

LAKE ALEXANDER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the Scandia Valley Town Hall with approximately 102 members and 7 guests in attendance. Chairman Dr. Bill Faber called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M, and asked for a moment of silence for deceased association members including Bob Sivertsen, Ken McGonagle, Pat Rehume, Agnes Karpinski, Peggy Hanson and others named in our hearts.

Board Members present were Dr. Bill Faber, Darline Molde, Chuck Schiemo, Alice Sunde, Matt Skjonsby, Dave Schleichert, Jerrid Sandstrom, Doug Cook, and Gene Champeau. Guests that were introduced included Cody Skira, MC Deputy Water Patrol; Eric Altena, DNR Area Fisheries; Deb Lowe, MC Auditor; Amy Kowalzek, MC Land Services Director; Jean Popp, MC Assessor; Galen Gruber, MC Shoreline Specialist; and Kali Skinner, Nature Conservancy.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Bob Mooney, seconded by Scott Beaty, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2017 Annual Meeting as printed and mailed to all littoral property owners. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Alice Sunde, handed out a printout of transactions from July 9, 2017 to July 13, 2018. Receipts, which include dues monies, totaled \$5,970.00, and expenses totaling \$2,972.13, gave the checking account a balance of \$12,725.52. Investments, of which include Certificates of Deposits, total \$19,239.37, giving our association a grand total of \$31,964.89. A motion was made by John Piper, seconded by Jim Lilienthal, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Level and Bogs:

Matt Skjonsby reported today's lake level reading by the thoroughfare outlet was 3.08 feet, which is 4.5 inches higher than last year. At the present time, the lake level is 12.5 inches higher than the average readings taken in past 60 years. Water is flowing out into the thoroughfare even though vegetation and beaver dams are prevalent.

Two large bogs were relocated and staked behind Green's Island. Bogs are under the auspices of the LID, and if property owners have a bog issue, one needs to call one of the LID Board Members who in return will authorize Action Dock to implement the relocation process.

Water Quality:

Secchi disc readings, a means monitoring water clarity, are taken seasonally in three areas of the lake. The spring reading was 21 feet clarity; a mid-summer reading was 13.5 feet. Dave Schleichert reported that the clarity readings average approximately 14 feet during the spring to fall season.

Water samples for chemical monitoring are taken by Steve Sunde and are sent to RMB Laboratories for analysis of chlorophyll A, nitrates, and phosphate. The MPCA website has full reports of both studies.

Aquatic Vegetation:

Lake Restoration treated 5.4 acres of Curlyleaf Pondweed on May 31st when the optimum water temperature was 55-60 degrees. Eurasian Watermilfoil infested areas will be mapped and treated when the water temperature is warmer and plants are topping near the surface.

Fisheries:

Eric Altena had a power point presentation with graphs showing results of an ice out netting assessment done May 6th-18th. Nets placed in 12 locations showed large numbers with good survival rates of walleyes, crappies, blue gills, northern pike, bass and muskies. Results can be found on the minnesostawaters.org web site under Lake Alexander Property Owners Association DNR Fisheries Report or www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind. This spring the DNR stocked 2.5 million walleye fry which is deemed cost efficient and a good survival rate of 2%. It was highly encouraged that all large male sunfish be released back into the lake to help support the panfish population.

An adult zebra mussel was found on a rock in the northwest corner of the lake; however, the snorkel survey crew has found no additional zebra mussels. Property owners are encouraged to be alert and report any suspicious findings!

Land Use/ Planning and Zoning:

Amy Kowalzek stated that the Planning and Zoning and Assessor Offices have combined into one Land Service Office. There is a new buffer law that pertains to agriculture land along streams. Galen Gruber reported that personnel are needed for Starry Trek 2018 on August 18th, a program using volunteers to search area lake waters for Starry Stonewort.

Membership:

Membership dues received before July 14th numbered 271 with 18 additional membership being paid at registration. Total paid membership to date is now 289. Association membership reached 323 last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Report of Quad Lakes Meetings:

Chuck Schiemo, Lake Alex representative on the Quad Lakes Board, stated that Morrison County received \$127,617 grant monies, of which \$18,292 was received by the Quad Lakes (Lake Alexander, Fish Trap, Shamineau, and Crookneck) to be used for the prevention of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Projects include educational brochures and signage at boat landings, lake surveys for mapping of AIS, and testing waters for veligers, which are the larva of zebra mussels.

NEW BUSINESS

Shoreline Restoration:

The lake association is sponsoring a shoreline restoration grant program for property owners who desire to return to and maintain a natural shoreline. If one wishes to participate in the program, contact Board Member Doug Cook, fill out an application and if approved, the association will match dollar for dollar up to \$500.00.

Doug Cook reported that are two projects in progress. One shoreline was destroyed by high winds and water level, and the project is underway to restore their buffer with bio logs and natural plantings. The second project was started recently and the MC Soil and Water Conservation District is working with the property owner.

Contribution:

A motion was made by John Piper, seconded by Jim McGonigle, to donate \$250.00 to the University Of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, an institution doing research statewide to combat all invasive species including zebra mussels, starry stonewort. Motion carried.

Lake Shamineau High Water Issue:

A request was received from the Lake Shamineau LID, for a letter of support from LAPOA for approval of an advance of \$285,000 from Morrison County for feasibility and engineering studies in order to proceed with a pumping project at a cost of approximately \$3million. A motion was made by Bob Mooney, seconded by Chuck Schiemo, to send a letter of LAPOA's support for their project to Lake Shamineau LID. Motion defeated. The majority felt that a neutral approach should be taken until more needed information was received to support the issue. Individuals who approve of the Lake Shamineau LID's high water pumping project are encouraged to write a letter stating their support of their efforts.

Election of Board Members:

Chuck Schiemo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, put the following names in nomination for Board Positions: Dr. Bill Faber, Jerrid Sandstrom, and Matt Skjonsby to serve a three year term. There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Don Holman, seconded by Liz Curren, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Simonet, seconded by Bob Ringstrom to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10: 45 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Alexander Lake Improvement District immediately followed the adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darline Molde, Secretary

