



**Clark Lake Advancement Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date: June 10, 2023, Time: 8:30 AM
Jacksonport Town Hall**

Meeting Called to Order 8:36 AM by Mike Brunet

Roll Call (A: absent; E: excused; P: present) - Quorum Present

1	Mike Brunet (2023) President	P	6	Peter Ries (2025)	A	11	Terry Schneider (2025)	A
2	Christine Moe (2023/2024) Vice- President	P	7	Richard Martin (2024)	P	12	Betty Van Bellinger (2023)	P
3	Tim Temby (2025/2024) Treasurer	P	8	Fred Foreman (2024)	P	13	Steve Vieau (2025)	A
4	Kathy Steinmetz, (2023) Secretary	E	9	Jill Carstens (2023)	E	14	Gwen Graboyes	P
5	Bob Fox (2024)	A	10	Carol Kalsheur (2024)	P			

Approval of Agenda

Mike Brunet made one change to the agenda, regarding concern about fish health to be added to Fish/Wildlife section. Motion made by Fred Forman to approve the agenda, 2nd by Christin Moe. Board voted 7-0 to approve the agenda.

President report

Mike, requested that if you cannot make the Board meeting, please provide written report prior to Board meeting. Need to publish committee reports before board meetings to reduce discussion time at Board meetings. manage time at meetings; Need written input from committee chairs by mid-June to prepare July Annual report (review 2022 report on website)

Discussion about Bob Fox's open seat. Mark Weise informed the board that Peter Ries communicated to him that he is resigning his seat as a board member. There was also discussion regarding the fact that Steve Vieau has not attended any meetings. Mike Brunet stated that he will follow up with Bob and Peter to see if they will reconsider their resignations. Also, he will ask Steve Vieau if he wishes to remain a board member. We can then determine with certainty if we indeed have open board seats to fill.

Secretary report

Approval Minutes: 05/13/23 Meeting– Dick Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from the last board meeting. 2nd by Fred Foreman. Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes.

Treasurer report

The association has total assets of \$44,386.18 as of 5/30/2023.

(of those assets-- \$2873.05 have donor restrictions for fish stocking, reef maintenance, Fishsticks, etc.) Total Unrestricted assets are \$40,913.57. Tim Temby called attention the current dues and donation compared to budget, and that the run rate would fall short of budget. This primary area of concern was donations. It was noted that current financials include \$338 in ramp donations, and that this area generally produces more than \$3,000 for the year. This satisfied any concerns. Fred Foreman motioned to approve the 5/30/2023 Treasurer report. 2nd by Christine Moe. Motion passed/Treasurer report approved 7-0.

Presentation/Approval of Expenditures-

No bills to present.

Officer Term Expiration

President Mike Brunet and Secretary Kathy Steinmetz have their terms expiring this year, September 2023. Need to find two new members to replace these two positions. If none, board shall elect board members to these positions. There was discussion regarding the bylaws as it relates to officer term limits. It was noted that the bylaws have no restrictions on officer limits, however, are subject to the board member term limits of 3 consecutive 3-year terms. It was noted that Mike and Kathy could potentially stand for reelection and hence continue as officers.

Nominating Committee

Six members are up for re-election to 3-year terms – Brunet, Moe, Steinmetz, Carstens, Van Bellinger, and Graboyes. Brunet, Steinmetz, and Graboyes are completing their second 3-year term. We possible have three additional board positions open with the resignations of Bob Fox and Peter Reis. Moreover, the question of Steve Vieau's desire to serve. Mike Brunet appointed the Tim Temby and Christine Moe to serve as a Nominating Committee. It was agreed that Tim and Christine would follow up with existing board members to seek their commitment to serve additional three-year terms and to seek additional board members to stand for election.

Additional Buoy Vote

Gwen Graboyes raised several clarifying questions about this topic. There was significant discussion, including shared feedback from the Lake Safety Committee and various members as well as direct experience from Board Members with regard to complexities associated with the posting of hazards. Tim Temby made a motion to amend the previous board approval on this topic. The amendment called for the Board to drop support for the informational buoys at 5565 Clark Lake drive and the point off Trails End Court. Further to continue support for a member vote for a single informational buoy on the south shore, with the following specific voting question:

“Does the membership approve the addition of an informational buoy to be placed at roughly the midpoint of the south shore to indicate where the lake level is 4ft deep? The purpose of this buoy is to highlight the fact that water depth is less than 4ft out approximately 1,300 feet from shore, hence much further than most other shorelines, with the intent to help maintain important vegetation and water quality.”

The motion was 2nd by Gwen Graboyes. Motion was approved 7-0.

New Business

Mike Brunet raised the question, should CLAA address wake boats on this size of lake? Low speed, large wake, churns up bottom (up to 10 ft.), water clarity, exacerbating erosion of shoreline, etc. Can CLAA manage this? See [gilmorelakeassociation.com](https://gilmorelakeassociation.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/nalms-manage-the-wave-and-wake-boat-impact-1.pdf).

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Discussion included observations, and concerns. Gwen Graboyes noted that there is presently consideration for a state regulation that would restrict low speed wake surfing on lakes of less than 1000 acres. It was decided that Mike Brunet would raise awareness of the matter at the annual meeting.

Committee Reports

Social Events

Dick Martin reported that the updated date for the boat parade is Sunday, July 2nd. The rain date is the 4th.

The committee is still working on details needed to successfully execute a kayak poker run planned for some time in August.

We have finalized plans for the Fall Dinner. Date? It will be held at Leatham Smith Lodge. Cost will be \$30 for registrations before August 16th. \$35 after that date. No refunds will be permitted.

No decision has been made for a winter event.

