

Mission Lakes Association Board Meeting – June 14, 2014

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

Board members in attendance: Gary Rohde, Cheryl Turcotte, Nick Bernier, Roger Mack, Rich Mack, Ron Hedlund

Approved the April 5, 2014 Meeting minutes by consensus.

Treasurers' report: Cheryl Turcotte passed out the YTD financial summary for review. Our current savings balance was \$10,353.37 and the checking balance was \$12,652.95. Bills for payment were discussed with \$160 to Gizmo Creations for 2013-2014 Website hosting and updates and \$150 for membership to Conservation Minnesota. Motion to approve payment was made by Hedlund, second by Rohde, motion passed. Cheryl said she had just received dues and contributions from 15 people and will be making a deposit next week. Motion was made to approve the Treasurers report by Rhode, seconded by Roger Mack, motion approved.

Discussion regarding fundraising efforts: Fundraising letters written by Paula West were assembled and mailed June 9th by Barb Woese. A letter written by Nick Bernier for the purpose of soliciting non-members and resorters was discussed. All were in favor of the plan as well as having dues envelopes available for people anxious to contribute.

Aquatic Vegetation Committee Report:

Regarding Curlyleaf pondweed (CLP), Ron and Nick Reported that they and Paula did a pre CLP treatment search on Lower Mission on May 26th and under very good visibility conditions they found almost no CLP, probably because of the long period of ice/snow cover. With the 28th being the last day approved for treatment they decided we would be better off skipping the treatment this year, do a thorough mapping of any CLP growth at its peak, and use the data for future treatment planning. This would also allow us to better afford our Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) treatment needs as we identify them later this year. Unfortunately, with the current warm weather conditions, the CLP is now growing rapidly.

Regarding Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), the plan is to do as much searching and locating as possible, as soon as conditions permit, and passing the data to the DNR and the applicator for approval and treatment. This plan was developed at a March 11th meeting where our Committee met with the DNR and Professional Lake Management. At that meeting we set our first treatment priority as the area in front of the resorts in an attempt to minimize the spread of EWM into the lower lake. It was also stressed that anyone boating on Lower Mission should be on the lookout for EWM and if any is found it should be reported to Nick or Ron.

Newsletter and news updates: Paula plans to work with Barb Woese on our newsletter. Further discussion regarding newsletters and updated will take place in the near future with all involved.

Picnic plan: Picnic is planned for July 12th with Belinda Hedlund in charge.

Annual Meeting plan: To be discussed at later date.

Old Business: Channel markers were placed at no charge by Gryphon Dock. We will include a note about this in our Newsletter.

New Business:

-Nick Bernier has begun taking monthly water samples from both lakes for analysis and comparison to past years. The water samples are for chlorophyll A and phosphorus.

-We have a good water flow through Mission Creek and no beaver activity seen at this time. Nick Bernier will continue checking for obstructions or beaver activity.

-The DNR is running the pump at the old hatchery in an attempt to flood out the hybrid cattails.

-Nick reported on the annual conference put on by Conservation Minnesota. He felt that there were many good sessions and suggested in future years we should send more than one person in order to attend more sessions.

-Nick reported that our state legislature recently approved a considerable amount of money to be distributed to the counties to be used for Aquatic Invasive Species prevention. We have been concerned about how this money will be distributed and Paula West has been very involved with the county to insure that we will be receiving some financial assistance to help us in our prevention and control efforts. Also, Nick has been in contact with our County Commissioner on the issue. (We have since learned that this year Crow Wing County will receive approximately \$202,000, and then \$450,000 per year in following years, for prevention.)

Motion and second to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:15.