

# CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Annual Letter & Membership/Dues Notice (2020)

### President's Message

First of all, I want to thank those who volunteered for the Association Activities, all those who worked on the various committees, our Board of Directors and Officers and all those who made monetary donations to the Association. Without all of you we would not have had such a successful 2019. I look forward to working with all of you in 2020.

2019 was a great year under Chuck's leadership. Last year we had the largest volunteer pool ever. Thank you all for your time and dedication and we hope that this trend continues in 2020. Please review the list of 2019 volunteers on the website on member recognition under the Member Page. Donations continue to increase annually as well. The donations will help us fund the many projects we have on our agenda. Again, thank you all very much.

Working with Chuck, we will continue to move the Association toward more Electronic Communication. The new website is becoming our main communication tool. Along with News and Notices, we are adding detailed information about our existing committees and work groups, Officer and Director Duties and other training tools to be used by our members. We hope that the use of the website will encourage more of our membership to participate in the many Association's Activities. Please use the "Contact Us" on the Clark Lake Website to forward any changes to your home address, phone numbers or email addresses.

In 2019 Chuck Berringer stepped down as President to concentrate on Web management, Communications, and Cooperative Purchasing Projects (propane, waste collection, asphalt work, and possible internet/TV cable. The Board elected me as President and Kathy Steinmez as Secretary. I live in Manitowoc, but spend time at our place on West Shore year-round. A current list of the Officers and the Board of Directors can be found on the website. Here is the link from the website URL: <https://www.clarklakewi.com/board-of-directors/>.

The schedule for the 2020 events and Board of Director Meetings have been posted on the website. Go to the website and then click on the down arrow of the events button and select the event. Here is the link to the website URL: <https://www.clarklakewi.com/>

Speaking of CLAA officers, the CLAA website/emails was hacked during Mark Weisse's term as President, continued with Chuck Berringer's term and now my term. They are using our names and position to request items. Please disregard these requests.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 2020.

Mike Brunet (President CLAA)

## **Committee and Work Group Reports**

### **Social Committee (Marilyn VanLieshout)**

There are only three events currently scheduled in 2020: Annual meeting and Social (7/11/20), a Youth Event (TBA), and the Fall Dinner (9/12/20). If anyone has comments/concerns please contact a director or Marilyn VanLieshout.

### **Water Quality/Vegetation Control Committee (Mark Weisse)**

Fall 2019 we started a sample Natural Shoreline plot next to the west side boat ramp as an introduction of the Natural Shoreline project. This year we will continue with a demonstration of native plants and soft bioengineering at the west side boat ramp. Volunteers and equipment will be needed so watch for the announcements later this spring.

We will join with Kangaroo Lake Association and the Ridges to publicize the Healthy Lakes grant program and explore other sustainable, low cost options so more owners can establish at least 35 feet of native vegetative buffer along their lake front.

Phragmites continues to require our attention. We will have a work day in the spring to cull dead canes from a large patch. There is no chemical involved in this part of the process. Watch for an announcement and call for volunteers. Volunteers will also be required in the late summer.

The ramp volunteers continue to do trailer inspection for invasive species and coach boaters about lake safety and to limit activities in water less than 5 feet in depth. This is an opportunity to contribute to preserving the lake so please consider volunteering.

The committee and board need to establish a plan to further protect and re-establish our bulrush beds.

WQVC meeting schedule was posted February 2020, starting on 3/9/20.

### **Lake Safety/ Lake Maintenance (Bob Defaut & Chuck Birringer)**

Last year a group of volunteers removed stones from the launch area at the West Shore Boat Launch. If Water conditions permit, we may need volunteers to continue this project again in June 2020.

As is the case each year volunteers will also be needed to install and remove the lake buoys and the Ridges dock. Since these tasks typically require calm wind conditions, volunteers must be available on demand in May and again in October.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Bob Defaut or Chuck Birringer.

### **Fish/Wildlife Committee (Pat Canney)**

The fisheries committee did not initiate any fish habitat work this winter. We had only one site available and it is not worth the planning and coordination to do one site. Our fish sticks permit runs thru 2022 and hopefully with the addition of extra sites we will return to the ice next winter to continue the work.

The DNR completed the fish sampling survey (Spring and Fall 2019) to get a firsthand look at the fish populations on the lake. The Report has not been completed. We will keep you updated as we have more information.

