

## **2015 CLBA ANNUAL MEETING**

**June 14, 2015**

### **Lake City Community Center**

Vice-President Dave Bankers welcomed everyone to the annual meeting at 1:30 PM. Twenty seven people attended the meeting. Copies of the 2015 draft annual meeting minutes, the 2015-2016 treasurer's report and a CLBA magnetic sticker were given to all CLBA members.

Ron introduced Dr. Brian Blackwell, fisheries biologist with G, F & P Northeast Regional Fisheries. He presented information about small mouth bass research conducted in NE SD lakes, including Clear Lake. Netting of small mouth bass is ineffective in helping determine numbers—fall sampling is dominated by small fish. Netting underestimates size and age of the population. So the G, F & P undertook a study to capture data on the size of small mouth bass and their food habits, using electrofishing. Invertebrates make up a large share of the bass diets based on the number. Crayfish make up the largest share by weight. Fish make up a large share in the August, September months. In the Clear Lake portion of the study, yellow perch comprise 25 percent of the bass diet based on weight. Johnny Darters make up about 40 percent of the diet. In Clear Lake, no walleyes were found in the bass' stomach. The number of yellow perch varied by research period. There was a small number in the early stages of the research, but a higher incidence of yellow perch in the bass diet during the 2012-2013 research.

Brian also talked about the numbers of walleyes in the lake determined by netting. Walleyes were stocked in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. The 2011 is the largest year class in the lake. The 2015 netting found around 10 walleyes which is down from previous years. About 40 percent of the fish were above 15 inches. The goal is for 10 walleyes in each netting. The yellow perch numbers were very low at 10 perch. With very little runoff into the lake, natural recruitment has been a problem. The high netting was 120 perch in 2012. Very few of the yellow perch caught in the 2015 netting were above 8 inches. The crappie situation is much better, although only four were found in the 2015 netting. The number of eight inches is increasing. Blue gills are doing pretty well; there were 30 in the netting. The size above six inches is also picking up.

Phil George talked about the Dakota Water Watch project which will be changing slightly this year. The CLBA volunteers will still be doing the e.coli bacteria in-shore sampling, but the tests will be conducted by state labs. In addition, there will be additional mid-lakes testing of the water for multiple quality measures.

Terry Riedl talked about the annual boat parade. Members decided to have the parade on Sunday, July 3 at 3:30 PM. The boats will meet in the old Ivory Tower point area. The CLBA will again provide prizes to the winners: 1<sup>st</sup>-- \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup>-- \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup>-- \$50) and 4<sup>th</sup>--\$50. The CLBA will send out additional information about the parade as the time nears.

Phil George provided information about the neighborhood picnics. The CLBA Board members wanted to encourage the neighborhood picnics and would provide funding to help with the expenses. They will reimburse the following amounts: North (\$120), West (\$85), South (\$75), and East (\$70).

Ron also went over some things that have been issues around the lake. He said that the security light at the boat landing was not working. Ron also noted the lack of a garbage container at the landing. Marcia Reints said that some of the G, F & P signs are badly faded and need replacement, i.e. the no parking sign adjacent to the boat dock. Ron will be checking with Dan at Roy Lake State Park to determine what needs to be done to address those issues.

**Business Meeting Called to Order:** The business meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Ron Binger.

**Approval of minutes:** Since all members in attendance had copies of the 2014 draft minutes, a reading of the minutes was not done. A motion was made by Deloris Bruns to accept the 2014 minutes as written; second was made by Len Tougas. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phil George provided comments about the treasurer's report. The May 31, 2015 balance was \$12,490.56. Mike Forrester made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; second was made by Terry Riedl. Motion carried.

**Membership Report:** Phil George reported that there were 121 paid members in 2014, which was the highest total since 2007. So far, there are 102 paid members for 2015.

**Old Business:** None

**Election of Officers:** There were 2 board positions open this year; each position has a three year term. Phil George (East) and Ron Binger (North) terms are up this year. Both of them agreed to be nominated to the board. Sharon Prendergast made a motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for the candidates. Marsha Forrester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New business:** A suggestion was made to change the annual meeting date to a Saturday. Since this action would require a by-laws change, the board will look into the by-laws regarding changes.

Ron brought up the idea of a project to help clean up the lake by removing some of the junk in the lake. The board will look into the possibilities and perhaps schedule it for next spring.

**Cash drawings:** Jim Lilla won the \$50 gift cash drawing for members present at the meeting. Len Tougas won the \$100 drawing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Len Tougas and seconded by Marcia Reints. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.