

## **Clear Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

**September 3, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chris Berke at 9:04 a.m. at The Clear Lake Golf Club.

### **Roll call of officers:**

Present:       President—Chris Berke  
                  Vice President—Bob Fagan  
                  Treasurer—Scott Palma  
                  Secretary—Christine Berke  
                  Members at Large: Cheryl Courtney

Absent:         Rick Eldridge

Lake residents present: Mike & Pam Hughes, Joe Day, Terry Nerbonne, Russ Wallsteadt, Ben & Jan Mumah; Ken & Linda Maneke, Steve Lyman, Sheila Meier, Cindy Fagan, Sue Anderson, Jamie Meier, Jim Biddlecome, Mary Ryan, Ann Shuck, Nick Zoa

### **Reading of the September 3, 2016 minutes:**

Minutes were read. Bob Fagan moved to accept the minutes as read and was seconded by Jim Biddlecome.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as of 9/3/2016:		\$2,847.44
Income: Dues since 9/4/2016:	\$125.00	
Interest since 9/4/2016:	.75	
Total		\$ 125.75
Expenses: Mary Griffin-Food for meeting:	\$37.97	
Michigan Riparian:	\$66.00	
Total		\$ 103.97
Balance as of 9/3/2017		\$2,869.22

### **Old Business/Standing Committees Reports**

**-Clear Lake Plant Control:** Less acreage was treated this year for Eurasian Milfoil. The annual cost to treat was \$6,500. Concern was expressed about the native plant growth now, especially on the east end of the lake. Best way to reduce native growth is to use the beach.

Over all consensus was that improvement was being made. There was discussion about the lily pad being a protected plant species.

Terry Nerbonne expressed concern about the amount of Eurasian Milfoil in the front of his beach. Mike Hughes reassured Terry that the professional management of the Eurasian Milfoil is “well-worth” the investment we are making in our lake.

**-Taxes:** There was a review of how the special assessment process works.

As the treatment cost for the Eurasian Milfoil decreases, we will need to inquire what our surplus options will be. Will we pay less taxes, keep the surplus in an account with the Colfax Township? Currently, taxes are \$389.61 for full lots and \$194.21 for half lots. Cheryl Courtney suggested we continue to carry over tax funds in the Township to keep it on the books.

Bob Fagan discussed that we will need that money in reserve to keep treating the Eurasian Milfoil in the future.

**-Muskrats:** Chris Berke reported that Carl Misener trapped 21 muskrats in 3 days. Mike Hughes stressed that it is important to “manage” the muskrat population, so our beach property would not be destroyed.

## **New Business**

**-Updating Contact list:** Nick Zoa is maintaining contact list through our Clear Lake Web site. Also, Nick reported that the Clear Lake web site had been hacked by the Russians during the 2016 election year.

Mary Griffin sold her house to Ryan Miller

**-Election of Officers:** It was moved by Ben Mumah and seconded by Mike Hughes that the following officers serve the term:

President-Chris Berke

Vice President-Bob Fagan

Treasurer- Scott Palm

Secretary-Christine Berke

Members-at-Large-Cheryl Courtney and Rick Eldridge

It was voted on and passed.

**-Mid-Summer Party:** A brief discussion took place about a summer gathering to get to know our lake neighbors.

**-Other Business:** The buoy needs to be replaced over the “hazard” rock. Bob Fagan and Jim Biddlecome said they could do it.

Discussion about creating/buying Clear Lake T-shirts. Christine Berke, Sue Anderson, and Cheryl Courtney will check into this.

Need to get a thank you card out to Mary Griffin for her years of service as treasurer to the Clear Lake Association.

Appreciation to the board was expressed by the lake residents.

**Adjournment:** Bob Fagan move to adjourn at 9:55 a.m.