

Friends of Clam Lake 2011 Annual Meeting (FoCL)

Thursday, August 4, 2011, 6:30 p.m. Alden Community Methodist Church

Board Members present: Paul Sak, Fred Sittel, Cottie Volle, Thomas Frey, Steve, Art, and Carol Hoadley, and Jim Marling, Financial Committee Chairman. Other Members: 16

President Paul Sak called the meeting to order at 6:30 and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. He introduced the board and thanked all the volunteers who had worked on various projects.

The **minutes** from 2010 Annual Meeting were presented. Jim Marling moved to accept, Cottie Volle 2nd. Motion carried.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Art Hoadley. Jim Marling discussed the budget and review by the financial committee. Paul discussed the legal fund. Cottie moved to receive the treasurer's report, Jim 2nd, motion carried.

Cottie Volle reported on **Membership** which is now 117. She sent emails to past members and asked for help to notify more people, especially in Forest Homes township, as 29 households are on Crystal Springs Road. She suggested handing out the brochure to neighbors.

The **Year in Review** was presented. The combined education event "To Frack or Not to Frack" at the Depot was well received. Paul encouraged members to attend the next one "Not in the Drink" about hazardous wastes Aug. 16 at Torch Lake Township Park. We continue to work with other groups in the **Conservation Network**. **Loon Watch** is successful with last year's male returning to the nesting site shortly after it was placed in the water. Fred Sittel rebuilt the platform and two chicks were hatched, with one surviving. Both mother and chick were banded and have a geo tracker which will tell the location of the bird, pressure sensor for depth of dives, and a salt water sensor. **Watercraft Study** showed increased activity from last year. Specific results were presented on the display board. The Book "**Pristine Waters**" was available as a fund raiser for \$20. Fred also reported on **Invasive Species** and had examples of both types of milfoil on display. Members are encouraged to contact a board member if they see any suspicious plants. **Fall Leaf Pilot Project** was tried, but proved to be too labor intensive to be practical and local lawn service businesses offered similar pick-ups for reasonable rates. Fred observed the clean up at **Butch's Tackle** project last winter. There was an **ice fishing tournament** held on Clam last winter which was very successful and will be held again this year. The **Clam Lake Webcam** offers members a look at Clam year round.

Election of officers was held. The following slate was presented with no additions from the floor.

President: Paul Sak
Vice – President: Fred Sittel
Treasurer: Art Hoadley
Secretary: Mary Frost

Members at Large: Bob Hockenberger, Stephen Hoadley, Cottie Volle, and Jack Gartner
Thomas Frey moved to elect, Bill Seidenstucker 2nd, Motion carried.

New Business:

A **Proposed change in the By-Laws** will be presented to members and a vote will be taken this fall. "**The Board of Directors shall be active members and consist of the following: the elected officers and five (5) Directors elected at-large. For a period of one (1) year following his/her serving as President, the Immediate Past President shall be a non-voting member of the board**". Past President, Thomas Frey, spoke for this needed change to be approved. Larry

Schwab was introduced as a candidate for the at-large board member. No other nominations were made from the floor. These votes will be taken electronically.

Fred reported on the **Grass River Sedimentation Project**. He has been working with local conservation groups and university professor, Paul Richards, who has a model for sediments in rivers. Fred has been involved walking Grass River and its tributaries. Funding for the project is being sought, and Friends of Clam Lake have contributed \$500 to the cause. Storm water management, volume flow, fish barriers and habitat, and temperature are all being observed. Anyone wishing to help should contact Fred. This project will take several years.

Marine Law was discussed by Paul Sak who is a marine deputy. The speed limit on all inland lakes is 55mph. He told how noise from boats is measured and that citations can be given if over 90 decibels. He also reviewed the regulations for Boater Safety Certification and reminded people to keep the boat registration on board.

Member Comment:

Antique Boat parade was very nice.

Lake levels were high this year and caused erosion into the lake. Can levels be changed?

Suggest we have Drain Commissioner, Mark Stone, speak to us at a meeting.

Introduction of Speaker, Heidi Shaffer, "Protecting and Enhancing Your Shoreline Landscape" presentation to follow upstairs.

Carol Hoadley moved the meeting be adjourned. Cottie 2nd. Motion carried.