

Jessie Lake Watershed Association Annual Spring Meeting June 6, 2015

President Dave Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

There were 25 members and one guest present.

There were no additions to the agenda.

The minutes from the fall meeting were read. Dale Hertle made a motion to accept the minutes, Diane Goetzman seconded. Motion carried.

Tina Jorgenson gave the treasurer's report (see attachment). There are 115 paid members. Jim Anderson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Harold Goetzman seconded. Motion carried.

2015 PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Lake levels -- Jim Anderson reported that on April 24 the level was 1,322.45 feet on June 6, 1,323.03.

On June 6, 2014 the lake was 15 inches higher. (.58 = 6.96 inches)

Roadside Cleanup – Harold Goetzman reported that there were 9 people that helped with the clean-up.

The minimum people needed is 8. Harold encouraged members to come and help with the clean-up.

Krista Hagen will coordinate the Fall road clean-up. It will probably be around October 8.

Water Quality – Harold reported a clarity reading of 181/2 feet for Jessie Lake The clarity is due to early ice out and low water levels. Peterson Lake clarity was 171/2.

Lake Shore Clean-up – The lake shore clean-up will continue to be on a volunteer basis. Let Don Ojanen know if you have cleaned an area.

Picnic – The lake association picnic will be held at Rhonda Nichols July 17, 5pm rain or shine.

Share The Lake Day – Deke DeConcini and Marn Flicker are in charge of this event. It will be held July 15, with an alternate date of July 22. Residents from the Bigfork Nursing Home have been invited. The pontoon has been scheduled and Rob Larson will be the entertainment. Everyone is encouraged to come and help or just to visit with the residents.

Beaver Trapping Bounty – Dave Anderson reported that Jerry Kazcor trapped 13 beavers. The bounty was \$20. This is an ongoing problem so it will be kept as a budget item. Dave will check on a nuisance permit so the trapping can be done year round. Dale Hertle has 6 traps owned by the association if anyone else is interesting in trapping.

Shoreline Restoration Projects – the Rising Eagle project is nearing completion. The bundles are holding and growth has started. Gary Lees reported that the ice had moved some of the bundles along his shore. Harold reported there is \$10,000 available for this fiscal year. Marn Flicker, Jason and Tina Jorgenson are having work done on their shorelines. Contact Harold or Angie Arnes from soil and water if you are interesting in having work done, or for suggestions on what can be done.

Shoreline Alteration Permit Visits -- Harold and or Dave will continue to do advisory visits with the soil and water or DNR when shoreline work is being done.

NEW BUSINESS

Jessie Lake Slot Limit – There will be no slot limit for Jessie. Sand Lakes' slot limit will start Spring of 2016.

ICOLA – The ICOLA meeting will be July 15. There is a potluck at 5pm and the meeting follows. Everyone is invited.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) -- Guest speaker Judy Corrigan reported on AIS and legislative efforts. The signs at the public access are in place.

Member Feedback -- A question was asked about doing roadside clean-up for all lakes. A coordinator for Peterson and Little Jessie Lake is needed.

Why are the lake levels down? Moisture and beaver acidity affect the lake levels.

The next meeting will be September 5.

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Marn Flicker made a motion to adjourn, Peg DeConcini seconded. Meeting adjourned

Submitted

Rhonda Nichols Secretary

Three caps and a duck house made by Jim Anderson were given as door prizes.