

Jessie Lake Watershed Association Annual Fall Meeting

September 1, 2018

33 members present

President Hollister Madsen called the meeting to order. There were 33 members present. New members Adam Lambrecht, Rocky Layland, and Wayne Tollagson were welcomed. The Board of Directors were introduced.

Agenda: Dick Schedin made motion to accept the proposed agenda. Don Ojanen seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Tina Jorgenson gave the treasurers report. We have about \$1000 of expenses to come through yet for 2018. The 2019 proposed budget of \$2300 was presented and reviewed. Postage is down due to using more e:mail and there were no summer meeting site costs. We expect to break even on revenue and expenses. Marn Flicker made motion to accept proposed budget, and it was seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Membership** - 102 members in 2018 vs. 104 in 2017. Jessie Lake members increased and Little Jessie members decreased. Everyone was encouraged to remind their neighbors to sign up for JLWA.
- **Summer Picnic Spring Meeting Update** - Approximately 30 people attended the picnic at Ronda's on July 7th. Sheryl Wagner shared that if people had wood from downed trees etc to get rid of they could bring it to the Cohasset recycle center. Firewise does some pick up if it would keep perimeters safe and open for emergency vehicles. Any such requested pick up would have to be organized by someone from the lake association.
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- **Welcome Committee Update** - Chuck and Sheryl reported that we started with 20 books and we are now down to about 5 left. There is still information in the box to make additional books if needed. Haven't visited and new people recently. There are 5 properties for sale on Jessie Lake and 1 on Little Jessie.
- **Share the Lake Day** - It was not held this year due not having anyone to lead it. Ken Wood agreed to take it on for next year. He will follow up with Deke Deconcini and with the teachers in Deer River to get some high school student help.
- **Northern Fishing Contest** - Rocky Layland will coordinate it next year.
- **Water Quality Update** - Harold Goetzman reported that he does a sechi disc check once a month for 5 months. This spring the lake was not as clear as normal. It was approximately 5 1/2 feet. Mid June the sechi reading was 22.5. July was not as green this year and clarity was at 5 - 6 feet in August. The lake should start to turn about mid September. The phosphate is about the same as last year.
- **Beaver Dam Update** - More effort will be made this fall to trap beavers. The area wild life office can give permits to get beaver year round if they are causing

problems. We can walk through the creeks at anytime but we need permission from the landowner to do anything with a dam on their property.

- **Lake Level Update** - Jim Anderson reported that the lake level was 1323.72 in mid May which was 4 feet higher than last year. August was 1323.02. The average water level for the summer was 7.08 inches higher than last year. He measures once a month and reports the numbers to the DNR who post then on their website.
- **Loon Survey** - Jim Anderson reported there are 5 resident loons on the lake and there was 1 chick that hatched this year. Everyone should let Jim Anderson know if they see other chicks. Some members reported they saw 2 down by Jessie View.
- **Walleye Spawning Update** - Hollister reported they checked for the spawning beds for 3 days in Spring Creek and in Pools Creek. He said they probably should have checked them a little earlier. The beaver dams were cleaned out right before ice out to try to help with the spawning. 4 dams were taken out.
- **AIS Update** - Itasca county has a county wide program for boat inspections. We do the 2nd most in the state. 25,000 boats were inspected last 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. Harold has some early detection devices that people can put on their docks if they want. If you find anything on your device make sure you report it to the DNR. They use aphids to eat purple loosestrife.

New Business

- **Roadside Cleanup** - Don Ojanen reported the fall roadside clean up with be October 4. Participants should meet at Jessie View Resort to do the clean up. When we are done we will be going to Rileys for burger night.
- **Elections of Officers** - The slate of proposed directors and officers for 2019 was presented. Diane Goetzman motioned the slate be accepted as presented. Rita Anderson seconded. Motion was carried. The slate of directors/officers is as follows:
 - President - Hollister Madsen
 - Vice President - Don Ojanen
 - Treasurer - Tina Jorgenson
 - Secretary - Gin Anderson
 - 2 Year Director - Craig Johnson
 - 2 Year Director - Chuck Klingsorn
- **Guest Speaker - Dave Weitzel**
- Mr. Wetzel provided us the preliminary results of the fish survey they completed on Jessie Lake recently. They used 9 gill nets vs. 15 this year. There were strong walleye numbers with 20 per net which is the second highest they have seen. There appears to be plenty of perch which are the primary prey for walleye. They would like to see bigger pike so we don't have so many smaller ones. They haven't gotten an average on black crappies the last 2 surveys. They are not sure why. Generally everyone 3 - 5 years there is a good crappie class. They found

some blue gills in low numbers, so we'll have to be patient if we want to catch them. They found some bass and the tullibees appear to be holding their own. They will be finishing up their analysis in the next week or two and then suggest fish management strategies for the lake. Right now they don't see a lot of changes needed. They will probably continue to do annual stocking. Last year Jessie got additional stocking because the Pike River Hatchery had a large amount of fry. He noted that as lakes age they get weedier. There is some discussion about making some cattails an invasive species and people can call the area office if they have questions.

- **Adjournment** - Marn Flicker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Diane Goetzman. Motion carried.

Submitted Gin Anderson, Secretary