

Homeowners' Annual Meeting Sunday May 25th 1 pm at Clearwater Forest

CHANGED DATE & TIME - Please plan to attend the homeowners' association meeting on Sunday May 25th at Clearwater Forest in the Dining Hall from 1 – 2:30 pm. Thank you to The Camp and Rich Swartworth for hosting.

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and welcome
- Treasurer's Report
- Clearwater Forest- update & Executive Director
- Milfoil – management strategy
- Governance –elect additional Board members
- Social Activities - ice cream socials & Lake dinner
- Other matters to cover

We encourage everyone from the Lake to join our annual meeting. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and we are working through issues affecting our whole lake.

Treasurer's Report

Louise Seliski's summary Treasury's report -

	2013	2014
Beginning Balance	\$1,900.79	\$3,411.30
> Deposits	\$13,650.00	\$8,630.11
> Expenses	(\$12,139.49)	(\$8,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$3,411.30	\$4,041.41

Louise will provide her full report at our Annual Meeting.

Annual Association Dues \$50 - If we all contribute our \$50 each year, we have the funding to handle priority issues of our Lake Association. Please make your check payable to Clearwater Lake Homeowners' Assn. and send to our treasurer: - Louise Seliski, 15479 Ladyslipper Lane, Deerwood, MN 56444.

Governance of Homeowner's Association

To continue to be good stewards of our Lake, and a well-organized Homeowner's Association, there are a few important steps we as members need to complete.

First, we are currently down to just to two Board members, Louise Seliski and Gary Perkins, in part due to DJ leaving the Camp and Jeff Zernov no longer Co-Chair. We need at least three additional Board members.

These Board members can be at-large Board members or take on specific roles (e.g. Secretary – like DJ was doing). Other potential roles include leading or being part of the Milfoil committee, helping with communication, or being Co-Chair.

Second, in the past our Association has operated informally with no governing documents. To be good stewards of the Association assets it's appropriate for our Association to be an incorporated entity, and this includes having guiding bylaws from which to operate. In addition, our members who have been volunteering their time to help frame-up a Milfoil management strategy believe its important for our Association to be a non-profit entity, a 501(c)3. This in part will allow all donations to the Association to become tax deductible.

Lastly, we would like to add more social activities to provide an opportunity for lake owners to get to know each other, help communication and awareness of lake wide issues, and because it's fun!

All these matters will need to be discussed and acted upon at our Annual meeting.

Clearwater Forest Update

Welcome Rich Swartwood – New Executive Director

A note from Rich -



As a point of personal privilege, I'd like to introduce myself and share how excited I am to be in this position! Years ago, I had the opportunity to spend a few nights at Clearwater Forest on our way to the BWCA with my youth group from Westminster Presbyterian Church. Those 8 nights to and from the BWCA as I look back over the years were pivotal in my current calling.

For the past 20 years, I served as the executive director of Pyoca Camp, Conference & Retreat Center. I thoroughly enjoyed that experience and in some ways feel I grew up there both spiritually and professionally.

My family will be finishing up the school year in Indiana, and will be relocating in early June. I have a wonderful wife, Caroline, who actively supports my ministry, is active in church, school and helps with the daily activities of our of our three kids, Ryan (16), Caitlyn (14), and Eric (11).

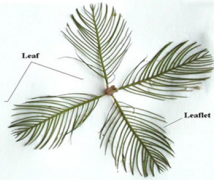
As family, we enjoy camping, the out of doors, and are active in school activities including band, cross country, and track.

Rich's contact information is:
e-mail - Rich@clearwaterforest.org
phone - 218-678-2325

Eurasian Milfoil 2014 Update

The Eurasian Milfoil on our Lake has continued to expand its areas of infestation. Thank you to all those members who have made donations to help treat this serious problem.

