

Friends of Clam Lake (FoCL) 2009 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. Alden Community Methodist Church, Alden, Michigan

Board members present: Paul Sak, Art Hoadley, Jack Gartner, Jim Marling, Steve Hoadley, Cottie Volle, Thomas Frey, and Carol Hoadley. Thirty people were in attendance.

President Paul Sak called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m., welcomed members, and introduced the board. He said the insurance policy covers all board and committee members and volunteers acting on behalf of the organization and encouraged members to volunteer for activities.

The **minutes** from last year's annual meeting were presented and discussed. Jack Gartner moved to accept. Bob Schaefer 2nd. Vote of the membership, motion carried.

The **Year in Review** was presented in PowerPoint slide presentation with Cottie Volle discussing membership, Art Hoadley reporting on the Aerial and Shoreline surveys, Fred Sittel reporting about the loon program with the new nesting platform, and Paul Sak discussing the Watercraft Carrying Capacity, Elk Rapids Dam relicensing, and the Web Cam.

Art Hoadley presented the **Treasurer's Report**. Thomas Frey moved to accept the report, Jim Marling 2nd. Vote of the membership, motion carried.

The **Legal Fund** was discussed. Duane Ferris moved that the board be authorized to increase the Legal Defense Fund as appropriate. Thomas Frey 2nd. Vote of the membership, motion carried with 1 opposed. It was stressed the board would not deficit spend, but would appeal to members for additional legal funds, should the need arise.

Old Business: - Jim Marling reported on the Alba Well and court challenge. Information will be posted on the Web. The Court Date is Nov. 4th in Bellaire.

Election of Officers: Jack Gartner presented the slate. Nominations from the floor were called, but none received. Slate for 2009 – 2010:

President: Paul Sak
Vice-President: Robert Hockenberger
Treasurer: Art Hoadley
Secretary : Carol Hoadley
Directors at Large: Cottie Volle, Membership Chair
Steve Hoadley, Web Master
Jack Gartner
Fred Sittel

Jim Marling moved to accept the slate. Duane Ferris 2nd. Vote of the membership, motion carried.

New Business:

Education: Jack Gartner presented information on the Greenbelt, Septic Systems, and fall leaves. He said Heidi Lang has information on erosion control and handouts are available at the table. It was stressed not to burn or compost leaves on the lake shore. More information will be on the Web.

Helena Township Master Plan will take Public comment Wed. at 7:00. Paul called attention to several items which would affect Clam Lake including road ends and access sites, funnel

development, commercial development, and residential home size and encouraged members to attend and have their comments heard.

Member Comment:

Jim Marling reported it had been a pleasure to serve on the board and wished Fred Sittel well. He said he would continue to serve as Chairman of the By-Laws Committee and Alba Well and would attend the board meetings as a non-voting participant. (Applause for his service)

Bob Schaefer said we should continue to work with Grass River on items such as loon watch and other activities which affect Clam Lake.

Duane Ferris reported Purple Loosestrife growing on the shoreline of Clam River near the bridge. Fred Sittel will look into this.

Thomas Frey reminded everyone that Clam Lake is a public lake and that our organization is committed to the protection of the lake for all who live, play and/or work on Clam Lake.

Adjournment: Jim Marling moved the meeting be adjourned. Carol Hoadley 2nd. Vote of the membership, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Hoadley, Secretary