

Minutes CCCoLA September 8, 2017

Attendees: Peter Rauen: Poplar Lake, Jerry Caple: Gunflint Lake, Iren and Larry Mullen: Caribou Lake, Gary Maciejewski and Don Emery: Tait Lake, Tersenia Schuett, Carol Berg, and Mona Hanson: Leo Lake, Bob Carlson: Clearwater, Al Flieder: Aspen Lake. Karen Evans : MPCA, Iena Hansel: Soil and Water.

Chairperson, Iren Mullen called the meeting to order at 9:03 Minutes from the July 07, 2017 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary : As of 8/31/17/ there were still 3 outstanding dues needed from Seagull, Trout, and West Bearskin. Gary did reach out to those members for their payment. \$ 637.26 in dues have been collected. Total assessable funds are \$ 2 632.62.

Karen Evans raised the question regarding "MidTrail" and what that includes. It was suggested that CCCoLA obtain the number of lakes represented by this region and as well as the contact information from the lake association presidents. Tersenia will get those to Irene.

The other question raised by Karen Evans is why so few actually come to our monthly meetings yet pay annual dues. One possible suggestion is to hold at least one meeting Mid Trail to have the location more easily accessible. The action plan is to hold a workshop meeting at fire hall #2 again next summer.

Follow up on lake stewardship:

It was agreed that this format is beneficial and would like more to occur in the future. The members decided to have a follow-up working session next summer to continue working on the stewardship plans. One meeting will be announced.

CCCoLA did give those who spoke at this year's workshop a \$10.00 gift certificate to Java Moose as a thank you for their time and resources they provided.

Member Reports:

Jerry reported his reflections from the CAG meeting. An electronic copy of an article regarding the Gunflint Trail Green Up will be forwarded from the Rainy Lake Watershed newsletter.

Irene: reminded members to send a picture of their lake's boat landing to Jeff Forester ASAP.

Larry: Reported aspects of boat inspections . Caribou Lake has invested funds to help get more paid inspections besides continue to have volunteers be trained to monitor the lake. Bigger signs regarding invasive species might be needed or clear areas where the signs are already posted for easy viewing.

Presentations:

1. **Karen: WRAPS**

Karen gave a brief overview of WRAPS. One goal is to look at stressors impacting our waterways. Also to study what we have learned regarding; fisheries, water chemistry, road density, example Poplar River.

Feedback is encouraged and to contact Ileana, Irene, or Karen Presently are running a model to evaluate climate and forest cover change. That report will emerge in about 2 months

The next large meeting will perhaps be in November and the final report next year sometime. Flute Reed River is also being discussed and public comment will probably take place between January and March. A new listing of impaired waterways will be published in the near future. The recommendation might be to remove Poplar River from that list. The meeting will be via Webinar in November .

Teresina raised the question of the climate change scenario. Karen Evans responded that it means looking at more rain, higher temps, land cover and run off depending on soil type .Projections will be made perhaps up to 50 years in comparison to The Duluth study which goes out longer. The Duluth study does indeed show which streams will take the biggest hit as a result of climate change. Next part is what to do about it and how to plan accordingly. It will be a good tool for strategies.

Lutsen Ski Hill Expansion proposal:

What impact and opinions do MPCA and Soil and Water have at this time? Too early to know. Now is a good time to get informed and raise concerns before concrete plans are pursued.

Round Table Discussion: Topic MN 25 by 25: Goal to Improve MN water by 25% by 2025

Members divided up into 3 groups. Each group's task was to discuss and decide 3 major areas most important regarding water quality. The subtopics included:

*drinking water, * improving accessibility and recreation,* urban use, and *education

After small groups discussed, we reconvened and each presented their view points. Upon completion the following was decided:

the 3 major topics of concern included: 1. Septic systems being compliant 2. Buffers 3. Consistent water monitoring

Action plans and implementation of such plans were briefly introduced and discussed. More time will be spent on each in future meetings.

New Business:

1. Communication:

Irene introduced the opportunity to have the MN Lakes and Rivers be our springboard for communication on their website. The cost is \$100 a year. It would provide access links to all lake

association sites in CCCoLA and be an easy means of exposure. A motion passed to have that be implemented.

2. Topics for next year:

June: Fisheries on our lakes

July: To be determined

August 10th: : Mid Trail location to work on stewardship plans. Kate will confirm date to see if the community center is available.

September: Wrap up

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15.