

## **CLBA ANNUAL MEETING (APPROVED)**

**June 10, 2012**

### **St Joseph Church, Lake City**

Len Tougas welcomed everyone and introduced the CLBA Board members in attendance. Thirty-six people attended the meeting.

The first part of the annual meeting covered several topics of importance to Clear Lake residents. The first topic was the fish population report. Virgil Eisenbeiz and Jim Kretchman contacted G, F & P in the spring to get the fish survey results for Clear Lake. Neither Virgil Eisenbeiz nor Jim Kretchman could attend because of family commitments, so Phil George provided some of Virgil's comments on the abundance of small northern in the lake this spring, a return of bluegills, a concern about walleye reproduction and the lack of larger perch.

Mark Ermer, G, F & P Northeast Regional Fisheries Manager provided a presentation on a lake shore habitat project and encouraged Clear Lake residents to participate in the project. Several people signed up. Mark also provided information about the size and number of northern, walleyes, perch and bass in the lake. (All the numbers are available on the G, F, & P's website (<http://gfp.sd.gov/fishing-boating/tacklebox/lake-surveys/northeast-lakes/default.aspx>.) Since there is very little natural walleye reproduction in the small northeast lakes, the G, F & P plans to stock Clear Lake every year and try to increase the number of walleyes in every year class. There is an abundance of small perch in the lake, but they are dying naturally at about 3 years of age. Genetic testing and other studies are being conducted to find the cause. Mark can be contacted at [Mark.Ermer@state.sd.us](mailto:Mark.Ermer@state.sd.us) or (605)345-3381.

Phil George talked about the Dakota Water Watch project that the CLBA is participating in this year. The project consists of three parts: water monitoring, bacteria testing and lake monitoring. Water monitoring covers water clarity and water pH. Since the DENR no longer tests the lake for e. coli bacteria, the CLBA board decided to take on that responsibility. Volunteers will conduct sampling and testing for six months, and one month's sample will be sent to the state health lab for bacteria testing. The lake monitoring part is basically the same as what we have been paying Dennis Skadsen and Dave German to do the past several years. Now volunteers will take samples, and the samples will be tested by DENR. East Dakota Water Development District is providing the equipment and supplies for all three parts of the project.

Len Tougas discussed options regarding the annual picnic for all lake residents. The options include continuing the lake-wide picnic or providing support for neighborhood picnics in lieu of a lake wide picnic. Although the sail boat regatta has been a fun event, a lack of participants has been a problem and it will be discontinued. Len Tougas talked about plans for the annual boat parade for all lake residents to be held on July 4. There will be just one parade category and prizes will be given for the winning entrants.

Marcia Forrester talked about the new “membership card.” It is a refrigerator magnet with important numbers on it. It also has the CLBA website listed. Each member will be given a “membership card.” There was also a discussion of other possible membership benefits. The CLBA board plans to erect more neighborhood watch signs this summer.

**Business Meeting Called to Order:** The business meeting was called to order at 2:30PM by President Len Tougas. Len added two more topics to the agenda-new business and old business. Delores Bruns made the motion to approve the agenda; second was made by Joe Piechowski. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes:** Copies of the 2011 annual meeting minutes and 2011 treasurer’s report were given to members in attendance. A motion was made by Dave Bankers to accept the 2011 minutes as written; second was made by Jerry Soholt. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Colette Hull made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report; second was made by Leon Koeppel. Motion carried.

**Membership Report:** There were 93 members in 2011. So far, there are 91 paid members for 2012.

**Old business:** A motion was made by Dave Bankers to discontinue the lake-wide picnic for all lake residents and provide \$100 to each neighborhood picnic/party up to a maximum of four neighborhoods; second was made by Ron Binger. Len Tougas commented that funding these activities was a way to encourage CLBA membership. Discussion included a comment on putting information about each picnic on the website. Motion carried.

**New business:** Since the CLBA is in good financial shape and the volunteer work with Dakota Water Watch is saving the organization about \$800-\$1000 each year, there was a discussion about reducing membership dues. Teddy Winburn made a motion to lower membership dues to \$20; second was made by Joe Piechowski. There was a discussion of potential funding projects for the CLBA to consider, including a scholarship, a source of boat gasoline on the lake, and a storm warning siren (contact county civil defense person). Motion Carried.

**Election of Officers:** There were 2 board positions open for election. Each position has a three year term. Phil George’s (East side) and Tom Snyder’s (North side) terms are up. Len Tougas read the nominations report which nominated Phil George for the East side position. There were no other nominations. Shannon George-Larson made a motion for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot cast; Leon Koeppel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Len Tougas read the nominations report which nominated Eileen Warzecka for the North side position. Ron Binger was nominated from the floor. Marcia Reints made a motion for nominations to cease; second was made by Terry Riedl. Motion carried. Ron Binger was elected as a North side board member.

**\$50 gift certificate prize drawing:** Larry Bosse won the \$50 gift certificate to Charlie’s.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue Bankers. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.