

President Paul Sak called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. He introduced and welcomed Steve Hoadley, the new web master to the meeting.

Present: Paul Sak, Art Hoadley, Carol Hoadley, Jack Gartner, Tom Frey, Cottie Volle, Jim Marling (all board members) and Steve Hoadley (web master). Bill Frost was unable to attend due to personal reasons.

1. The **minutes** from the last board meeting were discussed. Jim Marling moved they be approved, Cottie Volle seconded, motion carried.

2. The **Treasurer's Report** was passed out and discussed. Cottie moved it be approved. Jim seconded, motion carried.

3. **Membership Committee:** Cottie reported people were renewing memberships and encouraged people to talk about it with their neighbors. Paul will send out an e-mail announcing the annual meeting, and will remind members to pay their dues. It will include a link to the web. Cottie will contact the people who do not have e-mail. Cottie wondered if some membership information could be included on the web. Steve said he could post information given him.

4. **By-Laws Status:** Jim Marling reported little progress has been made on the by-laws. He will write up a list of issues to be addressed and clarified. He will consult Bill Frost and send the report to the board members for comment. He will target the changes to be made at the 2009 annual meeting. Paul Sak asked that all board members read the current By-Laws and direct comments to Jim.

5. **Annual Meeting:** The meeting will be held at the Methodist Church Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Carol and Cottie will do refreshments. Paul and Lori will do Registration. Art and Jack will be there early to help Art will get a \$50.00 check to the church for use of the building. It was suggested we have handouts to educate people on erosion and protection of lake shore, etc. Tip of the Mitt has some available.

a. **Agenda:** Paul will base the agenda on last year's meeting and will e-mail it. Application for tax exempt status will be discussed. Carol is attending a meeting on this and will report back to Paul. Some board members questioned if this was worth the added complications.

b. **Nominating Committee:** Jack Gartner will chair and get a committee to nominate board members for the meeting.

6. **Carrying Capacity Study:** Paul reported there is no official set way to determine boat capacity for a lake. Most are subjective. The DNR uses counts of trailers at boat launches. Board members felt a count would be good for future reference, but did not want the data used for restrictive purposes.

Paul moved he organize a study to be done July 19<sup>th</sup> and possibly sometime Labor Day weekend. It will count boats on the lake in four zones at specific times and boat

trailers at the ramp. If enough people volunteer, they will also count traffic in and out of the lake at the Clam River bridge and Grass River. Cottie Seconded.

Discussion: Art suggested temperature and cloud cover should be noted. Jim suggested they also count moored boats around the lake and at the marina some morning, to get another form of boat loading. Art and Steve will look into the cost of obtaining satellite pictures of the lake usage.

Motion carried.

7. **Aerial Survey:** If the weather permits, Art will photograph the lake before and after the July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day to document changes to the lake bottom. This aerial survey will be turned into an educational presentation on the effects of boat traffic on Clam Lake. Paul moved FoCL cover the cost of the gas. Jack seconded. Motion carried.

8. **Greenbelt Shore Survey:** Three Lakes will be surveying the lake shores and would like our assistance on Clam. Tom moved we work together with them and do the survey. Art seconded. Motion carried. Art will chair this and get the information and volunteers.

9. **Newsletter:** Paul will write an article on the loon buoys, boat survey and the annual meeting. Cottie will write something about membership. Naturopoly will be duplicated from the last newsletter. Art will write about the greenbelt survey. Art, Carol, and Steve will work together to assemble it and post it on the web, possibly in dual format (color and BW) for easy downloading. Paul will approve it before posting. The deadline will be July 18<sup>th</sup> so the newsletter will come out July 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jack will ask Jackie Kline if she could help.

10. **Other:**

**Loon buoys** were placed on the lake and will need to be removed before winter.

**Conservation Network** will meet Aug 21<sup>st</sup>. Paul will attend. Anyone interested in coming, contact him.

**Camera** was moved to a better location to see the lake activity.

**Computer** was donated to the Helena Township Historical Society and is being used in the display at the Depot Museum.

**Alba Injection Well** was discussed. Jim will draft a statement to record our opposition to this. He will e-mail it to board members for comment and approval.

**Web Site** will be run by Steve Hoadley. It was suggested we include an Education section. Steve said he would take material in text format or PDF files.

Jim move the meeting be adjourned. Cottie seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm.