

JLWA ANNUAL MEETING - AUGUST 31, 2019

By Gin Anderson, Secretary

President Hollister Madsen called the meeting to order and there were 18 members present. The Board of Directors and Officers were introduced.

OLD BUSINESS and 2019 PROJECT REVIEW

Business Items -- There being no additions to the agenda, a motion was made and passed to accept the agenda.

Treasurers Report -- Tina Jorgenson gave the treasurers report showing a current balance of \$8,595.51 We had about \$2000 of income in 2019 versus the expected of \$2300. Expenses year to date are \$1686 and \$532 of additional expenses are projected through 2019. The 2020 proposed budget of \$2200 was presented and reviewed. Costs for water sampling will be going up because of a new vendor and time being charged by Soil and Water Conservation. Postage is expected to be down due to more emailing of Jabber, dues, and meeting notifications. We expect to nearly break even on revenue and expenses. A motion to accept the proposed budget carried.

Membership -- Currently, we have 92 members in 2019 versus 101 in 2018. Both Jessie Lake and Little Jessie members decreased. Everyone was encouraged to remind their neighbors to sign up for JLWA and encourage new property owners to join.

Picnic/Spring Meeting -- This year the picnic/meeting was held at 4pm on Sat. June 22nd at Rhonda's house.. Approximately 17 people attended the picnic and short spring meeting led by Hollister. We'll try to promote that event more next year

Website -- The Association website is updated regularly by Hollister Madsen. Contact Hollister if you have any ideas for the website, www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed.

Share the Lake Day -- Since there were no volunteers to chair this project it was not held this year.

Fishing Contest -- Hollister gave an update on the Northern Fishing Contest that was conducted on June 22nd. Only three people entered the contest and they caught three northern. Jim Wilson was the winner with two fish. Prizes were presented at the picnic. Rocky and Will Layland worked with Craig Johnson to coordinate the contest. We plan to have another contest next year.

Water Quality -- Harold Goetzman reported that he does a water chemistry sample once a month and a Secchi disk check every two weeks for five months. Harold reported that the water quality was about the same as last year. August had some higher phosphorus numbers so we can probably expect to see some green in the water this fall. At this time there is no oxygen below 20 feet. This spring the lake was not as clear as normal with a Secchi of 10 feet. By mid-June, however, the water clarity was improved with the Secchi reading of 18 feet. July was not as green this year, but clarity was down to 4.5 feet in August. The lake should start to turnover about mid-September and start to clear. The summer phosphorous was about the same as last year. Since septic can affect water quality, the County has obtained a grant of \$700,000 for no interest loans that people can use to update their septic.

Lake Level -- Jim Anderson reported that the water levels were high in the spring, but not a record. Water has gone down 16 inches since May 11th, and it is currently 3 inches higher than last year at this time. He measures once a week and reports the numbers to the DNR who post them on their website (see following article and chart for details).

AIS Update -- Harold Goetzman reported that Itasca County is very active in checking boats for invasive species on Itasca lakes including a number of days at Jessie Lake and we do the 2nd most boat inspections in the state. Itasca County has three mobile decontaminating units for boats. Over 24,000 boats will be inspected this year. They are looking for volunteers to do boat landing inspections. Docks need to be out of the water for 20 days to kill invasive species. Itasca

County has a 5 Star Certification program where some individuals who put in and take out docks etc. get certified that they will follow all the AIS rules in terms of equipment they are using to conduct their work and the cleaning of that equipment. People are encouraged to use the 5 Star vendors listed by SWCD to help control AIS issues. There is research being conducted at the U's Aquatic Center on invasive species, which hopefully will find a solution to the Zebra mussel problem. Resort Associations are encouraging their people to do boat inspections as other states have zebra mussels.

Loons – Jim Anderson reported the DNR had stopped the loon counting program. Only one chick was seen this year and nesting may have been affected by the high spring water. Harold reported that a sick loon had washed up on Ronda's shoreline and it was taken to the DNR for analysis. Seems some loons have been dying of West Nile virus (see following article).

NEW BUSINESS

Peterson Lake Winter Kill -- Joe Durback of Peterson Lake reported the past winter had a high winter kill of both pan fish and bass. It has been prone to winter kill in the past winters with heavy snow and cold temperatures. Information on fish caught this summer was collected by Joe Durback and will be provided to Dave Weitzel at the DNR to help with a plan for next year. There was some discussion on whether or not JLWA could buy some fry to help jumpstart getting more fish in the lake. We'll wait to hear from Dave Weitzel on DNR plans first as they have restocked some fish in the past.

Roadside Cleanup – Don Ojanen reported that fall cleanup will be held on Thursday, October 3rd and the backup date will be October 10th. Meet at Hollister's driveway at 4:00 PM. with dinner to follow at Riley's.

Beaver -- President Madsen reported that beaver activity is up this year. More effort will be made this fall to trap beavers. Jerry Kazcor was paid \$360 this year and will continue trapping beavers during the coming season. Hollister reported that the beaver have built a dam under the CR #35 bridge and we may need to remove it.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Since Tina and Jason Jorgenson have sold their property on Jessie Lake they will be stepping down as treasurer and director. We also have a second board member opening with the passing of Dick Schedin. Hollister asked for volunteers to fill these positions. David Anderson agreed to be treasurer while Joe Durbak and Will Layland agreed to fill the open board member positions. The following nominations for Officers and Directors were then presented by President Madsen:

President – Hollister Madsen

Vice President – Don Ojanen

Treasurer – David Anderson

Secretary – Gin Anderson

Director 2-year term – Chuck Klingsporn

Craig Johnson

Director 2nd year of 2-year term – Will Layland

Joe Durback

Rita Anderson made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the list of officers presented to the members and Chuck Klingsporn seconded. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

John Morrison reported on Little Spring Lake water levels, which is high this year. Normally it is stable, but sometimes it is impacted by beaver activity. There is a huge beaver dam between

Spring and Little Spring and they are trying to keep it under control. There is a good rice crop on Little Spring this year.

There was discussion on whether or not the Past President position on the Board was a one-year term and whether the Board would be one position short if David Anderson became treasurer. Hollister will look at the bylaws.

Gin Anderson, Ronda Nichols and John Morrison were winners of the door prizes.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by John Morrison. Motion carried.