

**Proposed dues increase:**

The board is recommending a dues increase to \$25 per year. This is the first increase in at least 5 years.

This will add \$1100 to our revenues. If we reduce our annual special projects from \$2000 to \$1000 we should be able to stay in balance with a goal year-end balance of at least \$4000 which is about 90% of our projected fixed and variable annual expenses.

**Dues: Where does the money come from?**

CLAA relies on dues, donations and grants for its funding.

Grants may be applied to special projects but do not help fund our annual and fixed expenses.

We budget a 220 membership base at \$20 per member this equals \$4400.

We budget for \$200 of donations per year.

This gives us an expected total income of \$4600 per year.

Generous donations well beyond our projected \$200 have allowed us to continue our programs without developing a greater deficit and we thank all of you who have donated.

**Where does the money go?**

Fixed expenses and recurring annual projects use up over 105% of the revenue.

<i>Fixed and annual projects Expenses:</i>	<i>% of budgeted revenue</i>	
Picnic	\$1,350.00	29.0%
D&O Insurance	\$550.00	11.8%
WI Assn Lakes-dues	\$550.00	11.8%
Directory (1/2 of total)	\$500.00	10.8%
Printing	\$400.00	8.6%
Miscellaneous	\$400.00	8.6%
Web page	\$350.00	7.5%
Phragmites Control/Permit	\$245.00	5.3%
Office Expenses	\$200.00	4.3%
Fall Dinner-guests	\$50.00	1.1%
WI DFI	\$10.00	0.2%
Total Fixed Expenses	\$4,605.00	99.0%
Buoys and Anchors etc.	\$200.00	4.3%
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*List of annual projects that require expenditures and volunteers :*

- Buoy deployment and recovery Bob Defuat
- Boat launch information signs setup and take down
- Picinic
- Fall dinner
- Phragmites fest

Directory  
Water/vegetation sampling

This year we have also donated volunteers to assist the Ridges in putting in their new dock and moved rock and stones at the west side boat ramp to correct holes and uneven launch conditions created by erosion and power loading.

**Our special projects**

Each year we fund a special project. Our goal is to keep the total under \$2000 and recently we have been lucky to be averaging around \$760. Some grants have helped us afford many of these projects and the donated volunteer time is the other way we can support the special projects.

*Special projects:*

2010 Ridges Sanctuary \$425.42  
2011 West Side Winter Ramp \$313.79  
2012 None (equipment malfunction and project cancelled)  
2013 Boat Landing Contribution \$2000.00  
2014 Water Sampling \$1172.40  
2015 Walleye Reef \$667.83

Average cost per year, including 2012, \$763.24

We have been staying afloat the last several years with the addition of grants to defray some project costs. In addition generous member donations have exceeded our \$200 goal and we thank you all for your contributions. We will continue to rely on donations and plan to solicit and earmark donations to support special projects this year and into the future.