

Friends of Clam Lake (FoCL) 2010 Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 14, 9:30 a.m. Alden Community Methodist Church, Alden, Michigan

Board members present: Paul Sak, Art Hoadley, Fred Sittel, Cottie Volle, Steve Hoadley, Thomas Frey, and Carol Hoadley. Twenty-eight members were present.

President Paul Sak called the meeting to order at 9:33 and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He introduced the board and thanked the many volunteers who had worked throughout the year and encouraged others to help keep Clam Lake a healthy environment for all to live, work, and play on the lake.

The **minutes** from last year's annual meeting were presented . Jim Marling voted to accept, Dottie Schaefer 2nd, Vote of membership, motion carried.

Result of **By-Laws Amendments** was discussed. All proposed amendments had been approved. Copies of the current By-Laws were available at the meeting or on the website. A finance committee chaired by Jim Marling was being formed. Anyone wishing to volunteer should see him. The committee will set the budget for the year and establish funds for general operating, legal, education, etc.

Because the membership and fiscal years were now the same, Paul moved that membership dues collected after Jan 1 be applied to 2011 membership. Fred 2nd. Motion carried. Cottie will send out membership information early in 2011. Paul thanked Jim Marling and Bob Hockenberger for their work on the amendments.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented. Art Hoadley presented data for 2009 (General fund \$2723.64, Legal \$990, and total \$3,713.64) and also year to date as of Aug 13, (General \$3,918.14, Legal \$1,070, and total \$4,988.14). This was also available in the member's packets. Paul called for acceptance of report, Membership so voted. Todd Wilcox moved we transfer \$1500 to the legal fund, Jim Marling 2nd. Motion carried.

Membership is currently at 89, ahead of last year at this time, which had a total of 111 members.

Year in Review was presented. The **joint programs** with Three Lakes, Grass River, and T L P A were discussed. The "Lake Watch Program" at the Depot in July was a success and members were encouraged to attend "In the Drink" Aug. 17. **Loon Watch** is successful with two chicks hatched on the nesting platform, one chick surviving. One adult loon was banded for study. Fred reported another nesting platform would be placed if needed. **Watercraft study** showed boating activity was up 15% from 2008. Specific results were available at the display. We will continue doing this study in the future to keep track of boating activity on the lake. Aerial view of **Boat damage to bottom lands** was on display. We will continue this study and encourage people to act responsibly in shallow areas. FoCL continues to be part of the **Conservation Network** and works with other organizations to protect the environment. The Elk Rapids Dam is working on its Licensing procedure. The Alba Well issue is no longer a concern as CMS is looking at local solutions on site or in Petoskey. The **Web Cam** is operating and people enjoy looking at Clam Lake year round.

Election of Officer and Directors was unanimous having no nominations from the floor. They remain Paul Sak, (President), Robert Hockenberger, (Vice-President), Art Hoadley,(Treasurer), Carol Hoadley,(Secretary), and Directors at Large, Cottie Volle (Membership), Steve Hoadley (Web Master), Jack Gartner, and Fred Sittel.

New Business: Fred, Cottie, and Jack have been gathering information on **invasive species** and encourage members to keep a watch for them and to look at the samples and displays at the meeting. Brochures are also available to take home and share. **Fall Leaf** pick-up was presented and members would like to have a trial program this fall on a Saturday with a rain date scheduled. An additional Spring Saturday pick-up would be appreciated. Members will have leaves raked or blown to the road on scheduled day and be available to help load them. Leaves will be used as organic fertilizer on a local farm.

Member Comments:

Glad the board was working with other lake associations. Noted seeing more larger "cigarette" boats on the lake.

Would like to see past president limited to one year on the board. This would require a By-Laws amendment change. (Membership Straw vote on this was evenly divided.)

Would also like to see a committee formed for the "bubbler" issue for ice at docks.

It was noted that no small fish or clams were present at a dock and wondered what was happening. Also fewer zebra mussels were there.

Visual presentations on the displays were good and of professional quality

Could the sheriff control the speed on the lake?

Would like to see a sheriff's report for Clam Lake. Also wondered about the secchi disk readings for the lake. (Currently being done, reported old averages were about 8 feet before zebra mussels, but currently around 14 feet, with maximum readings of 24 feet on the lake bottom) This varies with temperature.

Thanked the board for doing a good job and monitoring the lake.

Regarding leaf pick-up:

Future burning ban may include vegetation (leaves)

Leaf pick-up is a good idea. Need to advertise so everyone knows.

Should be announced at the Crystal Springs Luncheon to spread the word.

Piles of leaves and a Christmas tree were left on ice by a dock. Pick-up would be good,.

Paul Sak thanked the members for their comments and said the board would consider them at the next board meeting.

Close of Meeting: Jim Marling moved the meeting be adjourned, Fred 2nd. Motion carried, 10:34

Respectfully submitted, Carol Hoadley, Secretary

"Asian Carp – Now and into the Future" presentation by Jennifer McKay, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council