Clitherall Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026
Approved

President Scott Early called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Present were Scott Early, Beth Franklin, Tom Frank, Jeff Stabnow, Steve Adams, Bret Sorensen, Mike Lipke, Alan Storry, and Eric Pierskalla.
Absent were Harley Anderson, Chris Deitz, and Jeff Lindholm

Scott Early noted that the April meeting minutes had previously been approved via board member emails.
Scott also announced that Harley Anderson has retired from the board.

Reports:
Treasurer:
Alan Storry said that since the April meeting 54 membership forms have been received, bringing in around $4000.
Notable disbursements were: $1,600 to Long Weekend Sportswear for fundraising wearables, and $350 to Justin Johnson for buoy installation.
He said that the average dues plus donation received per membership form was about $77, with most designating the Fish Stocking Fund or the General Fund for their donation.
Many memberships came in soon after the forms were announced and are coming in at a slower rate now. Year-to-date memberships stand at 54 compared to 80 last year.

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

Environmental:
Scott Early relayed information from Chris Deitz that the water sampling for the month was taken on Monday and sent in, but results are not back yet.

Fishing:
Tom Frank said there has been positive feedback from membership regarding the stocking done by the association, other board members confirmed that there has been positive feedback and interest. Since last year's stocking depleted the fish stocking fund, ways to replenish the fund were discussed.

Public Relations/Memberships
Eric Pierskalla reported that membership information emails had been sent, and membership forms were mailed to those who we do not have working email addresses for.

Bret Sorenson inquired about setting up a Venmo account to take membership payments. Some discussion occurred regarding taking payments online. Alan said that a few members have used their bank's bill pay system to send checks to the association.

Fundraising:
Beth Franklin displayed the sweatshirts, visors, stemless wine glasses, and photo coffee mugs that will be sold at the annual meeting. Quantities and costs were discussed. Alan Storry made a motion to order 18 additional wine glasses. Tom Frank seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Coffee mugs with the winning photos were shown. The 2 photo winners will be announced at the annual meeting.

Old Business:
Annual Meeting:
The post-meeting luncheon menu was planned. Scott Early announced that Pete Guck, the Riparian Conservation Specialist for the East Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation District, will be the guest speaker. He will be presenting information about the county's Shoreline Program.

New Business:
Radon:
Mike Lipke said that he tested the radon level in his house after a couple of neighbors had radon mitigation systems installed recently. He was surprised at the level in his house and also surprised at the variation in radon levels present in neighboring homes. He wondered if bringing in a speaker on the subject might be a good idea. It was decided that since this problem is not lakeshore property specific, we would not do that at this time but look for ways to make people aware of this potential problem.

Lake Steward Program:
Scott Early informed the board that Minnesota Lakes and Rivers have reduced the requirements for qualifying for a Lake Steward Award.

Inviting members to attend board of directors' meetings:
Eric Pierskalla had this added to the agenda to discuss since it seemed contrary to standard business practice. However, prior to the meeting he did some research and found that nothing needed to change.
Bret Sorensen recommended that people who wish to attend a board meeting inform one of the board members ahead of time.

Other:
Board Member:
Tom Frank will contact an individual who has expressed interest in being on the board.

Adjournment:
Tom Frank made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Stabnow seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Submitted by Eric Pierskalla