Those who participated in the invitation to join our "Dock Chat" last summer know our milfoil problem has continued to grow significantly. At this meeting



Eurasian Watermilfoil Leaf whorl

we had a professional, Roy Duy of Central Minnesota Aquatics, share his viewpoint of treatment alternatives and different ways other lakes have funded this

problem. Roy was also gracious to take a boat tour around a good part of our Lake with two of our lake owners. Roy pointed out how fast the milfoil had spread. In the prior year the infested sites were primarily on the mid-lake west side, and some in the southwest corner. On this 2013 summer survey a great number of sites were identified on the mid-lake east side and south east corner of our Lake.

Last year, with the donations made, and a \$1,500 grant, we were able to spend \$8,000 for professional treatment by Roy Duy of Central Minnesota Aquatics. This allowed treatment of just under 11 acres. Unfortunately, the infestation of milfoil is quite a bit larger than this area. We relied our Mr. Duy to prioritize the sites for our limited treatment based on his expertise of what would have the most impact.

Over the past several months a small group of volunteer members have been working to come up with potential alternatives for our Homeowner's Association to handle our Lake's milfoil problem.

At our annual meeting this group will share a framework for milfoil management strategy for the Association to agree upon. This presentation will include a scoping of our Lake's overall risk,

alternative treatment strategies (including costs), and funding options.

At our meeting please take a moment to thank our members who have been putting significant time into helping devise a strategy for us to discuss.

Our Lake's milfoil problem is a very significant problem for all of us. We look forward at our Annual Meeting to discussing an approach to best fit our Lake.

Loon Report

Thanks to the yearly nesting preparation efforts of Paulette and Jeff Zernov, and others, here is the success we have had the last six years:

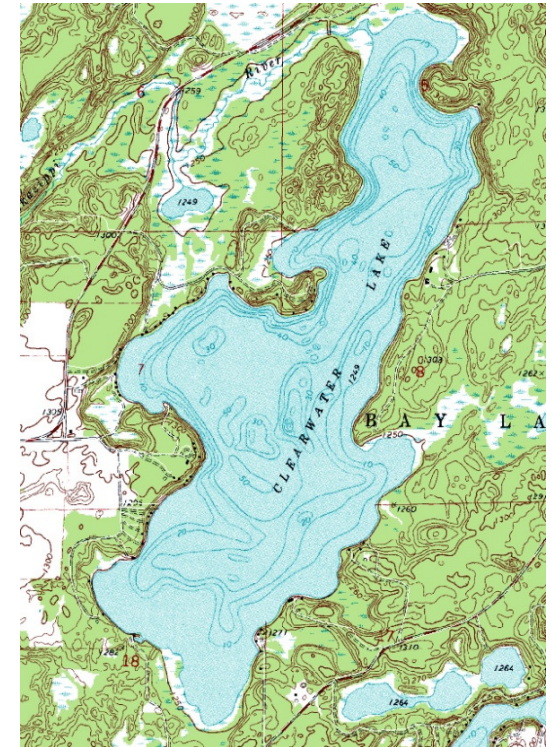
2008 - 7 chicks to adult,
2009 - 9 eggs and 4 chicks to adult
2010 - 12 eggs and 10 chicks to adult
2011 - 13 eggs, 6 chicks to adult
2012 - 16 eggs, 9 chicks to adult
2013 - 14 eggs, 7 chicks to adult



They are hoping to put radio trackers on some of the chicks this year so these loons' migration can be tracked. Should be interesting!

Roster - Please review the enclosed/attached Roster to ensure accuracy of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. This includes helping us get information on new lake neighbors and adult children. Please email or send new (or corrected) information to Gary Perkins at giperkins2@comcast.net or 4600 Hibiscus Ave, Edina, MN 55435.

Clearwater Lake Homeowners' Assn Spring 2014



Annual Meeting – Changed Date & Time - Please join us for the annual meeting of the Lake Association on **Sunday, May 25th, 2014 beginning at 1 pm** in the Dining Center of Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp on Crooked Lake Road. See inside for complete agenda

Chair – Gary Perkins

SEEKING VOLUNTEER TO BE CO-CHAIR