

# CEDAR LAKE RECREATION ASSOC.

## SPRING 2023 MEETING

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Meeting called by Cedar Lake Recreation Association Board

Type of meeting Spring Meeting

Note taker Laura Cornish

Board Attendees Bill Ehlebracht, Laura Gamble, Jane Harvey, Joe Weist

Resident Attendees 34

Start: 9:00am End: 11:05am

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## MINUTES

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6/10/23 | Porter Township Hall

- **Meeting Called to Order**
  - Meeting was called to Order by President Jane Harvey at 9:04am
  - President Harvey recognized the passing of long-time residents Pat Mason and Pete Cornish
- **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.
    - Mary Chaps, Area 1
    - Mark Harwood, Area 2
    - Anne and Brad Meisling, Area 3
    - Lynn Warner, Area 4
    - Jerry and Kathy Dzurovsak, Area 5
    - Jean McLaughlin, Area 6
    - Mara Greenberg, Area 7
    - Barb Walters, Area 8
    - Bill Ehlebacht, Treasurer
    - Laura (Cornish) Gamble, Secretary
    - Joe Weist, Vice President
  - 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**
  - There were no new residents in attendance.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - Bill Ehlebracht reviewed treasurer's report with income and expenses.
    - There was a starting balance of \$7326 for 2023.
    - Deposit of \$1500 from dues
    - The year-to-date balance is \$6942
    - Expenses included:
      - Newsletter setup
      - Newsletter ad
      - Water Treatment - 1 year
      - P.O. Box
      - Insurance
  - Report was motioned for approval, seconded, and approved without any objections.

- **Fall 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- Laura Gamble read the minutes from the Fall 2022 minutes.
- Minutes were motioned for approval, seconded, and approved without any objections.

- **New Business**

- Van Buren County Marine Safety Officers presented on rules and regulations.
  - Cedar Lake is pretty relaxed and most people are safe with less activity in comparison to other lakes in the area, so they are on our lake less frequently. Their presence is often dictated by calls to specific lakes.
  - They patrol 74 lakes in the Van Buren County that have public access.
  - There are no new regulations from the DNR or state for this year.
  - The boater's safety course at Porter Township Hall was cancelled as it was scheduled for Mother's Day. If the lake association would like another scheduled that can be arranged.
  - You must register in advance for the safety course. It is an 8-hour class. You can obtain class information from the DNR website.
  - Children under 6 must have a Type I or II PFD on board a watercraft.
  - Kayaks and paddle boats require accessible PFDs. Paddle boards do not require PFDs.
  - All boats over 14 ft must have an accessible Type I, II, or III PFD/person, one throwable, a fire extinguisher, and a working horn or whistle.
  - Your registration and boater's safety certificate are required to be on board.
  - By law, officers do not need a reason to pull you over for a safety check on a boat. Your operation of the boat is reason enough. This is different from a vehicle.
- Water Level
  - Jane Harvey discussed the weir which controls the water level with Drain Commissioner Parman. The lake level is established by law.
  - The weir is on private property and owned by the Van Buren County Drain Commission.
    - The weir was vandalized in the fall and boards were removed, indicating that someone was attempting to lower the lake level. New boards were installed in January. The lake level was 8" below the legal level when the new boards were installed. It is currently 5-6" below the legal level.
    - The weir has been vandalized in many ways over the years, including people replacing the locks to prohibit the drain commissions access. If the vandalism continues, barb wire will be installed.
- Goose Petition
  - The DNR has informed us we still have bird flu so the petition is moot at this point.
  - Jane Harvey relayed we are still short signatures for petitions.
    - Jane will be coming around for additional signatures.
    - If the petition is passed by the fall, Jane will explore a contractor for goose removal.
- Cedar Lake History Book
  - Barb Walters is still collecting new photos and stories for the book revision. She will present again in the fall.
- Directory Addendum
  - We will be creating an addendum to the CLRA directory.
- Water Quality Report, Purple Loose Strife, Invasive Species, Aquatic Weed Control
  - Bill Ehlebracht read the water report from Dane Terrell, who was unable to attend.
  - Phosphorous and Chlorophyl samples have been collected this spring.
  - Two samples were collected incorrectly last year.
  - The full water quality report is on the website.
  - Dane Terrell disbursed the Purple Loose Strife Foliage Eating Beetles, with the help of PLM's Airboat. These beetles were placed directly on Purple Loose Strife plants and only consume these plants. Jane distributed maps of where beetles were placed.
  - Water treatments do not affect the beetles.
  - The beetles do winter over and breed to form larger colonies until the food supply dissipates.
  - PLM is now quoting \$135/PDU instead of \$150/PDU for ProcellaCOR and has been spraying at 2 PDU/acre foot.
  - Aquatic weed control is quoting \$56/PDU after surveying the lake with Jane and Joe. Jane will bring this to PLM's attention. He quoted for 20 acres of treatment.

- The curly pond leaf and milfoil proliferated with lack of ice this winter and cold spring.
- We are increasing the dosage to 3 PDU/acre foot of ProcellaCOR to combat the increase in invasives and using Diquat for Curly Pond Leaf.
- In the fall meeting we will present quotes and vote on exploring new contactors.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9pm.
  - Rain date will be Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9pm.
  - Joe Weist will serve as Grand Marshall, and it will start in front of his home.
- Resident Comments
  - Wade Bent is hosting a neighborhood Poker Run on August 5, 2023. He will be asking for dock hosts to assist in stops. He is looking for 7 host docks. It will be followed by a potluck with prizes. Wade will update the community on Facebook and with mailbox flyers.
  - There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> for Pat Mason. The info will be on forevermissed.com.
  - Sally Weist is looking for someone who would be willing to store the CLRA tents, coolers, and other gear. Jane Harvey said if we can't find anyone to take it, we will explore renting a storage unit.
  - The board was reminded that an election for officers should take place at the Fall board meeting.
  - The damage of the large wake boats was brought up by residents on Shorelane Dr. It is a legal issue the lake association has no control over. The only measure we can currently take is to make it a no sport lake which make it a no wake lake and eliminate all sports. Residents were encouraged to write to their state legislature requesting regulating these boats on inland lakes if they would like to see a change.
- **Adjournment**
  - Meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

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NEXT MEETING: August 26, 2023 @ 9AM, PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL

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