

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2011
(For review and vote at 2012 Annual Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER: President Rob Reed called the meeting to order at 4:05PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President-Rob Reed, Vice President- Bob Fagan, Treasurer-Mary Griffin & Members at Large-Claude & Jane Pepper. Jane Pepper taking minutes in Pam Hughes absence

RESIDENTS PRESENT:

Bob & Chris Burtch, Don & Carol Cochran, Rick & Barb Eldridge, Dick & Barb Fenby, Robert & Dolores, Horan, Claude & Jane Pepper, Howard & Blanche Perron, Charles & Inge Spaulding, Janet Wood, Carol & Steve Lyman, Tom Renton, Scott Vanderhill, Fred Winebarger, Sheila Meier, Olith Hovey, Ott Gingrich, Mary Cowles, Jamie Stifler, Mary Dalton, Susanne Dalton, Scott & Shirley Palma, Susan Anderson, Margaret Prince

READING OF LAST YEARS MINUTES: Rob Reed read 20010 Annual Meeting Minutes. Corrections: Janet Wood's name was left off residents present; 900 perch planted, not 1900. 25,000 feeder minnows planted. Motion made to support, was seconded and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Griffin reported... 6/13/2010 balance \$2,902.19.

INCOME

*Art Works refund	\$ 200.00
Interest since 6/012010	\$ 2.63
Dues paid since 6/13/2010	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 502.63

EXPENSES

Food for 6/13/2010 meeting	\$ 91.67
Michigan Riparian,5 subscriptions @ \$8.00	\$ 40.00
Colfax Township Hall-Rent, 8/04/2011	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 181.67

BALANCE \$ 3,223.15

*Art Works doesn't have sufficient staff to support efforts to write a history of Clear Lake.

ANNUAL DUES: \$15 per year or \$25 for two years will be accepted at this meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WEED CONTROL:

MILFOIL: President Rob Reed and Vice President Bob Fagan have been working with Enviro Science regarding our milfoil growth. Growing conditions have been favorable and all lakes have generous growth and weed problems this year. Lakes using chemicals & mowing report the same problems.

1. Enviro Science will come do a weevil survey at cost of \$1,200 -\$1,500.
2. Steps to help preserve our weevil population: Weevils spend most of their life on milfoil in the lake. They overwinter in dry duff (dead plant matter). Duff can be composed of grass, native plants, or forest understory growth. Weevils

begin to move a shore in Sept and Oct. and return back to the water when the ice begins to thaw.

- Create a vegetative buffer zone of non-mowed and non-raked shoreline year round. In addition to creating a more natural habitat for weevils, this also reduces shoreline erosion and run off of excess nutrients into the lake.

- At the end of summer and fall seasons, leave washed milfoil at the shoreline or move it to the edge of the vegetation until freezing so weevils can more easily move to shore.

3. Chemicals

Aquacide Pellets: Hand out supplied and can be found on Clear Lake Web Site. If used according to directions, this chemical won't kill the weevils but will kill milfoil and impact dollar bonnet/watershield. Rob Reed experimented with this chemical around his beach and dock area this summer with good success. Stop by and check it out.

Navigate is another chemical possibility. It contains 2% more two four D than aquacide.

Discussion ensued.

- Keeping a usable, neat beach area requires considerable work which includes raking to keep milfoil from planting and to remove growing milfoil; picking/pulling/cutting weeds; using methods to support weevil survival in addition to chemicals. No single item works alone.

- If all home owners would treat their beach/dock areas, perhaps it would encourage our weevils to eat in the greater lake. If applied during the second or third week of May, it wouldn't interfere with the weevils' migration from land to lake and everyone would know to avoid swimming 3 days before and after that time period. Everyone could use their chemical of choice as long as it is known to be one of the least harmful types and it is applied using application instructions so as to avoid putting in too much which could damage weevils and fish.

- MOTION: Rick Eldridge made a motion that all home owners be encouraged to treat their own beach/dock areas during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of May using the described guidelines. Motion seconded by Rob Reed. Motion carried.

- ### 4. Water Shield/dollar bonnet (we've been calling duck weed) & Lilly pads:
- Both remain plentiful although the water shield seems to be reducing the number of lily pads. While the DNR reports them a good source of oxygen for the lake, they can make channels unusable. Hand pulling remains the best control method. Aquacide says it's effective for killing water shield.

HISTORIAN REPORT: Since Art Works has refunded our money and won't be able to finish writing our Clear Lake History, what happened to the work underway and supporting documents? It was suggested that Marion Beetle may have answers to this question.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clear Lake Web Site: Bob Burtch continues to do a great job with our web site and welcomes input and pictures. E-mail Information for the web site to Bob at rburtch@charter.net. Please take advantage of this useful site and stay up to date with

what's happening on the lake. http://webpages.charter.net/rburtch/Clear_Lake/index.htm
(under space between Clear_Lake).

Fish Planting: There are no plans for fish planting until the weeds are better controlled.

Golf Course Status: Meceola will be taken over by the bank, Nov. 11, 2011 and then an auction will be held. There are a couple of interested parties. The bank is currently paying for a grounds crew and members are playing the course.

Distributed: Handouts on Aquacide Pellets (can be found on Clear Lake Web Site);
Milfoil Solution Maintenance Survey

Election of Officers: Motion made and seconded to keep the same slate of officers.
Motion carrier. Rick Eldridge agreed to become a member at large.

SHARE HOLDER'S COMMENTS:

1. Chris and Christine Berke are out of town and left a letter to be read stating their concerns about weed growth and encouraging that something be done. They will support with funds and in other ways needed.
2. Could we harvest milfoil/weeds? Don't want to lose our weevils.
3. Pepper's aeration system isn't magic but is decreasing their muck and keeps the water level adequate to support their boat. In past they would have needed to remove their pontoon boat by this time of year.
4. Hunting over the lake: It is permissible if 500 ft. from residences.
5. Please say thank you to Dan Hatchew for removing the old trailer and cleaning up the area. He purchased the property.
6. Lake rakers may be available. Person with the knowledge will get contact information to Bob Burtch for web site.

NEXT MEETING: This time seemed to work well. Will work towards a similar date for next year.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:15P