

**THE 2012
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES**

A review of 2012 – looking forward to 2013

9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

HACKENSACK SENIOR CENTER

2012

ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES

ANNUAL MEETING

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AGENDA

1. TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

3. 2012 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

4. LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013

5. MEMBERS FEEDBACK, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS

6. ADJOURN

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

2012-2013

BALLOT

OFFICERS (One year term)

President	Jerry Lerom (Long Lake)	_____
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Vice President	Al Griggs (Ten Mile Lake)	_____
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Secretary	John Bogard (Thunder Lake)	_____
	_____	_____
Treasurer	Stan Kumpula (Baby Lake)	_____
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DIRECTORS (Three year terms)

Bob Gisvold (Leech Lake)_____

Dave Snesrud (Washburn) _____

Linda Blake (Hattie)(1 year)* _____ ***One year remaining – Gary Larson**

ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES

2012 – YEAR-IN-REVIEW

³⁵₁₇ **37 member associations**

³⁵₁₇ **Five membership meetings: May – September.**

2012 Membership meeting programs:

May: RMBEL – water testing program for 2012 and overview of 2011 analysis of testing data/reports/profiles for those lakes participating. Updates from Ron Meyer, PRWSA President; John Ringle and Kelly Condif, ESD; Brad Ferris, ACCL BOD, regarding Report on DNR 2012 Watercraft Inspection Plan; introduced Christine Herwig, DNR AIS Specialist for our area and Doug Schultz, DNR Walker Fisheries Office Manager. Sheriff Tom Burch introduced and solicited comments on a plastic boat key tag card warning that AIS violations are serious and citations can be written by deputies. Sheriff's office will produce and donate tags to lake associations and others who request them.

June: Ed Evans, RALALA, discussed the "Plan to Prevent the Crooked Lake Township Lakes from Becoming Contaminated by AIS". Bob Iversen, Ten Mile Lake Association, discussed the "Ten Mile Lake Association AIS Prevention Plan". Paula West, LLAWF Exec. Dir., gave an update on the Conservation Easement Program and explained the Leech Lake Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Program that was recently launched.

July: Reno Wells, Cass County Association of Townships Chairman, reviewed the state laws and mandates that govern what town boards can and can't do legally and in what ways a township board might partner with local lake associations in the fight against AIS. Cass County Deputy Sheriff Landreville with the Water Patrol discussed a variety of water related issues.

August: Dr. Darby Nelson, author of "For love of Lakes". Dr. Nelson is a Professor Emeritus at Anoka Ramsey Community College and aquatic ecologist, former Mn. State Legislator and former board president of Conservation Minnesota.

Sept: ACCL 2012 ANNUAL MEETINGS: Jeff Forester, Executive Director, MSRPO

COALITION - discussion ref: 2013 AIS Legislative Agenda; discussion ref: ZM testing along the Boy River.

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17 ACCL assisted facilitating between lake association water testing program and RMBEL.**
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17 ACCL made contribution to LLAWF, Cass County ESD(lakeshed/water quality reports), Cass County Sheriff's Office (AIS Boat key tags).**
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17 Participated in MN. COLA COLLABORATIVE board/membership meetings.**
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17 Promote annual Legislative Forums.**
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17 Filed Articles of Incorporation and received Certificate of Incorporation from Mn.**
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17 Applied for 501©3 status. Approval pending.**
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17 Distributed balance (2000) of AIS Info Cards (DNR Public Awareness Grant).**
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17 Member of the Leech Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Project – Civil Engagement Team.**
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17 Growing ACCL's e-mail distribution list to over 150 mail recipients.**
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17 Membership in Mn. COLA COLLABORATIVE and MSRPO.**
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17 ACCL Mission, Core Values and Vision document approved Oct. 15, 2011.**
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17 Facilitating discussions with DNR AIS Specialist and RMBEL regarding ZM testing and lake associations who are connected by the Boy River.**

GOAL FOR 2013

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17 Continue the major emphasis on AIS related issues at all levels.**
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17 Emphasize facilitating the formation of new lake associations.**
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17 Continue supporting MN. COLA COLLABORATIVE.**

³⁵₁₇ **Fill the vacancy for communications editor/director – ACCL NETWORK and ACCL NETWORK FOR RESORTS AND CAMPGROUNDS.**

³⁵₁₇ **Support the lobbying effort of partner organizations - Mn. COLA COLL. and MSRPO by assisting and supporting their efforts and communicating with key members of the Legislature on matters pertaining to ACCL's environmental areas of concern during the 2013 Legislative Session. Communicate membership with regular updates on important legislative issues via the e-mail distribution list and ACCL website.**

³⁵₁₇ **Other goals and initiatives as determined by the membership and BOD.**