

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President Chris Berke with 22 members present.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Present: Chris Berke (President), Ryan Miller (Vice President), Scott Palma (Treasurer), Linda Telfer (Secretary), Cheryl Courtney (Member-at-Large)

Absent: Nick Zoa (Member-at-Large)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Susan Salinger, seconded by Pam Hughes, that the minutes of the September 3, 2022 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Scott Palma reported the following:

Beginning Bank Balance as of 9/3/22 \$2418.44

Income:

Dues paid since 9/3/22	\$ 650.00	
Fireworks	\$ 390.00	
Fish Fund	\$ 660.00	
Interest	\$.34	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1700.34

Expenses:

2022 Meeting	\$ 36.00	
Bank Fees	\$ 0.00	
Fish Fund	\$ 960.00	
Fireworks	\$ 890.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$1886.00</u>

Bank Balance 9/2/23 \$2232.89

Accounts	Fish Fund	Fireworks
Authorized Alloc.9/3/22	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Member Donations	\$ 460.00	\$ 390.00
Lakewood Contribution	\$ 200.00	
Expenditures	-\$ 960.00	\$ 890.00

Scott indicated that he would send the assessment figures to the membership.

Motion by Jim Biddlecome, seconded by Russell Wallsteadt, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Current Weed Control Program

President Chris Berke reported that invasive species continue to be monitored. A survey was taken in May, 6.5 acres were treated on June 12th. Another survey was done in June/July and the results showed that there was spotty milfoil and no treatment was needed. On August 28th, Chris received a map of where the invasive species were. This map will be distributed to members. All members present felt that the weed situation has improved with boaters able to navigate the lake.

Russell Wallsteadt expressed his desire to remove dead weeds from the lake but was unsure of how to proceed. Chris Berke indicated that he will check with the company and report back to Russell. Russell was concerned with the lack of fish beds and crawfish this year. It was suggested that he talk to a biologist but that it may be due to the high temperatures and lack of rain.

Jim Biddlecome recommended that we put a sign at the public access indicating what the Clear Lake Association has done to improve the lake. Jim was asked to head this committee and maybe include a donation box at the public access.

Discussion took place on the size of fish in the lake and what lake owners could do to assist with this. A suggestion was to put a ruler in the boat when fishing and do not keep the smaller fish.

Downed Trees

Chris Berke indicated that a tree fell on his property damaging his dock and boat which has been cleaned up already. He is planning to have the dead trees removed from his property this winter if the ice is thick enough. Mike Maneke asked about the downed trees on the shoreline on the southeast end and how to remove them. Discussion followed with the possibility of contacting the Amish for assistance.

Lake Buoy

Chris Berke reported that the lake's buoy is doing its job. Thank you to Dawn and Ray Bowman who made the repairs to the buoy this year. Also thank you to Ryan Miller who places it in the water and removes it each year.

Fireworks/Boat Parade

Another successful year with the fireworks on Clear Lake this year with the Clear Lake Association and the Lakewood Association both contributing as well as individuals. Discussion followed on the Boat Parade and the Boat Decorating Contest. All members present were asked to participate next year. It was decided that a picture of each decorated boat would be sent to Chris Berke for identification purposes in determining the winner next year. The pictures would be placed on the Clear Lake Association Facebook page where voting could take place. "Foreign" boats would be allowed. A suggestion was made to start the boat parade a little earlier next year. Shirley Palma shared a picture of the "Winner's Sign." This sign will be used year after year.

Muskrat Trapping

Chris Berke reported that 58 muskrats were taken last year. Cheryl expressed her concern about the Great Blue Herons getting into the traps. She suggested that trapping begin mid-November instead of the first of November so that the Great Blue Herons do not get caught in the traps. Chris Berke will contact Mike Miller (trapper) to arrange this. Cheryl Courtney requested that they not trap in front of her house.

Fish Fund

Sean Kelly distributed the Clear Lake Fish Management Report and indicated that 200 hybrid bluegills and 200 walleyes were planted last year. He indicated that the fish size and abundance appears similar to a year ago. A few of the stocked hybrid sunfish and walleye have been reported to have been caught. A lot of the 18-20" Northern Pike are being caught on the west end of the lake which are small compared to their potential. There is an abundance of Largemouth Bass with many being seen/caught in the 12-15" range. (More information under new business)

Spongy Moth Spraying

Members present thought that this was on the downside now. No further action to be taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks 2024

Motion by Russell Wallsteadt, seconded by Cindy Fagan, to donate \$500 from the Clear Lake Association for the fireworks. Motion passed. Anyone can personally donate to the fireworks by sending their check to Scott Palma, payable to the Clear Lake Association, with the word "Fireworks" in the memo line.

Fish Fund 2024

Sean Kelly reported that fish size and abundance is similar to last year. Discussion followed on other possibilities. Motion by Sean Kelly, seconded by Susan Salinger, to spend \$300 for the purchase of 150 hybrid bluebills and 250 walleyes this year. Motion passed. Individuals were encouraged to personally donate to the Fish Fund by sending their check to Scott Palma, payable to the Clear Lake Association with the words "Fish Fund" included in the memo line. Members were asked to approach those who fish Clear Lake to financially contribute to stocking the lake.

Membership Drive

Chris Berke reported that there are 81 lots on the lake and 5 back lots with only about 30% of those participating or donating to the Clear Lake Association. The desire is to get more people involved with this organization. Dues are only \$25 a year and the Board is currently working on some ideas. Bob Eastley will encourage members of the Lakewood Association to join at their next meeting. It was suggested that a newsletter be sent with a prepaid envelope for returning dues/donations.

Lake Level Report

Ryan Miller distributed a Clear Lake Water Level Report. He shared that from May to August in 2018 the water level dropped 23". From April to August 2023, the water level dropped 13.5". Since the lake has no outlets, the water level depends on rainfall and evaporation.

Bob Fagan shared that for every day it is 70 degrees in the summer and full sunshine, the lake will lose $\frac{3}{4}$ inch per day.

Russell Walsteadt shared the history of the outlets being taken out and noted that in 1968 the golf course stopped pumping water for the course.

Thank You

Thank you was expressed to:

Dawn and Ray Bowman for the repair of the buoy.
Roy and Ann Axford for taking care of the downed tree.
Chris Berke for being President of the Clear Lake Association
Clear Lake Association Board for their service.
The residents who are improving their properties around the lake.

Welcome to New Residents

New residents of the lake were introduced.

Troy Hallman who bought Glen Norton's place and is remodeling it.
Susan Labas (Bob Eastley's spouse) and they are remodeling and adding on to their house.

OTHER BUSINESS

Clear Lake Picnic

Linda and Ken Maneke will be hosting the first Clear Lake Picnic on **JULY 14, 2024**.
More information will be forthcoming.

Facebook Page

Sean Kelly questioned if the Clear Lake Association Facebook page could be limited to members only. It was noted that members themselves can determine who sees their post. Linda Telfer will put more securities in place also.

ANNUAL DUES

Members were encouraged to pay their annual dues of \$25.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Submitted by
Linda Telfer, CLA Secretary