



# **Caribou Lake Association Newsletter**

**May 2012**

## **Annual June Meeting**

The annual first meeting of summer will be June 9 at the Grand Lake Town Hall. Please come for a continental breakfast at 9:00, meeting will start at 10:00.

How very lucky we are to be on our beautiful Caribou Lake for another glorious summer season!

Items on the agenda will include nominating and electing officers, CLA programs for the summer, plans for the Caribou Lake Sale, operation and future of the weed harvester, controlling and preventing invasive species, Caribou Lake signs, lake-wide communications and developing a mission statement.

Volunteers are needed to form a lake health committee and we need several people to audit the books.

## **Membership Renewal Enclosed**

Please join the lake association. Last year there were 63 members out of a total of 160 owners on the lake. We need to work together to protect and preserve our lake's ecosystem, build a mutual forum of communication, advocate for responsible recreational activities, and enhance the relationships among lakeshore owners. Let's try to double our numbers this year!

Attached to this newsletter is your 2012 membership renewal form. Please send the form along with your dues of \$35, and make note of any change of address.

Please remember that the Caribou Lake Association is an IRS approved non-profit under IRS Code 501(c)(3), and any donations made to the association ABOVE the membership dues are fully tax deductible. Your support is appreciated.

Your 2012 CLA member signs will be available at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **CLA Sale**

The CLA Sale will be June 22-23 at the Grand Lake Town Hall. Last year's sale was a great success with over \$1700 raised for care and upkeep of our lake.

Here's your chance to get rid of some of that nice "stuff" you have around the house, get in on some good deals, and meet other area residents. We are looking for donations of clean and usable items to sell - furniture, cabin and lake items, collectibles, tools, antiques, children's clothes and toys, household items, books, CDs, DVDs. Please NO TVs, large or non-working appliances, adult clothes, or mattresses.

We also need people to help set up the sale, work during the sale, and pack up after closing on Saturday. Please call or e-mail Barb Kwam if you would like to help. caribou@gmail.com.

Item drop-off - Thursday, June 21, 7 am to 8 pm

Sale - Friday and Saturday, June 22 - 23, 8:30 - 5 pm

Grand Lake Town Hall, Twig MN

## **Lake Clean-Up**

When you are out on the lake, or out walking on the road, please pick up and discard garbage that unthinking people have left. We want our lake and neighborhoods to be clean and nice looking.

## **Aquatic Invasive Species**

We must take care to protect Caribou Lake from invasive species. Pike Lake is infested with zebra mussels, we don't want them in our lake.

## **Caribou on the Web**

We would like to increase our lake communications using our website, cariboulake.org and our Facebook page, Caribou Lake Association.

Cariboulake.org has pull-down menus for current news, CLA newsletters, lake history, maps, weather information, link to a lake web cam on Sunny Lane, photos, lake freeze and thaw dates, and contact information. We would like to post stories and photos from people who have been on the lake for many years. How many of us remember the barn dances at Kehtel's? Who has lived on the lake the longest? Have any of you kept track of lake freeze and thaw dates? If you have stories or photos you would like to post on the site, send them to [TheWebTeam@cariboulake.org](mailto:TheWebTeam@cariboulake.org), or contact Jeff Charnes at 218-729-4559.

Facebook users have posted photos and lake news. So far we have only 15 friends, it would be great to have a lot more!

## **Schedule of CLA 2012 Events**

June 9 -Continental breakfast at 9:00, meeting at 10:00, Grand Lake Town Hall

June 22-23 - CLA Sale at Grand Lake Town Hall

July 4 - Annual Boat Parade

July 19 - Photo presentation by Dennis O'Hara, professional photographer who lives on Caribou and has taken many Caribou photos. Check out his website at [northernimages.com](http://northernimages.com).

August - Annual CLA picnic at Manns' on Sunny Lane, date TBA

September - Lake Association meeting and social, date and location TBA

Also planned - Wacky, quacky canoe and kayak race for non-motorized boats.

## **CLA Officers**

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