

Clear Lake Betterment Association

ANNUAL MEETING

June 9, 2019

CLBA President Dave Bankers welcomed everyone to the annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. There were 68 people attending the picnic and meeting. Fifty-eight members signed the official roster. Copies of the June 2018 annual meeting minutes, 2018 treasurer's report, and January-May 2019 treasurer's report were provided to members attending.

Door Prizes: Throughout the meeting, Roger Sonstegard and Marci Reints conducted drawings for many prizes, beginning with "Members-Only" drawings for \$25 Gift Certificates to Buffalo Lake Restaurant, Charlie's, Club Eden, North Shore Artistry and Eatery and Schmidt's Custom Meats in Roslyn. Other drawing winners could select a prize from items displayed on the table.

PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS:

Game, Fish & Parks: Dave introduced Mark Ermer, Northeast Fisheries Manager for SD Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) who gave an interesting Power Point presentation on the status of Clear Lake and other glacial lakes in Northeastern South Dakota.

Venture Communications FTTH Project: Dave had visited with staff at Venture Communications and gave the group an update on the installation of Venture's "Fiber-To-The-Home" (FTTH) project that was in process at Clear Lake this summer. Property owners must have some type of Venture service (internet or phone or TV) in order to get an FTTH line to their home/cabin. Members were encouraged to call Venture if they had any additional questions.

CLBA on Facebook: Dave explained that previously CLBA had two Facebook pages --- the Clear Lake Betterment Association page was for "official" CLBA reports and business; the CLBASD Community Group page was for sharing photos, information, lost/found items, recommendations, etc. Since there were very few visits on the Clear Lake Betterment Association page in 2018, the board had decided to remove it, and to retain the CLBA Community Group page for all CLBA business and social communication. Members were encouraged to "like" the page, post their lake photos to it, post lost & found items, and other uses.

Boat Parade: The 2018 Board Parade had been canceled due to high winds. Since the 4th of July is on Thursday this year, the board asked for input on when to have the 2019 summer boat parade. Dave called for a show of hands on how many preferred the afternoon of July 4 and how many preferred the afternoon of Saturday, July 6. There was roughly an equal number of hands raised for each. A survey had also been posted on the CLBASD Community Group Facebook page for additional input. The Board planned to meet in the next week and make a final decision on the date. The boat parade will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the date selected. Prizes for winning entries will be 1st Place: \$100; 2nd Place: \$50; 3rd Place: \$25; and 4th Place: \$25.

Neighborhood Picnics/Parties: CLBA will again provide funding to help with the neighborhood picnics. They will reimburse the following amounts (based on area membership): North: \$120; West: \$85; South: \$75; and East: \$70. If anyone decides to host a neighborhood picnic, they can request funding by contacting the CLBA Treasurer Sandi Jaspers.

Personal Water Craft Regulations: Dave reviewed some of the basic regulations concerning Personal Water Craft (PWC) and encouraged members to make their family members aware of those regulations to insure a safe summer on the lake for all.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The CLBA Annual Business Meeting was called to order shortly after 2:00 p.m. by President Dave Bankers.

Approval of Minutes: Since all members in attendance had copies of the 2018 draft minutes, a reading of the minutes was not done. Kirk Hansen moved approval of the 2018 CLBA Annual Meeting minutes as distributed at the meeting, Jeff Breker seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi Jaspers went over the Treasurer's Report that had been distributed. She mentioned that when Phil George stepped down from the CLBA Sec./Treas. position in 2018, he had asked the board to have the books reviewed and/or audited by an outside source. Colette Hull of Data Management in Sisseton had reviewed the CLBA records, receipts and banks statements from 2011 through June 2018 on July 22, 2018 and found everything was in proper order. Phil was thanked for keeping such excellent records during his tenure. In 2018, CLBA began with a balance of \$8,738.75 and finished the year with a balance of \$9,808.61. The May 31, 2019 checking account balance was \$10,199.63. Jerry Soholt made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Terry Riedl seconded, motion carried.

Membership Report: Sandi Jaspers reported that there were 134 paid members in 2018, which surpassed the previous high in 2017. As of the annual meeting, Sandi had received 122 paid memberships for 2019. She thanked the members for their continued support.

Old Business: None

Election of Board Members: After 5 years as a CLBA Board member Marcia Reints had decided to retire from her CLBA Board position (West Side) with one year left of her 3-year term. The board has appointed Mark Luitjens to fill out the rest of her term.

There were 3 board positions open, previously held by Dave Bankers (South Side), Roger Sonstegard (West Side) and Terry Riedl (North Side). Dave and Roger had agreed to be nominated for another three-year term. After 6 years on the CLBA Board, Terry had chosen not to run for another term.

The membership thanked both Marcia and Terry for their years of service to the CLBA.

President Dave Bankers called for nominations for the North Side Director position. Mike Braun's name had been brought forward as a possible candidate. Jeff Breker nominated Jody Breker for the position, Dave Finley seconded. Mike Braun stated that he would remove his name from consideration if Jody was interested in serving on the board. Roger Sonstegard made a motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jody, Marcia Reints seconded. Motion carried and Jody was elected to represent the North Side for a 3-year term.

Nominations were called for the South Side Director position. Jerry Soholt made a motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dave Bankers, Norm Mack seconded. Motion carried and Dave was re-elected to represent the South Side for another 3-year term.

Nominations were called for the West Side Director position. Joan Brewster made a motion that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Roger Sonstegard, Steve Dirksen seconded. Motion carried and Roger was re-elected to represent the West Side for another 3-year term.

Other Lake Issues:

- Tom Snyder made a motion that the board purchase a PA system for use at the annual meetings so that members could hear the proceedings better; Ron Binger seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ron Binger encouraged others to carry bags with them from time to time and pick up garbage along the roads and property surrounding Clear Lake to keep things looking nice throughout the summer. He also suggested keeping the creeks and small tributaries clear of junk in the dry years so when the water runs through them in the wet spring the garbage is not swept into the lake.
- It was mentioned that fireworks and loud music should be kept to a minimum in the late-night/early-morning hours. Members were reminded that they can always call the Marshall County Sheriff's Office if loud noise is causing them concern.
- It was suggested a sign be posted at the public dock asking bass fishermen to be respectful of boats/pontoons/docks and other private property around the lake's edge to avoid damage while they're fishing.
- It was mentioned that this spring ice and snow had caused an obstruction at the outlet from Clear Lake that was causing higher water levels in the lake. Lake Township had hired someone to dig out the obstruction so the water could flow out better. That involved an expense of more than \$1,000 for the Township Board. After discussion, Jeff Breker made a motion to reimburse Lake Township \$1,000 for the expense that benefited lake property owners; Joan Brewster seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurer will get a \$1,000 donation check to Lake Township.

Adjournment: Joan Brewster moved the meeting be adjourned, Jan Dedrickson seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.