

CLRA Fall Meeting

August 24, 2013

- Meeting called to order by CLRA president Jerry Gilchrist
- The minutes from the June 18th meeting were read by David Kindt, and were approved through a motion by Dick Vlasak and seconded by Jim Hosbein
- CLRA treasurer Jim Hosbein read the treasurer's report. The checking account balance was \$16,434.00, and dues collected to date were \$2820.00 (representing 141 members). Water testing costs were \$30.00, \$800 in advertising was collected the newsletter, and \$250 in newsletter costs. \$1475 was spent for the history of Cedar Lake book. Mary Anne Rankin motioned to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Sandy Percich.

Speaker Rob Hogan (Republic Waste Services)

Mr. Hogan stated that it the intended goal of RWS to garner 100% of the Cedar Lake residential services. His company has restructured their rates to meet this end. They will be using 5 axis trucks that are more environmentally efficient, and plan to use only one truck one day per week; providing a benefit to lake residents – only one trash truck driving on our roads per week. In order to provide recycling services, they will require a 50% residential commitment. This year we would have to sort, but they project that next year, we would not be required to do so. The annual cost would be \$132/year for a 65 gallon container and \$140 for a 95 gallon. Recycling would cost \$9.00 per quarter with a bi-monthly pick-up. They will cap increases at 5% per year. Trash collection would take place every Monday. The rates are listed on their website and will apply to current customers. You may contact Mr. Hogan at (269) 217-6079 or email him @ rhogan@republicservices.com

Speaker Officer Jason Phipps (Water Safety)

In Van Buren County there are 113 lakes, of which 73 are accessible to the public. What you can expect in routine water safety inspections is:

- Life jackets must be accessible for everyone on the boat
- US Coast Guard approved throw-able device over 16'
- Registration up to date

- Operator is the owner or has permission from the owner
- Registration numbers must be block letters in contrasting colors
- If the boat has closed quarters or gas containers: boat must have a fire extinguisher
- Children under the age of 6 must be wearing life jackets.

Some changes to the law include:

- If you were born after 7/01/1996, you must have a boater's safety permit/certification & be age 12 or older.
- If born after 12/31/1978 you must have a boater's PWC safety, or else you could be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Must wear a lifejacket if being towed behind a boat.
- Children under 12 must be wearing a type I, II, III, IV life jacket if on a PWC
- Boat operator cannot be intoxicated – blood alcohol reading of over .10
- Open intoxicants are legal in boats – see preceding
- Blood alcohol readings appear higher on water than on land, for no obvious reason
- After sunset, boats must have lights on stern, port & starboard
- If parked, stern (or anchor light) only is acceptable
- No law against boating after dark, but you must have your lights on
- Paddleboards do not require lifejackets
- If under 14' boat, you can use seat cushions, & do not require life jackets
- Must maintain a distance of 100' from shore, or operate at slow, no wake speed
- Children 12 & over can take boater safety through Van Buren county for free (6 hour course), or can take an online, but must be Coast Guard, or state approved.
- There will be a link on the CLRA website for further information.

Julie Mason is working on the Cedar Lake history book. Her email address is

juliemason@frontier.com .

She needs some assistance in identifying some of the photographs. Once the printer gets it the turnaround time is 10 days. The stories are wonderful, and blank pages are included to write in your own stories. It should be ready by Christmas, but hoping to get it before Thanksgiving.

Dave Frank has accepted a position on the Lakes Area Sewer Authority for a 2 year term.

Jerry Melko from LASA shared an update:

- Sewer project loan is finalized (closed)

- Reminder about posting the stakes and the paperwork for Wightman & Associates - please have stakes in by 9/16/13
- Our Field Rep. is David Mitchell (269) 449-6845
- Ground breaking will commence on 9/16/13 on Cedarama & Bluff Drives, but it is possible that Becker and Bluff will be in the spring.
- Fees won't start until you receive your hook up notice
- Some roads will be closed, but will open for high traffic times.
- The contractor will coordinate EMS & postal services

Dave Kindt reported on water quality. He has assumed the water quality duties, Michigan Lakes and Streams. There is some curly leaf pondweed, is raking and sending the reports into the DNR. There is 1 more chlorophyll and 1 phosphorous reading to do this season.

Bill Tucholke shared a Cedar Lake depth chart and gave a report on the Cedar Lake merchandise.

Larry Wolfrum reported that the next newsletter will be mostly digital. He still needs emails for Dave and Mim Shannon and the Fosmoe's.

The motion to adjourn was made by Sandy Percich and seconded by Barb Wolfrum.