

Mission Lakes Association Board Meeting – April 5, 2014

Mission Town Hall, Merrifield, MN

Call to order – 9:35AM by Nick Bernier, Vice President

Board Members in attendance: Gary Rhode, Barb Woese, Dale Gunderson, Cheryl Turcotte, Nick Bernier, Roger Mack, Paula West, Ron Hedlund

Others present – Bob Snell

Motion to approve August 17, 2013 Annual Meeting minutes made by Gary Rohde, second by Dale Gunderson, motion carried without dissent.

Treasurers' report:

Cheryl Turcotte passed out the YTD financial summary for review and presented current bills for approval consisting of property taxes of \$9.36 and printing supplies for Ron Hedlund at \$93.37. Motion to pay bills and accept Treasurers Report was made and passed. Some discussion followed regarding the process of receiving and depositing the dues and donations and sending out the thank you/receipt. Ron Hedlund will print up the receipt forms for Cheryl and provide envelopes with pre printed return address.

Aquatic Vegetation Committee Report:

Paula, Nick and Ron reported on the meeting they had with the DNR and the applicator on 3/11/2014 where they discussed last year's activities, this year's follow-up plans and preliminary plans for this year. It was stated that our final plan will depend greatly on our contributions this year and the results of the DNR's pre treatment AIS searches as well as our own volunteer searches. The estimated cost to the Association this year is about \$20,000. Ron reported that the Association purchased a GPS unit that he will make available to volunteer locators that he will train on the identification and locating process. Additional volunteers are needed.

Discussion regarding financial needs, fundraising efforts, new fundraising ideas, etc.:

Roger Mack stated that he and his brother Rich would be willing to work with Sunset Bay Resort to encourage their guests to join and/or contribute to the Association. Nick volunteered to develop a handout that could be passed out to the resort guests and also used in our efforts to encourage non members to join. Formation of a fundraising committee was discussed but no decision made. Roger suggested a drawing for a four wheeler, but the time, effort and State rules make it prohibitive.

Review of necessary Association tasks:

Ron passed out two handouts, one with a list of Association tasks, the other with the tasks on a committee basis. Ron recommended the formation of some new committees such as Water Quality, Communications and Fundraising, for the purpose of having a committee chairperson that would be responsible for identifying/assigning necessary tasks and responsibilities.

Newsletter, fundraising newsletter and news updates:

Last year our fundraising letter went out in early June. It was suggested that the letter should go out in mid May if possible, using a similar format to last year regarding member, member-contributor and non-member. Paula offered to work on developing the letters.

Discussed the possibility of finding a volunteer that was skilled at formatting a newsletter to assist Barb Woese in getting out our future newsletters.

Established 2014 meeting and picnic dates as:

- June 14th (at Nicks house)
- July 12th for the Picnic, at Mission Park
- August 23rd for the Annual Meeting. At Mission Town Hall

Old Business:

- Ron said the website has not been updated for quite a while but he expects to get it done by the end of the month.
- Calendar sales were way down and it was determined it was not worth the amount of work that goes into it, so we will not be doing calendars next year.

New Business:

- Nick has talked to the owner of Gryphon Dock who has volunteered to put in our channel markers for free in return for mention in our newsletter.
- Paula will be looking into an AW Research proposal to do water testing this year.
- Paula is attending a DNR meeting on April 16th regarding the management of invasive plants. Ron and Nick will also attend. (note: the meeting was later cancelled because of blizzard)
- Conservation Minnesota is hosting a "State of the Waters" conference on May 1st and 2nd. Nick expressed interest in attending. Expenses would be paid by the Association.

Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:45