

Mission Lakes Association Annual Meeting

Center Township Town Hall

May 27, 2017

9:30 Rolls, coffee, social time. Thank you to Barb Woese, Cheryl Turcotte and Joan Rhode.

Attendance - Nick Bernier, Ron Hedlund, Belinda Hedlund, Cheryl Turcotte, Barb and Dell Woese, Gary & Joan Rhode, Jack and Sue Schubert, Steve Scholtes, Glen Trisko, Katrina Johnson, Kurt Orr, Bruce Hanson, John Henry, Duane and Tony Laffrenzen, Dale Gunderson, Doug and Jill Kurkowski, Gary Henrickson, Rich Mack, Paul Norlan, Tim Norlan, Roger Mack, Steve Shohes, Steve Sather, Rebecca Timmins, Mike Barnes, Herman Kylo, Tony Russell, Scott Erickson, Karen Olson and Boyd Jones,

Great turn out with many NEW Faces.

This last year we lost our long term President and dedicated Mission Lakes advocate Warren Herold. He worked hard at the position for many years and will be missed.

Before the actual meeting started we had a representative from both the local EMT and Fire Department speak briefly about the free training offered to the public on the last Wednesday of every month at the Mission Lake Town Hall.

Open forum beginning at 9:45

Cormorants – Too many... The permit to harvest will be investigated.

Co Rd 19 Speeding – People were encouraged to make the call to have this area patrolled or set up the speed sign etc..

Call to order at 10:00 By Nick Bernier

Minutes of the last meeting had been emailed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting for review. No discrepancies were noted.

Treasurers Report was available for review. Cheryl mentioned in 2016 that 115 people had contributed. So far 59 this year. Currently \$10,378 in savings, \$24,125 in checking.

Aquatic Vegetation Committee Report- Updates and details given

Discussed how the location of Invasive species by volunteers is essential. It is hard to find the right day without wind or clouds so that you can really see. With the timely and accurate application based on the locating information done by volunteers we are doing the best we can managing the Aquatic Vegetation. Our DNR representative, Dan Swanson, has retired and we are working with a new person now. There have been a few small delays and the curly leaf pond weed (CLP) may have been treated a little late this year.

No Zebra Mussels have been found in our lake. No Starry Stone Wart either.

The DNR has allowed us 200 hours of monitoring at each of the access to help prevent the Invasive Species from entering or leaving our lakes.

Cost to treat is about 560 an acre of CLP and 800 an acre for Eurasian Milfoil. *If there is a problem spot a person would like to request and pay for specifically in addition to what the association can do, please contact Nick.

Water Quality Report – Gary Rhode & Nick

Secchi readings in mid May showed the water clarity in Lower Mission at 24 feet and Upper Mission at 30 feet. SUPER clear.

Reminded everyone to bring a bucket when boating or fishing – capture and dispose of the loose fragments so they can't take root in other areas of the lake – Don't drive in the weeds.

Nick said that it is not us pumping in the water for the duck in the pond but the DNR in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited. We have requested it be discontinued as it hasn't increased the duck population as it was meant. It was pointed out how very little it affects the lake level, even when flooded.

Beaver Activity Report-

The DNR cleared the big dam the beavers built before they set the lake level so we'd have the correct representation of the elevation we need for an accurate readings. Many people have volunteered their time to help in the different areas that the beavers like and have done a good job to help keep everything flowing which helps us keep the lake clean by exporting the phosphorous. We also have a person that we pay to trap and remove the Beavers. Prevention is easier than clearing the dam.

Improving Communications and Increase Membership

Contact new home owners-Barb Woese will get the mailing list from the tax office.

Email frequently- we had positive feedback that it kept them informed.

It was discussed why we are having more informal meetings with voting etc... Since we no longer have gambling it is not necessary to be as formal and in the future, the by laws for the association may be re written to reflect the more informal format.

Bills for approval-

Approved misc.bills: Doughnuts and coffee for the meeting. The list of homeowners and labels from the County, postage, fundraising letter printing, dues to renew the Minnesota Lake and Rivers membership, CLP treatment.

Old Business- None. Nick touched on how we used to do pull tabs in the past until it became non profitable.

New Business

Continue to compare and update the mailing list. Some conversation regarding why we no longer have a picnic.

Assignments

Jack Schultz and Rebecca Timmins volunteered for helping update the website

Rebecca Timmins will be doing the News Letter

Nick will follow up on the Cormorants, stocking fish and work with DNR on Mission creek/beaver issues.

Election of officers

Nick Bernier will now be President which leaves the position of Vice President OPEN

We welcome Rebecca Timmins as a new board member

All others that had an expiring term have been reelected and agree to serve another term.

11:15 Motion by Gary Rohde, seconded by Belinda Hedlund, meeting adjourned.