

# Mission Lakes Association Annual Meeting

August 23, 2014

9:30 Rolls, coffee and conversation.

Attendance –

Board Members: Warren Herold, Nick Bernier, Ron Hedlund, Belinda Hedlund, Cheryl Turcotte, Paula West, Richard Mack and Barbara Woese.

Guests: Steve Herold, Jerry Stegora, Bob Snell, Cindy Karos, Paul Karos and Peter Karos.

10:00 Called to order by Warren Herold.

10:04 Minutes of June 14, 2014 meeting reviewed with a motion to approve by Nick Brenier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula West. Motion passed.

10:15 Treasurers Report was passed out, reviewed and discussed. So far this year we have received about \$14K in contributions compared to \$17K last year. Motion to approve by Belinda Hedlund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Woese.

Aquatic Vegetation Committee Report- Updates given by Ron Hedlund, Nick Bernier and Paula West

*Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP)*: The long winter with a long ice and snow cover to block the sunlight that can result in CLP growth throughout the winter resulted in minimal CLP growth. After thorough searching in the Spring it was decided to not treat this year. The result was the saving of \$5,000 we had planned for treatment. This turned out to be a good decision.

*Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM)*: Discussed our plan to put our initial focus on the area in front of the resorts with the goal of reducing the spread into Lower Mission. Although in prior years there was only moderate EWM growth in this area, we were disappointed to find considerable EWM growth and marked 111 waypoints for treatment. Less than two weeks later all of the 111 points located were treated with liquid 2-4D. Discussed how the locating of Milfoil by volunteers along with the quick and accurate application through new technology has increased the success in managing the Aquatic Vegetation. The excellent relationship we have with the DNR is one of the things that allows us this opportunity. They appreciate our efforts, as we are providing them with the information they need to treat our lake effectively while learning what works and what doesn't for ours and other lakes. The cloudy and windy weather throughout the summer didn't offer many additional ideal days for locating. Further searches in early June revealed additional EWM in areas that included most of the East shore, the Hoot Owl Bay area, a spot outside of Elm Bay and another patch on the North end of Upper Mission. These 350+ sites were treated on July 29<sup>th</sup>. No EWM was located in Lower Mission!

Local Grants and Aid: Paula West explained that we would be receiving a \$2,000 grant payment from the DNR towards our EWM treatment in Upper Mission. She also explained that the State Legislature

allocated \$4.5 million to combat invasive species in Minnesota. Their focus is to prevent the introduction and limit the spread of invasive species. Crow Wing County's share will be \$220K this year and \$450 next year. The share for Mission Lake this year will be up to \$5,000 towards treatment expenses for EWM per lake plus up to \$250 for education and awareness.

#### Water Testing Report – Nick Brenier.

Chlorophyll and phosphorous testing along with Secchi readings show our water quality is very stable and consistent with 20 years of collected data. These tests need not be done yearly, rather we can just monitor with Sechi testing for now.

#### Beaver Activity Report-

Keeping the dam clear is important to export the phosphorous down Mission Creek. We have hired a person who will help monitor flow and trap when necessary. He has removed one beaver so far. Prevention is easier than clearing the dam.

#### Planning For 2015

After discussion we decided upon:

2 Newsletters a year with important updates as needed.

June –Annual Meeting

August – Second week Annual Picnic

A list of nonmember property owners will be put together for interested volunteers to contact. Peter Karos designed and presented a flyer that we can use or customize that would be a nice handout if going door to door.

Old Business- None

New Business- Rental Properties. Pros, cons, concerns were discussed.

#### Election of officers

11:55 Officers and Directors who were up for reelection have all been nominated to remain. Motion made by Cindy Karos, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Herold, all in favor.

**Officers:** Warren Herold, President, Nick Bernier, Vice President, Cheryl Turcotte, Treasurer and Ron Hedlund, Secretary

**Directors:** **Upper Lake-**Belinda Hedlund, Dale Gunderson, Paula West, Walt Pangburn. **Lower Lake:** Gary Rohde, Barb Woese, Rich Mack, Roger Mack

12:15 Meeting adjourned. Motion made by Rich Mack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Bernier.