

**THE 2013
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES**

A review of 2013 – looking forward to 2014

9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

HACKENSACK SENIOR CENTER

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ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES
ANNUAL MEETING
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AGENDA

- 1. TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

- 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- 3. 2013 YEAR-IN-REVIEW**

- 4. LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014**

- 5. MEMBERS FEEDBACK, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS**

- 6. ADJOURN – BUSINESS MEETING**

- 7. CONTINUE THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

- 8. COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

2013-2014

BALLOT

OFFICERS (One year term)

President	Jerry Lerom	___X___
	_____	_____
Vice President	Jim Bedell	___X___
	_____	_____
Secretary	John Bogard	___X___
	_____	_____
Treasurer	Stan Kumpula	___X___
	_____	_____

DIRECTORS (Three year terms)

Tom Buss	___X___
Linda Blake	___X___
Al Zahn	___X___
Bob Iversen (*)	___X___ (*) One year term – Jim Bedell

X – MSP TO ELECT ALL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICER AND BOD POSITONS.

ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES

2013 – YEAR-IN-REVIEW

- 37 member associations
- Five membership meetings: May – September.

2013 Membership meeting programs:

May: Pat Scherman, RMBEL –reviewed the details of the water testing program for 2013 and distributed equipment to associations representatives participating in the program.

Joe Eisterhold and Bruce Ainspagh, area DNR discussed AIS inspection program training and indicated if there was sufficient interest they would schedule a training course in this area. Chief Deputy Sherrif Hogland discussed the work of the water patrol. John Ringle, ESC Director, updated all regarding the CC AIS Task Force.

June: CO Duke Broughton provided update on the work of the CO in Cass County area that he patrols regarding AIS, etc. laws and violations that he has encountered and any changes to the laws. Update on the Mn COLA LSOHC AIS Proposal for \$25 million.

July: Doug Schultz, DNR Area Fisheries Manager – Walker Office presented information on Walker Office 2013 projects and his take on any proposed long range plans. Brad Ferris, Ponto Lake and ACCL BOD presented his report that listed all the lakes in ACCL and the Ph, Chl., Secchi readings and TSI. Report showed the relative health of the lakes and show the averages for all the lakes. Brad also compared results for area lakes to several well known lakes in southern Minn. Lerom gave update on CC AIS Task Force Management Plan.

August: Paula West and John Sumption, LLAWF, presented a summary of the current activity of the LLAWF regarding Fee Title Acquisitions, conservation easements, pending LLAWF fund proposal before the LWOHC and concluded with an update on the work of the LLRW-HSPF Modeling Project/Civic Engagement Planning team. Lerom shared information regarding the proposed ACCL Political Action Teams program and an ACCL reorganization plan that includes several Strategic Action Teams to be completed by the ACCL Annual Meeting in September.

Sept: ACCL'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING followed by a complimentary lunch.

2013 – YEAR IN REVIEW

- Facilitate the lake association water testing program with RMBEL.
- Participate in the development of the Cass County AIS Prevention and Management Plan and remains committed to assisting Cass County SWCD, who has the lead in the implementation of the Plan that was completed in September, 2013 and is pending BOC and SWCD BOD acceptance.
- Participated in MN. COLA COLLABORATIVE board/membership meetings.
- Invited to make a presentation on AIS at the Fall Conference of the Cass County Township Supervisors in October.
- IRS approved ACCL's application for 501c3 status.
- Linda Blake, ACCL BOD, volunteered to be editor of ACCL's Newsletter.
- Printed and distributed 2000 AIS Info Cards at ACCL's expense.
- Member of the Leech Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Project – Civil Engagement Team.
- Continued to grow ACCL's e-mail distribution list to over 150 mail recipients, created e-mail distribution lists for resorts owners, all townships in Cass County and Cass County Radio Stations and Newspapers.
- Membership in Mn. COLA COLLABORATIVE and MLRA
- ACCL (Lerom) was invited to participate in the planning/development of a "Fostering Citizen Leadership in Our Watersheds – Workshop Series" that includes 5 area watersheds including Leech Lake River, Pine River, Crow Wing, Pine and Red Eye Watersheds. The first group of about 20 participants will start in October, 2013.

- Created eight strategic Action Teams as part of ACCL's revised Organizational Structure.
- Participate in the development of the Mn. COLA Legislative Platform and appropriate lobbying actions, and provided membership timely updates and calls for action.

GOAL FOR 2014

- Continue the major emphasis on AIS related issues at all levels.
- Assist the SWCD Dept. with the implementation of the CC AIS Prevention and Management Plan. (This will be a major commitment of time.
- Implement ACCL's reorganization plan that includes eight Strategic Action Teams.
- Emphasize facilitating the formation of new lake associations.
- Continue supporting MN. COLA COLLABORATIVE and the work of the LLAWF.
- Seek out a volunteer who will serve as a Newspaper/Radio Communications Editor/Director.
- Emphasis on generating articles for area newspapers and radio station that promote the work and initiatives of ACCL and member associations.
- Support the lobbying effort of partner organizations - Mn. COLA COLL. and MLRA 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 2014 Legislative Session. Communicate to membership with regular updates on important legislative issues via the e-mail distribution list and ACCL website. Implement ACCL's proposed member association Political Action – Rapid Response Teams.
- Other goals and initiatives as determined by the membership and BOD.