Fish/Wildlife

Mike Brunet followed up with Nick Ledger of the DNR on the Fish Study. Nick has taken a new role, but still holds responsibility for completing the fish study report for Clark Lake. Mike informed him of the date of our annual meeting and requested that the report be completed by then. Nick stated he would try.

Gwen Graboyes informed the board that Ryan the manager for the Dam has recently seen dead fish accumulating on the grates. 9 fish including bass and bluegills have been recently removed. Several board members noted seeing or hearing reports of sick looking fish struggling to swim in shallow water. Gwen will follow up with the DNR to report what we know and seek assistance.

WQVC

June 2023 report for board from Mark Weisse

Budget : Request 2024 budget remain at \$1850.

Volunteer recognition: WQVC ordering 25 hats for our volunteers. We average 20-24 volunteers per year. Does board approve and also want to extend this to all CLAA volunteers? If so, will need to add to the CLAA budget.

CLAA Clothing: WQVC is sponsoring a sale of clothing featuring the WQVC and SOS logo. Hope to have things rolling by the annual meeting. The clothing will be sold at cost so should be budget neutral.

Rain barrels WQVC will give away 10 barrels that are cleaned, rinsed and have the SOS logo. We will assist members creating and installing a rain barrel system.

PFA testing will be done in Jun. results take 6-8 weeks.

New Lake maps will order 300 to add as inserts to deliver with the directories.

Ramp volunteers only a few responses; directors please ask your family, neighbors or consider volunteering yourself. We are adding a post card sized copy of the new wake map and adding a banner/sign.

Shoreline development survey WQVC will develop a map similar to one that Kangaroo Lake has, that will show levels of development around the lake and help us focus our programs.

Beach E. coli we will continue to monitor the DNR and SwimGuide websites but will otherwise not expand our involvement.

Boat parade we will sponsor a float in the boat parade.

Kayak poker run: WQVC will assist the Social Committee; we will distribute postcard sized SOS info to each kayaker.

Buffer buddies; Buffer buddies will organize soon, we hope to sponsor 4 new properties for conservationist plant evaluation so encourage everyone to attend.

Photo contest: Will try an online contest instead of a calendar; should kick off around July 1st.

Fall dinner: will provide each seat with a pack of 5 seed balls and a pamphlet about SOS. Will also sponsor a Volunteer recognition board with names and photos of events.

Wakesurf boards We have heard about these and agree they sound like an additional threat to the lake. We can do education but if the board wants any action, then they would need to follow the process for a lake ordinance; this includes support of the membership, DNR and both townships. Therefore, I think the board needs to decide on this matter, starting with a discussion at the annual meeting.

PFA testing to occur on Monday, June 12th.

We desperately need ramp volunteers. We train, offer free gear. Great family activity.

We need to contact STR owners to gain their support for including lake map and SOS information in their rental binders.

A correction label will be created to simply the description for buoys on the recently approved lake map already at the printer.

Lake Safety and Maintenance

See section above on informational buoys.

The West Shore boat launch pier seems to be stabilized. The communication loop with the town was not officially closed.

The Ridges dock was installed by CLAA volunteers.

Water Level

Mike Brunet asked if Sevastopol attempted to reduce water level before ice shove/ice out. Gwenn Graboyes verified that the Dam Manager indeed did follow the prescribed procedures in the fall and continues to do so with excellent documentation.

It was discussed that the official lake levels are from a study and mapping completed in the mid 1960's. There has likely been changes since then. Gwen Garboyes will investigate the potential for CLAA to sponsor a new lake level mapping project.

Communications

There was discussion of the high-quality new letter. Also, the need to create linkage to the Facebook page used by many members. It was suggested that Terry Sschneider facilitate linkage with Frank the Page Adminiatrator to ensure the best way to link content. This can likely be done directly by Terry.

Website

Christine Moe noted that there is no content under the Events tab. Also, that the boat parade is incorrectly noted as Saturday. Tim Temby will follow up with Chuck Birringer.

Membership

210 paid members to date tied to the bank statements 5/30/23. We have 221 members paid through 6/10/23.

Mike Brunet to follow-up with Terry and Jill on details of new directory.

Associate Member Application-

No new applications. Decision to table a review of the definition.

Cooperative Purchasing

Internet, Blacktop, Propane Pricing for propane, seal coating, and garbage/recycling have been updated; Separate sections on website.

Action Register-

Mike Brunet

- to follow-up with Terry and Jill on details of new directory.
- Establish proxy voting material in advance of annual meeting.
- follow up with Bob and Peter to see if they will reconsider their resignations. Also ask Steve Vieau if he wishes to remain a board member.
- raise awareness of the wake surfing concerns at the annual meeting.

Gwen Garboyes

- will investigate the potential for CLAA to sponsor a new lake level mapping project.
- will follow up with the DNR to report what we know about dead and sick fish and seek assistance.

Mark Weise

- create a correction label will be created to simply the description for buoys on the recently approved lake map already at the printer
- modify WQVC meeting notes to word format for inclusion on this report.

Terry Schneider-

- to coordinate with Frank (Facebook Admin) on how to link CLAA new letter and communication with the Page.

Tim Temby

- follow up with Chuck Birringer on Events Tab and Parade Date

Tim Temby/ Christine Moe

- follow up with existing board members to seek their commitment to serve additional three-year terms and to seek additional board members to stand for election.

Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn (9:51) was made by Dick Martin, 2nd by Christine Moe. Motion Passed 7-0. **Meeting adjourned.**

Date of next board / annual meeting: 8:30 am, July 08, 2023 Jacksonport Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Temby (stand-in secretary)

6/11/23