

THE 2011
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES
Preserving and Protecting Our Water Quality

A review of 2011 - looking forward to 2012

9:30 A.M.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011
HACKENSACK SENIOR CENTER

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. Announcements, reminders and updates**

BUSINESS MEETING

- 3. Treasurer's report**
- 4. Election of directors and officers**
- 5. Adopt Mission, Core Values, Strategic Plans and Vision Statements**
- 6. Year-in-review 2011**
- 7. Feedback on 2011 programs**
- 8. Members sharing association 2011 projects, initiatives, concerns and frustrations.**
- 9. Small group discussion – looking ahead to 2012 what do you see is/are your greatest issues and how can ACCL assist you? This will be followed by a report from each group and prioritizing the issues.**

Adjourn to a great complimentary lunch

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

2011 - 2012

BALLOT

OFFICERS (one year term)

President	Jerry Lerom (Long Lake)	__X__
	_____	_____
Vice President	Al Griggs (Ten Mile Lake)	__x__
	_____	_____
Secretary	John Bogard (Thunder Lake)	__x__
	_____	_____
Treasurer	Stan Kumpula (Baby Lake)	__x__
	_____	_____

DIRECTORS (three year term)

Jim Bedell (Pleasant Lake) x

Brad Ferris (Ponto Lake) x

Vic Rinke (Woman Lake) x

There were no nominations from the floor; motion, second to approve all candidates as printed on the ballot. Passed

2011 – A YEAR IN REVIEW

- 38 member associations – record number.
- Six membership meetings; May – Oct., attendance ranged from 25 – 56.

2011 membership meeting programs:

- May:** RMBEL – water testing program for 2011.
Details regarding implementation of DNR AIS Public Awareness Grant, and distributing info packets to resorts/campgrounds in Cass County.
- June:** Duke Broughton, DNR Conservation Officer – changes to state laws
Paula West and John Sumption - Conservation easements and possible grants for lake associations
- July:** Steve Johnson, Town Line Lake - a small lake battling EWM
Tom Buss, Mule Lake - volunteer boat/trailer inspection program at public access
- August:** Jeff Forester, Executive Director, MSRPO – the good work of MSRPO and the importance of strong, well organized “grassroots” organizations like lake associations and COLA’s working at all levels of local, county and state government levels.
- September:** Brad Ferris, Ponto lake, and Jim Bedell, Pleasant lake – discussed meeting with about 45 stakeholders, DNR Commissioner and DNR personnel ref: how DNR plans to use \$15 million to combat ZM.
- October:** Annual Business Meeting

- ACCL NETWORK has grown from an e-mail distribution list of 20 lake association editors to a distribution list of 60 including 30 editors.
- ACCL received a \$2550 DNR AIS Public Awareness Grant to be used for creating and distributing AIS information packets to about 120 resorts/campgrounds in Cass County. A by-product of the program was the creation of a resort/CG e-mail distribution list with 91 resorts/CG on the list.
- Continued to promote ACCL’s significant e-mail distribution list and regular Updates and Announcements Newsletter.

- ACCL assisted facilitating water testing program with county, RMBEL and associations.
- Monitored the 2011 Mn. Legislative Session and actively participated by writing letters to key legislators regarding important environmental issues, signed-on letters from Mn. Waters and Cola Coalition. Communicated regularly with ACCL Newsletters and current information on website.
- ACCL contributed toward the cost of the Cass County “Zebra Mussel” info stuffer enclosed with property tax statements that were mailed in March.
- Participated in the formation of the “Cola Collaborative” and supported the coalition’s lobbying effort at state legislature.
- ACCL promoted member attendance at the 4rd Annual Legislative Forum at the Northern Lights Casino on Sept. 23. About 150 from the area attended.
- BOD developed: Mission, Core Values, Strategic Planning and Vision Statements
- ACCL’s website: acclakes.org has grown from 252 hits in 2009, 530 in 2010 to 941 in the first nine months of 2011.
- ACCL is in process of filing with State of Minnesota Articles of Incorporation and plans to file for 501(c)(3) status. Several board members consulted with CPA and attorney.

GOALS FOR 2012

+Continue with major emphasis on AIS related issues at all levels.

+Increased emphasis on the formation of new lakes associations.

+Continue to support the formation of the COLA COLLABORATIVE.

+Expand ACCL efforts to connect and communicate regularly with county boards and departments, state legislators and DNR regarding issues that effect the water quality of our waters in Cass County and communicate the significant volunteer efforts coming from our member lake associations and ACCL.

+Continue to “grow the ACCL organization” that supports the members.

+Other initiatives as determined at Oct. 15 Annual Meeting.