

## **CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION 2016 Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Clear Lake Association was held at Loup Power on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Mark Robak called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Lake residents in attendance included Don and Shirley Guernsey, Steve and Juli Spencer, Les Blair, Connie and Jim Speicher, Lynne Brooks, Mark Robak, Bryan Dickey, Tone Carlson, Tim Starostka, Kathy Kresha, Shirl Kratochvil and Jackie Herink. John Csukker was also in attendance.

The 2015-16 Board of Directors include Mark Robak, Tony Kresha, Shirl Kratochvil, Lynne Brooks, James Welker, Shirley Guernsey, Jim Speicher, and Jackie Herink.

Jackie presented the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting. A motion was made by Juli Spencer and seconded by Tim Starostka to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

John Csukker continues as our sewer operator. Since our sewer system is a Class II system, we are required to have a back-up operator. Annette Griffith serves in this role. Our wastewater plant treated over two million gallons of effluent this year, which is approximately 6,500 gallons per day. The sewer system is operating well overall due to the preventative maintenance work that we do. John continues to check the system each day and is proactive with alerting the board to any problems that arise. John reminded those in attendance to not flush anything that is not biodegradable.

Mike Gutzmer presented three options to treat the lake to improve the overall water quality.

- Option 1 – Continue to treat the lake with an algaecide and bacteria application(s) with selected water quality monitoring. Approximate cost is \$3,000 - \$5,000 per year, depending on the number of treatments that are needed.
- Option 2 - Treat the lake with a one-time sonar application. Approximate cost is \$9,000. This treatment may need to be done every three to seven years. A sonar treatment will kill anything that is photosynthetic but is very fish friendly.
- Option 3 – Install additional aerators throughout the lake to ensure optimal aeration and elimination of summer stratification. The approximate cost for new aerators - \$19,000 - \$20,000.

Those in attendance shared individual views and opinions on the three options. The board will continue to review the best course of action to improve the overall water quality of lake.

The boat motor limits for outboard, inboard, and jet ski motors will remain the same even though an informal boat survey was conducted in 2010. All of the watercraft guidelines are included in the Clear Lake Rules and Regulations which are posted on our Clear Lake website. A paper copy of the Clear Lake Rules and Regulations was also passed out to those in attendance. Residents were reminded to verify their proof of insurance liability before putting their boats and jet skis in the water next spring.

Clear Lake has three scheduled workdays throughout the year. Residents are asked to help with general clean up around the lake, as well as help with special projects that are identified. Residents will be assessed \$30 for each workday that they do not attend. These fees are added to each resident's yearly association dues. Exemptions to the workday credits are given to those residents who serve on the Clear Lake board, the SID board, and our association treasurer.

Lake Reminders:

- The mowing schedule for the shelter is now on the Clear Lake website. No other reminders will be issued. If any resident misses their scheduled time, the cost will be \$25. Mowing must be completed by Saturday night of your assigned week.
- Residents are responsible for spraying the trees for bagworms on their property and common property.
- Residents are responsible for maintaining the sprinklers across from their property. This includes the cost of repairs.
- The speed limit around the lake is 15 mph.
- Dog owners are required to keep their pets on a leash and clean up after their pets.
- All construction projects must be pre-approved by the board.
- Parking is not allowed on the common areas.
- Residents are asked to not feed the ducks and geese, as we want to eliminate these waterfowl from remaining at the lake.
- Residents are asked to use phosphorous free fertilizer on their lawn.

Mark presented the proposed budget for 2016-17, as well as the lake improvement projects with estimated costs. The association continues to maintain a money market account valued at approximately \$12,000. This reserve will be used if we are unable to meet our monthly expenses or if an emergency repair or expense occurs. The board proposed keeping the lot assessment at \$400 for 2016-17. A motion was made by Jim Speicher and seconded by Juli Spencer to set the dues at \$400. Motion carried.

Tone Carlson and Steve Spencer were elected to the Board of Directors with both members to serve a 3-year term.

A motion was made by Tim Starostka and seconded by Lynne Brooks to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Herink  
Secretary