanted to "hide out in the woods". They would not want dues raised. George Cook suggested \$35/year. Kully Rohlen said that many of the properties are owned by corporations. If people are willing to raise the dues, just send in donations on your own. There are many ways to contribute. David Macdonald, our lawyer, said that our dues are not deductible, so donations are the way to go for a tax deduction. Joan Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the meeting, Jack Erhart seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Challed, acting secretary for Lee Ryden