

CEDAR LAKE RECREATION ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING AUGUST 24, 2019

President Jane Harvey called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. at Porter Township Hall. About 40 people were present. She welcomed members and introduced the area reps and board members: Chris Onderlinde, treasurer, and Barb Walters, secretary were both absent, Joe Weist, vice president and Dick Vlasak filling in for Barb Walters. Area reps in attendance were: Don Dowey, Ann Poulman, Janice Rooks, Barb Mauk. Areas 2, 6, and 7 are in need of new reps. No new residents were in attendance.

Treasurer's report approved

Joe Weist presented the 2019 financial statement for the association. There is \$5480.53 in the checking account and \$6131.83 in the saving account. Total expenses of \$1287.76 were incurred, the major of which was liability insurance totaling \$952.00. Total income was \$2427 composed of dues \$1781 and logo merchandise \$646.

Minutes Approved

Minutes from the June 8, 2019 meeting were read by Dick Vlasak and approved.

Water Quality Report

Dane Terrill was not in attendance to present the water quality report. The report is to be published in the fall news letter.

Poker Run Recap

Don Dewey reported that the biannual poker run has continued to grow. This year 182 packets were sold up from the 100 packets sold at the first poker run. It was deemed a big success including the after party. Don is interested in passing on the coordination of the poker run and he has three folks interested in taking over.

4th of July Parade Awards

Joe Weist indicated that the evening boat parade was very successful with more boats than ever participating. First prize went to the Potts and third went to the McNally's. The second place winner is still to be identified with \$50 in prize bucks available.

New Business

Pete Cornish presented his concerns about wake board boats and the detrimental impact they are having on the water quality of the lake. He indicated that no turtles have come onto shore as was the case in past years. Multiple blue gill beds in front

of his property were now filled with silt. What can be done about this is up in the air and it's all caused by wake board boats. Other members indicated that it was mainly due to drop in boats and their operators not being aware of their impact by operating their boats too close to shore. It was suggested that info cards be placed at the landing to inform drop ins about being responsible boaters. This would be done with the approval of the DNR.

The clean boats clean waters program sponsored by MSU was well received with 30 boats being cleaned.

Much discussion was had involving the lake level and whether the Cedar Lake level of 893.4 (feet above sea level) was in fact a legal lake level. Overall residents were pleased with the amount of drop (approximately 10 inches) since spring. MDOT has been very busy all summer cleaning the drain between Big and Little Cedar resulting in the positive results. A diligent effort needs to continue in this area to avoid the problems experienced this spring.

Steve Clark indicated a recreation sticker on your license plate is now required to utilize the boat launch.

Jane Harvey discussed our weed issues. Unfortunately Starry Stonewort plant-like algae has been introduced into our lake. It is highly invasive not only outcompeting native submerged plants but exotic species also. It is very difficult to control but it is hoped that we have caught it early enough to get the upper hand on it. We also have Purple Loosestrife in a number of locations. If you have it in your area the easiest way to get rid of it is to pull it out. Dense amounts of this invasive species can be controlled with roundup and also a beetle shows promise for control. In terms of Eurasian Watermilfoil a new product ProselCOR was utilized in the Cedarama bay area. It is very environmentally friendly and also comes with a three year guarantee.

A discussion of the CLRA mission statement involved concern about the use of the word safe. A motion was made by Denis Kelly and second by Joe Weist to remove the word safe from the CLRA mission statement. A unanimous vote of approval followed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.

Submitted by Dick Vlasak