

CEDAR LAKE RECREATION ASSOC.

Fall 2023 MEETING

Meeting called by	Cedar Lake Recreation Association Board
Type of meeting	Fall Meeting
Note taker	Laura Cornish

Board Attendees	Laura Gamble, Jane Harvey, Joe Weist
Resident Attendees	22
Start: 9:01am	End: 11:05am

MINUTES

8/26/23 | Porter Township Hall

- **Meeting Called to Order**
 - Meeting was called to Order by President Jane Harvey at 9:01am
- **Welcome and Introduction of Board Members and Area Reps**
 - President Jane Harvey welcomed residents in attendance and reviewed and introduced board members and area reps.
 - Jane Harvey, President
 - Laura (Cornish) Gamble, Secretary
 - Joe Weist, Vice President
 - Mary Chaps, Area 1 (not present)
 - Mark Harwood, Area 2
 - Anne and Brad Meisling, Area 3 (not present)
 - Lynn Werner, Area 4
 - Jerry and Kathy Dzurovsak, Area 5 (not present)
 - Jean McLaughlin, Area 6 (Doug McLaughlin present for her)
 - Mara Greenberg, Area 7
 - Barb Walters, Area 8
 - Bill Ehlebacht, Treasurer (not present)
 - President Harvey also made a plug for CRLA Gear on the website. It may be advantageous to buy in a group, as shipping costs \$18 regardless of quantity of items ordered.
 - The newsletter is very late but should be printed by next week.
- **Recognize New Residents in Attendance – Diane Battaglia**
 - Blair and Clare Clark were welcomed to Area 1.
 - Condolences were extended to residents who lost families this last year.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Joe Weist reviewed treasurer's report with income and expenses, compiled by the Treasurer Ehlebracht.
 - There was a balance of \$6942 on 6/1/23.
 - Five deposits, totaling \$1840, from dues.
 - More deposits for dues are expected.
 - Two deposits, totaling \$647.68, from Merchandise
 - The year-to-date balance is \$8494.52
 - Expenses included:
 - Boat Parade Prize Money
 - Report was motioned for approval, seconded, and approved without any objections.
- **Water Quality Report, Purple Loose Strife, Invasive Species, Aquatic Weed Control**
 - Dane Terrill has been doing water sampling

- There was an error in the May Chlorophyll sample.
- There is one other sample due in September.
- We are seeing less algae in the lake this year, which may be due to cooler water temperatures.
- Curly Leaf Pond Weed was more prevalent this year.
- Dane Terrell mentioned that we might consider not spraying for Curly Leaf as it is done with its life cycle by mid-June. PLM tells us that if we continue to spray, we will however keep it from spreading as many seeds as possible.
- We are still testing for E. Coli with PLM.
- The phosphorous levels have insignificant changes.
- Nate Bitely has mentioned that the airboat has not come back in his area. Jane Harvey has brought this to PLM's attention, and they will begin spraying there next year. There is also Purple Loose Strife in that area which we will address on the next round of Beetle spreading.
- The full water quality report is on the website.

- **New Business**

- New Webmaster
 - Larry Wolfrum was thanked for his service as our Webmaster. He is moving back east. Kathy Potts and Dave Fodor will be our new webmasters.
 - Dave and Kathy will be putting out a survey to see what information is used on the website and what changes residents would like to see made to the website
 - Barb Walters mentioned alerts for weed spraying would be helpful on the website or an email blast.
- Managing our Weed Treatment
 - Doug McLaughlin would like us to push PLM to be more proactive and forth coming in their communications and interactions. They do a rather comprehensive survey in August each year, but we do not have a full understanding of that data. That information would help us be better informed about both invasives and natives, including historical data and trends. This would allow us to better understand how the chemicals are affecting our lake ecology.
 - CPLM? Still publishes trend data online for comparative studies of area lakes. There is a link to this on our website.
 - It was requested by a resident that PLM provide a presentation at the spring meeting regarding a long-term plan. The request was agreed upon and we will put this in place of the Sherriff's Department presentation.
 - The SAD was approved in September 2022 by the township for the next five years.
- Invasive and Native Weeds
 - A new resident on the lake was observed spraying lily pads. This was addressed by EGLE. The resident was addressed by President Harvey and educated about the laws regarding putting anything in the water, including chemicals or sand. President Harvey brought a guide to the residents at the meeting to help with education regarding aquatic weed removal.
 - It was suggested that we monitor the bull rushes expansion, as a resident was concerned about them eventually expanding to take over the lake.
 - The beetles that feed off from the purple loose strife are supposed to winter over and breed. We are hoping they will increase and start to make a significant dent next year. We likely cannot spend \$3000 a year.
 - It was motioned, seconded, and approved to not buy additional beetles until we see next year's progress.
 - President Harvey showed the areas that PLM sprayed in spring, compared with later in the summer and the weeds were reduced.
 - Doug McLaughlin asked for more specific information from PLM showing what areas of the spraying area are actually the invasive weeds as they are not continuous.
 - Nate Bitely suggested that CLRA ask EGLE if there is a way, we can obtain information when a permit is granted.
- Poker Run Review

- Wade Bent reported the Poker Run sold 249 tickets and was an overwhelming success on August 5.
 - This appeared to be max capacity for dock hosts
 - Special thanks went to dock volunteers.
 - It will be back in two years.
- Lake Level
 - The lake level is 12" below the legal level, which is 893.4 ft.
 - 8"-10" below legal level is our average.
 - Locks have been installed to prevent tampering with the weir.
 - Lake level is checked from the concrete culvert and a laser.
- Cedar Lake History Book Revising
 - Barb Walters has not done any updates yet but is looking for additional updates. Please submit materials to Barb.
 - We will put out an email blast for submissions
- Goose Petition
 - We have 166 riparian homes. We now have 118 signatures on the goose petition, which now provides us enough for a permit.
 - Jane spoke with a few companies for removal. One company explained that they will move geese more than 50 miles, remove nests if they can find them, and oil the eggs. They are assuring the geese will not be here June, July, and August.
 - Goosebusters would come from Holly, MI for \$100 for coming to the lake, \$150 for round up per increment of 25 geese, and \$20 per nest.
 - There is a \$75 cost for the permit. Signatures are good for five years, but the permit must be renewed each year.
 - It was motioned, seconded, and passed to apply for the permit for goose removal.
- 4th of July Parade Results
 - The 4th of July Parade was held on July 1st. We had 27 boats participate.
 - The cactus boat won 3rd place. It is believed this was Potts' boat.
 - Smoke On The Water was 2nd place.
 - Uncle Sam on the front of the boat won 1st place, but we don't know the owner.
 - We will place photos on the website to try to find the owners. If winners are not found, we will add to 2024 winings.
- Board Elections
 - Nate Bitely motioned for all current board members retain their positions. It was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Resident Comments
 - It was motioned, seconded, and carried that the association support the private drive off Cedarama be given an honorary name in honor of Pat Mason.
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 10:36am.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2024 @ 9AM, PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL
