

Mission Lakes Association Board Meeting

Approved 4/25/2015

March 23, 2015

Meeting called to order at 2:09 PM at Nick Bernier's house

Board Members present: Nick Bernier, Ron Hedlund, Cheryl Turcotte, Gary Rohde, Barb Woese, Paula West.
Others present: Kathy Bernier

Minutes of the August 23, 2014 Annual Meeting were reviewed with a motion to approve by Paula West, second by Gary Rohde, motion passed

Treasurers report: Consisted of 2014 EOY report because there has been no activity since December 31, 2014. It was discussed that we were about \$11K ahead of last year at this time because we didn't treat Lower Mission for CLP last year, plus we received about \$6K in aid from the County that was a result of the State Legislature designating over \$450,000 to Crow Wing County to combat Invasive species. Motion to approve by Gary Rohde, second by Paula West, motion passed.

A brief summary of 2014 activities followed

Discussion reviewing 2015 activities to date

-Reviewed 3/10/2015 meeting with DNR and PLM attended by Nick Bernier and Ron Hedlund

-Discussed available Grant applications, permits and proposed 2015 County plan to financially support treatment of EWM in both Upper and Lower Mission, including the proposed dedication of 200 hours of inspection time at each public access.

Planning for remainder of 2015 (discussion among board members)

-Set meeting dates for Board Meetings, Picnic and Annual Meeting:

- Next Board Meeting April 25th at Nick's house, 9:30 AM
- Annual Meeting May 23rd at Center Township Town Hall. Refreshments at 9:30 AM. Meeting begins at 10:00 AM
- Board Meeting July 18th at Mission Town Hall, 9:30 AM
- Picnic, August 8th at Mission Park, 1:00 PM, with the Mission Town Hall as alternate in case of bad weather
- Additional Board Meetings may be established at a later date

-Set targets for communications and assign responsibility

- Fundraising letter to be prepared following the same format used the two previous years, prepared by Paula with assistance from Nick, Ron, Barb and others, with distribution in May
- News updates, prepared by Ron, Nick and/or others, probably in early June and July or whenever deemed appropriate
- Newsletter, Prepared by Barb Woese with article assistance from others, with distribution preferred in July

-Other items discussed

- Nick and Gary Rohde will continue taking and reporting secchi readings
- Ron will continue taking and reporting water level readings
- Nick and Ron will continue monitoring the dam and beaver activity in Mission Creek and work with the trapper and the DNR to resolve any issues identified
- The possible need to buy replacement buoys (channel markers) was discussed. Nick will look into prices. Gary Rohde made a motion, second by Ron, to approve the purchase of some buoys if it would be advantageous at this time. Motion passed
- Discussed locating and recording the waypoints of CLP/EWM, coordination, volunteers, transferring of data, working with DNR, PLM, etc. We will continue as we have in the past and will strive to increase volunteer training and involvement. Also establish a plan of ongoing searches and possible assignment of search areas in Lower Mission to volunteers.
- Discussed possible involvement in a County subsidized plan to search for veligers at our access areas. This would require the purchase of a net by the Association at a cost of about \$180.00. Gary Rohde made a motion to approve the purchase if we decide to implement the plan, second by Ron, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 3:30