Clitherall Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2025
Approved

President Scott Early called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
Present were Scott Early, Steve Adams, Eric Pierskalla, Harley Anderson, Chris Deitz, Beth Franklin, Alan Storry, Jeff Stabnow, and Jeff Lindholm.
Absent were Mike Lipke, Tom Frank, and Bret Sorensen

Scott Early stated that the August minutes had previously been approved via board member emails.

Reports:
Treasurer:
Alan Storry reported that there was very little financial activity since the August board meeting. During that time, 3 membership dues and donations totaling $125 were received.

Jeff Lindholm made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Steve Adams seconded; motion carried.

Alan then reminded the board that a $25K CD that matured in July had been renewed to a 7-month term at 4.25%, maturing in February 2026. Also, a $15K CD currently earning 3.7% is maturing in January 2026. During discussions with First National Bank, he was told that more information about available terms and rates would be available as the maturity dates approach. He plans to check with the bank in November-December and then inform the board via email about the options available.

To cover the $15,000 cost of walleye stocking in October, Alan proposed using $3,100 donated to the fish stocking fund, $8,900 from the general fund, and $3,000 donated to the memorial fund without a specific use designated. The board agreed with his proposal.

Environmental:
Chris Deitz reported that the September Secchi disk reading was 15 feet, compared to 12-13 feet in July and August. He said that when looking at the historical data for Clitherall Lake on the RMB Labs website for phosphorus and chlorophyll, the values for these measurements have been trending slightly worse over the last 2 years but show no significant trend change when measured over the last 5 years.

Casual observations among the board members were that fewer zebra mussels were being seen on equipment being removed from the lake, and that the mussels tended to be in deeper water than in the past.

Fishing:
Scott relayed information from Tom Frank that the required permit has been received from the DNR for fish stocking this fall, and that in early October we should receive a scheduled date for stocking from Klug's Fish Farm.

Public Relations/Memberships
Eric Pierskalla said that an announcement of our Coffee Cup Photo contest was put on the website and Facebook page, however very few submissions have been received so far.

Fundraising:
Beth Franklin remarked that in response to reports of 2 customers experiencing peeling of their photo coffee mug, the mug supplier shipped a case of mugs to her. It was decided to set some aside for replacement of defective mugs and sell the rest. An announcement will be put on the Facebook page and the website about mugs for sale and free replacement for defective mugs.
Possible new items to offer for fundraising sales next year were discussed. Chris made a motion to authorize up to $3500 for purchase of fundraising items, Jeff Stabnow seconded; motion carried.

New Business:
MAISRC (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center:
Prior to the meeting Eric had forwarded a news article about MAISRC researching whether there could be any links between AIS and the increase in reported swimmer's itch frequency and severity in Minnesota. He said that donating to MAISRC to help fund this study would be worthwhile since there are property owners on Clitherall with swimmer's itch problems, and that donating to MAISRC in general is worthwhile since problems in one body of water can often spread to others.
Scott added that Starry Stonewort has just been found in Otter Tail County, in Lake Anna north of Underwood.
Jeff Stabnow made a motion to donate $2000 to MAISRC, with $1000 directed to the AIS/Swimmer's Itch study, and $1000 directed to Starry Stonewort research. Eric seconded, motion carried.

Adjournment:
Jeff Lindholm made a motion to adjourn, Steve seconded, motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Submitted by Eric Pierskalla