

CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Letter/Dues Notice 2016

President's Message

Spring is just around the corner and with it the return of a majority of our members to enjoy Clark Lake. Winter was mild but there was enough snow and ice for the year round residents and those who visit in the "off season" to enjoy. Along with the other rituals of opening the cottage and spring cleaning there is this annual call for renewal of membership and dues payment.

CLAA exists as an association of people interested in the progress, development and welfare of Clark Lake and its surrounding land areas and also is dedicated to the promotion that we exist as a unified community. I ask each of you to renew your membership and thank you for your ongoing support. I also invite those who are not current members to join our community.

Your board of directors is charged with providing services and activities for the benefits of members. Last year we organized ourselves into committees to better address these aspects of the mission statement. The committees are meant to have at least three members but only one needs to be a board member. You do not need to commit to a three year board term.

We want all of our membership to participate by joining a committee or volunteering for a work day or plan an event for all of us to enjoy. When you look at the current board and committee members you will note that we are male dominated and I extend a special invitation to our female members to become involved also.

Hope everyone has a wonderful year; see you at the lake.

2016 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

CLAA Board meetings are open to all members. Meetings are held at the Jacksonport Town Hall .**Board meeting dates for 2016: 8 AM: 14 May; 11 Jun; 9 Jul; 10 Sep.**

Annual meeting: 9AM -11AM 9 Jul at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Notice with the agenda will be distributed in June but there will be a proposal to increase the dues to \$25.

Annual picnic: 11AM 9 Jul Jacksonport Lakeside Park .

As in the past regular members and their dependent children are at no cost and there is a small fee for guests. Soda, beer, and meal are included and we ask you to bring desert, salad or fruit to share.

Fall dinner: 10 Sep: location and specifics to be determined. There will be a social hour, meal and informational program. Participants will pay for their own meals.

Phragmites fest: date to be determined. This event involves manual application of chemicals to the invasive plants along the shore and into the wetlands. CLAA provides protective gear, instruction water transportation and a cold lunch.

Stay tuned for new events. The social committee is expanding its role and we hope to have at least one more social activity this year.

Other CLAA Activities

Annual activities include: maintenance, replacement and placing the buoys ; maintenance of informational signs; coordinating proposals with the townships that affect Clark Lake; reviewing recent legislative changes to zoning and shoreline use; facilitating co-op purchases; reviewing water sample results; and coordinating lake actions with the DNR. The co-op was especially successful as we not only received an outstanding rate for the propane but also gained several new members who desired the discount.

This year we are also supporting the Ridges with their efforts to monitor and suggest interventions for the Lost Lake watershed. We are also endorsing and supporting their efforts to receive a grant to invasive species control.

The fisheries Committee is writing a proposal to request a grant to install recently felled trees along the shore in order to enhance fish habitat. The Ridges will be assisting us in the grant proposal and also will be the first property to host the “fish sticks” if it is approved. The tree placement would occur during the winter.

The Water Quality Committee plans to review the recommendations from the 2007 Clark Lake study to see if we need to do any updates or member education. Kangaroo Lake is updating their plan and we will be watching the cost, outcomes and recommendations to then determine when we will do a follow up of our own.

The lake levels were again higher last fall when there was ice in. There is likely to be ice and water damage to vulnerable areas around the lake. We are consulting with Sevastopol on a frequent basis.

Keeping up to date with the CLAA Community and Clark Lake area

Part of our mission is to engender a sense of community and includes sharing information with all of you. Direct mailings to the entire membership are costly so we typically do them once a year for the membership renewal and dues statement along with this annual update.

We have been using the website (<http://www.clarklakewi.com>) as a notice board and repository of past information. Those of you with e-mail should have already received notices when new information is posted. Chuck Birringer birringer63@gmail.com is the current webmaster.

We are sensitive to the volume of e-mails that can flood you inbox. Notices from us include our name in the mail title. The notices and e-mail come from the website and your e-mail address is

not shared with anyone else. You can also unsubscribe at the website if you do not want to get the notices.

Our website has a link to both the Jacksonport and Sevastopol town websites. At these sites simply use the “Subscribe to updates” or “Subscribe to notices” option if you wish to receive notice of town meetings and agendas. Remember both the Pulse and Advocate have electronic editions for further news.

Another link that is on the website links and all of you should browse at least once is the Wisconsin Lakes Association. CLAA is a member and this group both does advocacy for lake owners. This includes information about and tracking of various legislative actions in addition to educational articles.

We have the social events and annual meeting not only for social purposes but also to have you share with the board and each other your ideas.

Each director is assigned a set of members to whom they are responsible. Your board representative should try to have a face to face with you at least twice a year as they deliver the flyers for the annual meeting and the fall dinner. They are also all willing to receive calls, e-mails or visits should you have comments or concerns.

Annual dues

Dues for this year continue at \$20 for a regular membership. An application is included and please return along with your payment by **June 1 to: Paul Bouthilet, 3540 Fayette Lane, Green Bay, WI. 54311-7381**

The regular membership includes both members of a couple and their dependent children. It includes free attendance at the picnic, free directory, access to the password protected section of the website, and the ability to purchase propane through our co-op.

Remember, each property with at least one owner with a regular membership receives a single vote. If you own more than one property you would need to complete an application and pay dues for that address if you want an additional vote.

Even though properties with multiple owners don't get more votes by each owner paying dues, we encourage all owners to join for the individual benefits and to fund the organization so we can continue to maintain the quality of Clark Lake.

Our budgeted income is about equal to our budgeted expenses. We also budget a special projects fund which has recently been taken from our cash reserves. We have been happy to receive some higher than expected donations in the last year and our special project last year, the walleye reef, cost less than a thousand dollars so we actually were able to add a few hundred to the cash reserve but otherwise we are projected to operate at a deficit over the next several years. For that reason, we will be requesting an increase in the dues to \$25 per membership at the annual meeting this year

Passings

We were saddened to receive the news of the loss of these friends:

Burt Arens 5637 Trails End Ct.
Bucky Jones long time resident who moved in 2014
Bea Bircher lark Lake Drive
Bob Stracka 5381 S. Lake Road
Diane Stracka 5381 S. Lake Road
Lou Haller West Shore Drive

New Owner

Welcome these new neighbors to the lake.

Rod Jacobson 5368 W Sylvan View Circle
Cara Easley 5430 W Sylvan View Circle
Mary Kaye 5418 E Sylvan View Circle
John & Diana Doyle 5600 Trails End Ct
Mike & Laurie Dolan 5608 Trails End Ct
Tim & Cathy Paulson 5679 Clark Lake Drive
Sean & Jennifer Moran 5565 Clark Lake Dr

If you are aware of other potential new members please contact Chuck Birringer so we can send membership information.

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