

**CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 30, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Chris Berke called the meeting to order with 41 people present.

**OFFICER ROLL CALL**

Officer roll call was taken with all officers being present with the exception of Susan Salinger, Member-at-Large.

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 31, 2024 MINUTES**

Motion by Cheryl Courtney, seconded by Mike Hughes, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Scott Palma reported the following activities since the last meeting:

<b>BANK BALANCE 8/31/24</b>	\$3,388.72
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues paid since 8/31/24	\$725.00
Fireworks	\$731.00
Fish Fund	\$980.00
Interest	<u>\$ .29</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,436.29</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
2024 Meeting	\$55.77
Picnic	\$343.72
Mailings	\$73.00
Riparian	\$166.00
Fish Fund	\$1,460.81
Fireworks	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,099.30</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE 8/30/25</b>	<b>\$2,725.71</b>
Fish Fund Balance 8/30/25	\$19.19
Fireworks Balance 8/30/25	\$231.00
Lake Treatment 9/7/24-7/25/25	\$17,876.92

Motion made by Cindy Fagan, seconded by Mike Hughes, to accept the Treasurer's Report.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade**

Cheryl Courtney reported that one member of the committee moved and Mark Ryan was overlooked on the committee but that she had conferred with the Board regarding the 2025 Boat Parade. A \$100 cash prize was won by Tracy Warner & Dawn Thompson through a random drawing. They donated the money back to the association. The \$100 was provided by the individual Board members. Cheryl asked those present if they saw anything that needed to be changed for the boat parade next year; no comments were made.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

No Ad Hoc Committees as this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2025 Picnic**

President Chris Berke thanked Sean and Carol Kelly for hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Picnic with about 50 people in attendance. He asked those present to mark their calendars for next year as the picnic is the Sunday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### **Membership Drive**

President Chris indicated that the Clear Lake Association newsletter has grown with interest articles being added. This was mailed to all residents of the lake (approximately 80). He encouraged everyone to join the Clear Lake Association and explained that the \$25 membership fee covers the newsletter costs, fireworks donation, fish purchase, donuts and juice for the annual meeting and picnic supplies.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Welcome New Residents**

The following new attendees were introduced:

Ed Meier (North Clear Lake Dr.)  
Dave Morgan (Forest Lane)

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Dave & Teresea Schlump (McKinley)  
Tom Renton (Colfax Cove)  
Peter Gingrich (North Clear Lake Dr.)  
David Christensen (North Clear Lake Dr.)

Ryan Miller indicated that Jamie & Terry Larson have purchased a home on Forest Lake.

### **Renewal of Special Assessment**

President Berke indicated that the Special Lake Assessment has went through the procedures and is now renewed for another five years. He indicated that one large treatment was done this spring. The last survey resulted in only three little plants being found.

Russell Wallsteadt indicated that he found that the milfoil is down deep this year.

Peter Gingrich asked if the consultant could tell us what weeds we have, when would he approach treatment on other weeds, what is causing weed growth, and can we as property owners do something about it. Chris Berke will speak to the consultant regarding this.

### **Fish Management**

Sean Kelly indicated that he has been working with the DNR for the past six years on the fish stocking effort. He indicated that the Northern Pike is smaller and they are over populated. A total of 32 spinal fin samples were sent to the DNR for study. He indicated that the FSU Fishing Club has seen a decrease in bass size and weight in Clear Lake. Discussion followed on whether it was a good idea to plant walleye and perch since we are then feeding the walleye.

Motion by Mike Hughes, seconded by Jan Mumah, to stock the lake at the same level as last year. Motion passed.

Motion by Sean Kelly, seconded by Ryan Miller, to approve \$500 from the Clear Lake Association for the use of purchasing fish. Motion passed.

Sean Kelly indicated that he would contact Mark Tonello to see if a meeting could be arranged in the new future with the Clear Lake residents to talk about the fish situation.

## **Fire Protection**

John Currie indicated that after the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, they had a fire at the golf course on the fireworks wagon and the Colfax Township Fire Department was called. He received a bill for \$1000 because the golf course is considered commercial. Residential property owners would be charged \$500 per call. He is disputing the charge since property owners pay taxes for the fire department and asked that members present question their insurance companies to see if this would be covered and to also ask their township officials regarding why residents need to pay for the calls.

## **Lake Level**

Ryan Miller reported on the current level of the lake as compared to levels since 2018. Many factors determine lake levels including precipitation, evaporation as well as the inlets, outlets and/or springs. Everyone agreed that all lakes in the Great Lakes Region are down considerably this year. Sean Kelly spoke with the DNR and they indicated that we are not alone and that the DNR would not be doing anything about it.

Discussion followed on the problem of getting boats out this year with Russell Wallsteadt offering residents the opportunity to use his place to get their boats out if needed. Residents were asked to contact him first if they could like to do so.

Sean Kelly will look into what can be done at the boat launch for removal of boats.

## **Fireworks**

Motion by Cindy Fagan, seconded by Inge Spaulding, to donate \$500 to the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. Motion passed.

## **Muskrat Update**

President Berke reported that 33 muskrats were taken this year and that the trapper indicated that he is seeing a decline.

## **Member-At-Large**

Motion by Ann Axford, seconded by Ryan Miller, to nominate Cheryl Courtney to serve another two years as a Member-At-Large. Motion passed

Peter Gingrich agreed to serve as Member-At-Large for two years representing the Lakewood Association.

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### **Picnic Ideas 2026**

Chris Berke asked if anyone was interested in hosting the 2026 Annual Picnic. He noted that Susan Salinger indicated that she “might” be interested. If anyone else is interested, please let him know.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. with the consensus of the membership.

Submitted by

Linda Telfer  
Clear Lake Association Secretary