

## **Clear Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

**September 1, 2018**

**I CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Chris Berke at 9:07 a.m.

**II OFFICER ROLL CALL:**

President-Chris Berke-present

Vice President-Bob Fagan-present

Treasurer-Scott Palma-present

Secretary-Christine Berke-present

Members-at-large: Cheryl Courtney-present

**III READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from September 3, 2017 were read. One amendment to the Clear Lake Plant Control was made to read “the annual Progressive AE consultant fee is \$6,500” from “the annual cost to treat was \$6,500.” It was moved to accept the minutes with the amendment and seconded; voted and passed.

**IV TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Balance for 9/3/17 is \$2,869.22

Income: Dues:       \$ 300.00

Interest:       \$     .75

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Balance for 9/1/18   \$3,205.37

**V OLD BUSINESS/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Review of the plant control program:**

Budget for treatment to begin 2016

Total Amount of annual assessment:       \$30,000

Budget breakdown:

Eurasian Milfoil weed treatment:

(this will vary each year)	22,500
Annual management plan:	6,500
Administration contingency:	1,000

#### 2016

One treatment:	22,000
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#### 2017

First treatment:	3,440
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Second treatment:	\$ 5,000
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#### 2018

First treatment:	651
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Second treatment:	11,000
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Jim Biddlecome questioned what Progressive AE's thoughts were on the effectiveness of the Eurasian Milfoil treatment in our lake. Chris Berke reported that the consultant is pleased with how the treatment was going. We are now reaching a level of weed maintenance.

Bob Fagan and Chris Berke will meet with the Colfax Township board about rolling over the surplus and extending the special assessment as we have two more years under the current assessment. The thought is that the tax assessment will be at a lesser level to help with ongoing Eurasian Milfoil maintenance. We will need to research what our options are.

It was discussed whether we will need to continue to hire a lake consultant once their contract is completed. We will have to look into this further to make sure we are doing what is in the best interest for our lake.

### **Clear Lake Kayak Poker Run**

Over 42 people took part in the fun this year. Ten families from the lake participated. The topic of children came up, as concern was raised about this being an activity that included alcohol and gambling and that this activity lent itself to an all adult crowd. Many on the lake would like to have their children with them, as well as some people who participate from the outside community. Ideas of consent forms for children and arm bands were brought up. One option that was discussed and agreed upon is that we have another activity for the lake resident families. A specific time for the drawing needs to be in place as a few folks paid and didn't get to draw their poker hand.

### **Muskrats**

Carl Meissner trapped 24 muskrats in 2017. We are not looking to eradicate, but to control the population. He will be trapping again in November and will comply with the wishes of those who do not want him to trap on their beach.

### **Updating contact list**

This is an ongoing task. If you know of any changes, please let Christine Berke know. Also, a Clear Lake Facebook page was discussed. Christine Berke will work to get this up.

### **Clear Lake Mid-Summer Party**

This has been on our list for at least three years. After the discussion from the Poker Run, it has been decided to create a new standing committee titled The Social Committee. A motion was made to start The Social Committee and was moved by Nick Zoa and seconded by Bob Fagan. Jim Biddlecome agreed to head this committee. Members of this committee are: Susan Salinger, Ryan Miller, Tom Langley, Roy & Ann Axford, and Christine Berke.

Some ideas that were discussed were a mid-summer lake party, a sail boat regatta, and a memorial golf outing in an accomplished lady golfer's name who lived in the Lake Wood Association.

## **VI NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Dredging**

Concern about the thick weeds on the east end of the lake was discussed and the possibility of dredging to clean the area up. It had been researched and dredging is not cost effective. It would cost \$20.00/cubic yard, which would cost \$80,000-\$100,000/acre.

### **Buoy**

The Clear Lake Association can not put the buoy out unless we have a permit from the DNR. Bob Fagan will find out what it will take to get a permit. We do need to get this taken care of because people are damaging their propellers on this rock. The buoy has been sitting in the front of the Berke's garage.

Bob Fagan and Jim Biddlecome will get the buoy and install it next spring.

### **Native plant identification**

Christine Berke gave a brief presentation on the native aquatic plants in our lake after much discussion about how thick some of the plants were getting this summer. While riding with the Progressive AE team in July, Christine learned that the native plants are part of our ecosystem. In talking with Rick about how to best control the overgrowth, he recommended that raking is our best option. There are other ways to control it such as a mat, but gases get trapped under the mat and that is not healthy for the lake. Dredging is too costly.

Ryan Miller brought his new lake rake he just purchased and shared how it was made and how it works. He has been working his beach and is seeing a big difference in the cleanup. He said it cost \$169.00.

### **T-shirt**

Susan Anderson, Susan Salinger, and Christine Berke will put some ideas together to present to the Association.

### **Manuscript**

Christine Berke has a copy of the Clear Lake History manuscript. Ryan Miller, Nick Zoa, and Christine Berke will start going over this.

### **At-Large Members**

Nick Zoa was voted in as an At-Large-Member.

### **Other new business**

Bob Fagan shared that Joe Wright has a wooden raft with barrels for sale: call (812) 598-4140.

Susan Salinger is looking for someone to rent her cottage until late spring. You can e-mail her, or let Christine Berke know.

VII **ANNUAL DUES:** \$15 per year or \$25 for two years. Scott will accept dues at the end of the meeting.

VIII. **SPECIAL STORY:** Words from a former Clear Lake resident: The Legend of the Headless Fisherman.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Berke

Secretary