

Clearwater Lake Association, Inc./
Clearwater Lake Conservancy, Inc.
Annual Meeting
June 17, 2020 (Zoom Meeting)

The meeting was called to order via Zoom by Ron Green at 7:00 p.m.

There were 48 participants.

Meeting attendees can submit questions/comments in the “Chat” section of the Zoom meeting.

The board of Directors were introduced: Gary Perkins, Ron Green, Barb Schmitz, Lance Bauman, Katie Johnson, Charlie Lick, Kathy Peterson, John Smallkoski, Paul Bergren.

Volunteers were recognized for their service to the lake (Loon nests and rock pile buoys)

Clearwater Forest Report:

Lance Bauman introduced Jon Kirschofer and Doug Snaza.

- Doug Snaza (camp Outreach Director) reported that regular camp has been cancelled for summer, 2020, due to Covid-19.
- Jon Kirschofer (acting Capital Campaign Chair) discussed the planned construction/remodeling projects. The two main projects are the remodeling of the Dining Hall building and replacement of the Osprey building. He also explained the conservation easement (154 acres.) The capital campaign goal is \$2.2 million.

Treasurer Report was given by Barb Schmitz.

Lake Concerns

- Ron Green outlined key lake concerns.
 1. Invasives (2019 action – surveyed extent of Eurasian Water Milfoil. Significant increase was found (double from last season.)
 2. Loss of Native Vegetation

- Charlie Lick introduced James Johnson, Freshwater Scientific Services. He discussed:
 1. The complexity of lakes.
 2. Herbicide use in lakes, herbicide characteristics, herbicide concentrations and exposure times.
 3. ProcellaCor treatment on 2.4 acres in the southwest corner of Clearwater Lake.
 4. His conclusion that the amount of herbicide applied to Clearwater Lake in the past would not affect its natural vegetation.
 5. Rusty Crawfish
 6. Zebra Mussels (doesn't think there is enough food in the lake to support them – a “survivable” but not “flourishing” scenario.)

- Ron Green discussed the Rusty Crawfish issue.
 1. Trapping
 2. Predator species slot limits or catch and release
 3. Possible MAISRC pilot program on Clearwater Lake?

- Charlie Lick discussed recent EWM treatment history.
 1. No treatment in 2018
 2. 2,4-D and ProcellaCor treatment in 2019

- John Smallkoski presented the Fishery Report
 1. DNR will stock walleye in 2020
 2. Showed walleye, northern, large and small mouth bass, sunfish, crappie graphs
 3. Small mouth bass, sunfish, and rock bass will feed on rusty crawfish
 - 4.

- Katie Johnson gave the Loon Report
 1. Nine nests
 2. Six pairs with two chicks
 3. Two pairs with one chick
 4. One loon still sitting on a nest

- Ron Green presented the draft of the Lake Management Plan, which will be posted on the website (www.clearwaterlakemn.org). Homeowners are asked to review the plan and give input through the Survey Monkey survey that will be also posted on the website.
 Kathy Peterson also discussed the survey. She requested that any changes to members' contact information be sent to Secretary Barb Schmitz.

Miscellaneous

- The annual Boat Parade will be held on Sunday, July 5, 2020. Meet at Loon Point at 1:00 p.m.
- Name change. Gary Perkins moved to change the association's name to "Clearwater Lake Conservancy, Inc." The motion was approved.
- Board of Directors election. All current directors were approved.
- Volunteers. Julie Guth volunteered to do Secchi Disk readings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Schmitz

Secretary/Treasurer