

**Clear Lake Association Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2020**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:03
- 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 Nick Zoa-absent
  - 23 total in attendance
- III. READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
  - Minutes from August 31, 2019
  - Minutes approved
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Get report from Scott
  - Treasurer's report approved.

BALANCE 8/31/2019                      \$3,308.05

INCOME

Dues paid since 09/01/2019	\$288.00
Fish Fund	\$395.00
Interest paid since 09/01/2019	\$0.75
TOTAL	\$683.75

EXPENSES

2019 Meeting	\$36.00
Bank Fees	-\$37.00
Riparian	\$64.00
Go Fund Me Expense	\$11.71
Fireworks	\$300.00

TOTAL \$374.71

BALANCE 9/5/2020 \$3,617.09

V. OLD Business/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Review of the plant control program

Unable to meet for spring with Progressive AE

Board made the decision to stay with Progressive AE

\$40k surplus; stayed with Progressive AE so as to not have to start all over again

Special assessment will now be \$200 from \$100 back lot/year

Muskrats

-Carl Meissner got 13 muskrats along the Berke shore line. Another trapper got 30.

-Let Christine know if you do, or do not, want trapping.

Clear Lake Midsummer Party

-Covid happened

Fireworks

-It happened. Plans will be made for 2021.

High Water

-Water at an all time high. Have no out/inlets. Rely on absorption and evaporation.

-Ryan reported levels: Up from 2018 May to 2019 7.5 inches higher; up 11 inches from 2018; down 17 now from the beginning of the summer.

-Russ Wallstead looking into out let for high levels on the west end.

-Established lake level from FSC (Ferris State College) report from 1983?

-Renton Cottage taken down from being flooded

-The golf course doesn't have equipment to pump water out of the lake

-EROSION is happening! Folks are putting up sea walls at great expense.

-Discussion concerning the new culvert installed at 150th contributing to water level in the future.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Special Assessment District
  - Gave update in old business
- Discussion about harvesting took place: Harvesting native plants is not in budget. Harvest pathways for each owner? Chris will check into this further.
  - \$400 acre for native plants/\$450 for starry stonewort.
- A question was posed about obtaining a permit for harvesting to maintain healthy aquatic plants from EGLE. Yes, a permit is needed.
- Ryan Miller: demonstrated use of double bladed rake. Cuts and pulls in weeds. It's called the T Weeder rake.

## -Fireworks Saturday July 3rd

- Work with Golf Course; make donations
- Ben moves that we donate \$300. Cheryl seconded. Passed
- Private owners are already donating

## -Fish Fund

- \$695 balance
- Roger Rickey suffered a major stroke and sold his Clear Lake property.
- Keep donations coming or refund?
- The question of the efficacy/impact of minnow planting was raised
- Does not have a negative impact on current aquatic life.
- DNR regulates what goes into the lake and requires a permit.
- Do we get away from the minnows?
- Sean Kelly will check work with others about the best fish to plant
- Contact Sean to help and contribute to the fund.

## -T-shirt: shape of lake with row boat, maybe?

-Midsummer Clear Lake Celebration

- Who wants to Coordinate this?
- Do we want to schedule it for July 3, 2021?
- Fireworks/Picnic/Band

-Virginia VanWie Golf Outing Unrelated to the fourth to commemorate

- Schedule a date
- Invite Ferris women's golf team to participate
- Make a contribution to women's golf league
- Initiate Virginia getting into the state hall of fame?
- Get a plaque to recognize her at hole 9

-Downed Trees in lake

- What to do with trees falling into the lakes? What is the Liability?
- Wait until winter for the lake to freeze to cut trees.
- Chris will find out what we can do about these.
- It was suggested to mark the trees to help boaters identify down trees.

Bouy: Christine will check with Barb Cummings about storing buoy on her property.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 11:28