### **Communications Committee (Chuck Birringer)**

Except for the Annual Letter, the Directory (published every other year), the Annual Meeting, Annual Picnic and Fall Dinner Flyers which are still in hardcopy, all other communication with the membership is made electronically via the website. Our goal is to have all communication electronically. If you have not provided CLAA with your email address or that of a friend or a relative please do so on the attached membership form with your annual dues.

### **Ad Hoc Committee (Mark Weisse & Gwenn Graboyes)**

We currently have an Ad Hoc Committee that is studying the possible purchase of AEDs for use around Clark Lake. Unfortunately, this committee was not been able to meet in 2019. We hope to revisit this project in 2020. Depending on the findings of this committee we may be asking members for funding.

### **History Work Group (Unassigned)**

The History Work Group is not an active work group at this time. Several years ago the history of Clark Lake was gathered and professionally put on a CD for sale. We are currently looking for a coordinator to continue this research. Contact one of the current directors if you are interested

### **Membership Work Group (Cathy Paulson)**

In the past few years members have requested that we add names to email addresses and cell phone numbers to the paper and online directories. Please provide that information on the attached membership form and return it with your dues.

### **Website Work Group (Chuck Birringer)**

The website is our main source of information related to CLAA. We are in the process of adding Director, Officer and Committee Duties, along with more detail information about CLAA. We hope to use the website as an educational tool for our membership, thereby increasing member participation in committee activities and creating a tighter bond within our membership.

In order to receive correspondence (News and Notices) from CLAA you must provide an email address on the attached membership form. To subscribe to text messages from CLAA please go to the website home page, click on the contact us button and provide the text cell phone number and the cell phone provider. To unsubscribe to CLAA messages simply click on the "Contact us" button and send a message with the email address you want to unsubscribe.

### **Cooperative Purchasing Work Group (Chuck Birringer)**

The plan is to continue the propane (Lakes), asphalt paving and the garbage/recycling (Going) contracts in 2020. Between the FCC shutting down the Door County Broadband (DCB) tower on Clark Lake in April 2020 and the financial problems Frontier Communications is currently experiencing the internet options are shrinking around Clark Lake. A new internet tower provided by DCB is in the works but it may be a year or two before they will be able to provide internet service on Clark Lake. Charter/Spectrum has been contacted, but communication has been moving very slowly. There are a few satellite internet options that are available but this option can be pricey. Probably the best option right now is cellular internet. New/Notices will be sent from the CLAA website as promotions from internet providers become available.

**Don't forget June 1, 2020 is the deadline for dues if you want to participate in this year's propane contract.**

### **Treasurer's Report and Annual Dues**

Paid membership end of 2019 was 240 compared to 243 in 2018.

End of 2019 numbers were: Cash balance of \$26,449.20; Designated for projects \$4,981.03; Undesignated funds \$21,468.17; Member donations \$1,160; and total disbursements for 2019 were \$5994.56, under budget of \$9,282.

Entering 2020, the CLAA is in a very sound financial condition, which favorably positions the organization to fulfill its stated mission of protecting and enhancing the enjoyment of Clark Lake.

Please login to the CLAA website ([www.clarklakewi.com](http://www.clarklakewi.com)) to view detailed financial information.

Sue Oldenburg, Treasurer CLAA

**Members who have passed away**

Gail Zahn (2018) – 4236 W Shore Dr  
Daryl Kapalin – 5280 W Shore Dr  
Kenneth Volkmann – 5420 W Shore Dr  
William Cory (2018) – 5342 W Shore Dr  
June Arens – 5637 Trails End Ct

**Members who moved away**

Gail Zahn – 4236 W Shore Dr  
Daryl & Kathy Kapalin – 5280 W Shore Dr  
Herb & Barb Heili – 5360 W Shore Dr  
Sean & Jennifer Moran – 5565 Clark Lake Dr  
Kenneth & Carol Volkmann – 5420 W Shore Dr

**New Members** – Let's reach out to our new members and welcome them to CLAA

David & Jodie Wheat – 4236 W Shore Dr  
Tara Orebaugh Meyer – 5280 W Shore Dr  
Kristine Tanck – 5420 W Shore Dr  
Todd Schramm – 5490 W Shore Dr  
Albert & Kristin Zambito – 5490 W Shore Dr