

**CIRCLE LAKE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 14, 2013
Forest Town Hall**

7 - Board Members Present	2 - Board Members Absent	Others Present - 3
Dale Petelinsek, Pres Karen Appeldoorn, Vice Pres Bob Gilbertson, Treas Sandy Russler, Sec David Russler Dean Sunderlin Keith Kluzak	Julie Dornbusch Bob Duban	Mary Kluzak Rodger Kluzak Fred Wenthe

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Minutes

September 2013 Minutes have not been submitted. **Action: Sandy submit minutes.**

3. Treasures Report & Update

- Bob submitted the CLA Treasures Report to the CLA Board via e-mail before the meeting. Discussion followed, while Bob explained items on the report.
- The Tri-Lakes Sportsman's Club gave us \$6,000.00 as a grant, in the Lake Improvement Fund. We spent this on the blue gills for the lake.
- A motion was made and seconded to pay/ reimburse the following expenses:
 - \$ 300.00 Mr JST: work on word doc
 - \$ 600.00 Boonies: picnic food
 - \$ 556.82 Big Top: tent, tables and chairs rental
 - \$ 464.91 Rent & Save, Porta-potties
 - \$ 540.00 Northfield Hospital: paramedics
 - \$ 2,712.95 Kathy Petelinsek: T-shirts- 1,308.40 Medals- 963.69 Signs- 355.57
 - \$ 410.95 Jerry Appeldoorn: Printing directories
 - \$ 122.58 Jim Vogel: race day expenses- cups, ice, etc.
 - \$ 111.97 Dean Sunderlin: Numbers for runners

Motion passed unanimously.

- Sandy still needs to submit the invoices for the volunteer hats and picnic signs
- No word from the IRS on CLA's tax exempt status. Bob sent them a letter in September, but hasn't heard anything back.

4. 5K/ Half Marathon Race observations, by Dean Sunderlin

- This was our 2nd year for the 5K. The first year there were 24 participants.
- This year, approximately 160 pre-registered, and 150 ran, which includes about 30 no-shows and 20 same day registers'
- The race was well attended
- The race was well reviewed
- It brought the Lake Association and Forest Township in the light
- Input for next year: to schedule the run for two weeks before the "Twin Cities Marathon" because those runners are looking for a run like this (half marathon) at that time. That would make our date for the run approximately one week later (from Sept 14 to Sept 21).

- Next year we will have a few less expenses. We will not have \$1000.00 to Anderson Race Management. Also, there are approximately 125 medals remaining, and we can re-use the signs.
- **Dean made a motion to continue the race- 5K/ Half Marathon again next year. Bob 2nd. Vote was unanimous.** Our hope, as Circle Lake Association, is to make this an annual event, and to continue to increase the event in participants.

5. Chunky Dunk, New Year's Day, January 1st, 2014

- Julie could not attend tonight's meeting, but she will be heading up the Chunky Dunk again.
- The Chunky Dunk will (most likely) be at the public landing on the north side of the lake
- Next month, Julie will have more details, and ways for everyone to be involved

6. Project Updates

❖ Watershed (Keith)

- Grant application – DNR – being reviewed now, (submitted by McGhie & Betts)
- The deficiency is that they need easement agreements for the projected areas
- Review October 23
- Steve Pahs, money is set aside for projects (\$600,000 from Rice County was available, and a portion of it was set aside for our CLA projects.)
- The Wolf Creek Project was tagged as a critical contribution area
- Discussion: Traditionally, the Tri-Lakes November meeting is when they budget for the year. It would be nice if someone could attend, to put in a word for our CLA needs.

❖ Carp (Dale)

- Carp grate is installed at the dam, and looking good
- Discussion on carp grate- we got all the approvals needed before installation, so we are good
- **Action: Dale will talk to Jason to talk to Dr. Sorenson**

❖ Aquatic Plant Management

- We need to find a way to get the word out that we have the weed cutter available for use

❖ Native Plants (Dean)

- The county picked up their watering equipment
- The plants are doing well
- Re-cap: DNR bought the plants; Rice County ran the planting; our volunteers did the planting
- Bob reminded Dean that there are funds (\$500.00) in Native Plants that haven't been used yet. Dean assured us that Sam would most certainly use the funds available.

❖ Sediment

- let it lie.... seriously, there hasn't been anybody heading this up....
- Discussion on having the whole lake dredged, but for now, the Wolf Creek channel
- Fred Wenthe gave us background on having the channel dredged
- In 1977, Greg Snyder's Dad (who owned the property along the channel) got a DNR permit to dredge the channel for 12 lots.
- 1st step, to declare 'not a wetland'. So, only the creek is a wetland. The dredging is considered 'maintenance' as long as it is to the dimensions of the original permit.
- The original permit stated how many feet above sea level (the channel depth can be 4' to 6') and it was 40' wide. The channel is wider now, due to the sides caving/collapsing down.
- In 2010, Fred received estimates for the channel dredging. Only two were returned. One for \$49,600 and one for \$166,000. At that time, homeowners along the channel would have to pay for the dredging.
- One problem is silt was still coming in from box culvert under the bridge

- Dale asked David Russler if he would like to be in charge of the dredging for the channel. This would mean getting everything in order to have the channel dredged, including estimates and grants. David would report progress at CLA board meetings. **David accepted.**
- David will work with Keith Kluzak, who already communicates with McGhie & Betts. Keith will continue to be the (sole) contact with McGhie & Betts.
- **Action: Sandy will contact Robin Snyder to get a copy of the channel dredging documents.**
- There are still two goals during this process: 1) to protect the lake- to stop silt from running in the lake and 2) to keep a viable boat channel
- Riprap of the channel is okay, but native plants are preferred- to help stop erosion
- As for the dredging of the entire lake, generally the County and DNR are not in favor, but with persistence and diligence, we can get it done!

7. Fundraising (Dale)

- As we grow in our fundraising efforts, we will need more people for more money and more helping hands.
- Dale suggested we broaden our 'Circle Lake' area to possibly include Fox Lake.
- Tax incentive zone- we need people to support projects in our tax zone

8. Communication & Education (Karen)

- ❖ Karen reminded us that we should give a tip to Abby Standfuss, a Boonies server, who helped with the CLA picnic. **David made a motion to give her \$50.00. The motion was 2nd, and passed unanimously. Action: Bob issue a check.**

9. New Business

- ❖ none

10. Adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Minutes by Sandra Russler, CLA Secretary