



Coon Lake Improvement Association
P.O. Box 54
East Bethel, MN 55011
Board Meeting -Minutes
November 16, 2020

Attendees: Don, Karrie, Joe, Rick, Kayla & Lisa (via zoom), Dave Szykulski, Leon Mager

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda: Approval of November agenda (Karrie) Joe Motion to approve, Rick second, Approved

Secretary's Report: Approval of September minutes (Karrie) Joe motion to approve, Rick second, Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approval of September report (Kayla) October – Rev 364.64 Exp 2643.21; November Rick motion to approved, Karrie second, approved. November Rev 50, Exp 4754.88, Checking 31973.00 , Portfolio almost net zero. 887 membership, 385 apparel, 3280 book. These receipts to be deposited still. Joe motioned to approved, Rick second, Approved.

Action Item: Joe to meet with Kayla on Sunday 11/22 to review and turn over the receipts from the Fall Meeting (apparel, Membership and Book proceeds).

Action Item: Joe and Kayla to meet the first week of Dec. for the annual review of the association finances and reporting.

Old Business:

1. **Wild Celery Plants** – Guest Speaker to attend

Dave Szykulski to give update and possible steps to remove Large amounts of wild celery grass floating on the top of the water in Steamboat bay. This is causing boats to not be able to get out of their docks. DNR says they are aquatic plants and we can not remove them from the root. They get dislodged by wind and boat action causing them to float on the top. There is a machine called the Water Bug that can remove them from the top of the water via remote control and solar batteries. It puts the weeds on the shore. Cost is \$14,500. That includes a cycle bar that could cut Lilly pads (X% of space allowed by DNR). Dave talked to other neighbors and all were in agreement. They saw a demonstration on Fawn Lake. There is a bigger version where a person stands on it and drives it.

Questions came up like: How do you prioritize who can use it, what if they are not CLIA members, what if the operator makes a mistake? Are there any harvesting companies that could do this that we could establish a contract with to help with this?

Would like to explore options on how we handle this? 1) How many people on the lake have the issue 2) How many of those people are CLIA members? 3) How big of a problem will this be next year? 4) What would a larger unit cost? 5) Survey for all landowners on the lake (not just CLIA) to find out how many have an issue? Ideas to check with Forest Lake and Lake Minnetonka on how they do it.

Dave to look into this and bring back to CLIA.

2. **Public Launches parking issue** – Guest Speaker to attend
Continue discussion brought up by CLIA member Leon Mager

Leon provided a copy of the letter he sent to the Mayors. Separate from his letter, parking has increased due to COVID and increased boating activity. People park back to the campground off Viking which causes them to not be able to see as they enter/leave the campground. They sent a letter to the city, which went to the County. County said they don't want to extend the No Parking signs. The County is planning to put in a right hand turn lane into the access off Lexington with a bypass lane. That will not address the cars parking alongside the road. Leon's is asking them to find property for overflow parking. The DNR is responsible for parking and the ramps. Both boat ramps are on County Roads. The lots were not designed for a 'safe number of boats' on the lake, but rather based on the amount of land available.

If the Gov agency that controls the boat access is not willing to control the number of boats, people will just park on the road. The land right across the street from Lexington belongs to the County as well as NE side of the campground.

Leon suggests if someone was to pursue this topic, they should take it up with the DNR.

What, as CLIA, do we want to do with this? Suggestion is we advocate to the DNR as a safety concern. We are trying to improve the conditions of the lake. Need to understand options, ideas and opportunities with the DNR. Don't take the lead on this.

3. Edwards Jones Investment

Does the board want Daniel to come and discuss the portfolio? EJ's is to monitor our portfolio for us. Don asked Daniel if he felt we should make changes – he said no. Board feels we don't need him to come out to a meeting to discuss.

4. Apparel program update (Becky & Karrie)

Online Order Status: only 5 Online orders were placed.

Keep going and make sure to bring it forth in the spring. Ordering can happen anytime.

Suggestion was to have free delivery promo's again. Put it in the newsletter and keep going on Facebook.

5. Fall Meeting Update

83 votes cast, all unanimous: Karrie Rugland Secretary, Joe Janda Vice President, Deb Melander Member at Large

Current clothing inventory sold at 50% discount with a few remaining pieces donated to White Pines; 200 books of Chronicles of Coon Lake sold in 10 days...had great response for sales

6. Cross Country Ski Trails

Groomer is here: Donated by Polaris. Signs in Process

DNR and Sherriff OK'd

Karrie on point to put up signs and groom. Will ask for help as needed.

New Business:

1. Beaver Dam Concern in Man Made Channel

VIA Email – BOD Approved; Motion approved for the board to approve the bid for a local trapper to comply with all laws and regulations in trapping beavers in the area of a dam located on Coon Lake in the man made channel for \$100 each beaver trapped up to a max of 10 beavers (total cost of \$1,000).

What are the open items come spring?

First beaver caught, Decide what to do come spring with the cache of trees in the channel.

2. Insurance Policy Renewal

\$617 for 2020/2021; Combine policy into one. Joe motion to approve policy and combine, Kayla approve, motion approved.

3. **Online Membership renewal**

Joe sent email and will get on FB. 11 already signed up. Would like to suggest no cash order on the Cheddar up site. If you want to do cash, you do it the old way. Need to send reminders to renew by 12/31.

- Email sent on 11/17/20,
- USPS post card mailing to be sent on 11/19-20
- **Action Item: Joe to work with Paula** to end the use of Cash Payment for any Online Purchases (books or membership payments)

4. **Coon Lake Book Reorder**

VIA Email - Motion Approved for the CLIA Board to approve the expenditure of \$2,828 for cost of reprinting 100 copies of the Chronicles of Coon Lake and some additional expenses associated with promotional material printing costs and USPS postage (estimated to be ~\$ 200 for 500 post cards production & printing (through B&B based on previous post card printing costs) and \$175 to mail 500 post cards @ \$0.35 each via USPS (postcard mailing cost was estimated via online search). We will attempt to reduce the number of mailings by eliminating those residents that are already CLIA members. These costs are best estimates and intended to be in excess of actual charges. Total expenditure not expected to exceed \$3,375

Update: Book being reprinted right now. One name misspelled, allowed to be corrected. Ordered 100, cut off order at 90 to allow for some cash orders. After 90, a google form asked to be completed for interest. 67 as of now, 13 of those are cash, 33 left to go. This was only word of mouth, FB and Email. Card is going in the mail this week to promote people purchasing. It will be mailed to address and names of all lakeshore owners. The card will include a plug to be a member of CLIA. Pick up date 4-7 PM 12/17. Donated 1 book to city hall. Board agreed to end online payment or future payments via Cash.

5. **Update Aerator Power Control Boxes**

CLID pushed to update it and make it safe but keep it functional. County owned and operated, they approved to have it updated. CLID, CLIA and Coon Lake Community were asked to help pay for this. Total cost is less than \$3,000. Coon Lake Community group said they would not support it and want it removed. CLIA holding for now until Jeff (DNR) can talk to the Coon Lake Community Group. Last time it was used late 90's

6. **CLIA Fishing Tournament Dates**

Cory Olson is usually in charge. Karrie to call him.

7. **Coon Lake Ice Skating Race Jan 16**

More info to come...

8. **Deb Melanders Member at Large Board position**

Need to find someone to step in for 2-3 months, re-elect in spring. Don to put something together that can go out through the email and Facebook.

Action Item: Don to write a message to the membership to summarize the year's activities (Fall meeting with Drive In access, book publications, online apparel and membership services, Beaver removal, CLIA membership and volunteer promotion and so on...). To be sent via email. Possibly used for FB and website home page.

9. **Welcome Committee Discussion (Karrie / Becky)**

Karrie and Becky to work a proposal and bring it back to the team.

10. **Weekly Facebook Topics**

Karrie to resend the list to the board. Each person will submit weekly info to Jodi to help keep topics fresh on the Facebook page.

11. Miscellaneous Questions

Annual Budget – Kayla to draft up a budget.

First Responder List for the lake area– Joe to look at.

Committee Reports:

1. **Web Master** (Paula) Beck to give Paula info on CLIA homepage for Clothing. Talk about next year etc.
2. **Water Quality** (Arlan) Rick said 7'6" for clarity off the Viking ramp. This is better than mid Aug at only 4". Can we share this info with the membership and give suggestions to improve water quality? Pick up weeds and leaves can help with this. Rick to bring in report from last year. What can we do to promote lake shore maint?
3. **Social** (Becky)
4. **Publication / Social Media** (Denise / Jodi) Will do weekly FB Posts.
Action item: Joe to call Constant Contact to see about reducing emails that go to recipients Spam Folder
5. **Membership** (Kim) Online renewal available.
Joe and Kim reconciled list.
 - Mailing to residents scheduled to be sent on 11/20th – 22nd
 - Online membership enrollments to date (Nov 17th) - 10 Household, 1 Business
 - **Action Item: ask Denise** for a description of the Newsletter **and Joe** get back to Jeb Adams re the value of being a CLIA Sponsor
6. **Apparel** (Becky / Karrie) See above
7. **Meat Raffle** (Joe) No meat raffle for next 4 weeks. Looking for someone to run the raffle.
 - Meat Raffles are done for another month due to the latest COVID state shutdown, starting this Saturday
 - Lost a team captain; Need help in this area, but want to keep people safe.
 - Would anyone else be willing to lead the Meat Raffle Committee?
 - **Action item: Joe** to send an email update to the Meat Raffle volunteers re Smokey's closing and raffles being on hold for the next month or so.

8. **CLID** (Al)

Meeting Dates:

Board meetings: December 17, January 21, February 18

(Standing 3rd Thursday of each month)

Dec 17th meeting – Will be held via zoom – Kayla to schedule.

Upcoming Events:

Miscellaneous:

Adjourn: 8:50 PM Rick motioned, Joe second, Approved
