

Lake Jennie Improvement Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March, 19, 2011

Location – Tom Gallet's

Board Members in Attendance – Randy Nass, Tom Gallett, Scott Lahr, Brad Lahr, Clint Kragenbring, Mike Kotila, Mark Theis, Michelle Meis

Meeting Notes by: Mike

Meeting called to order 9:00 am

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Reviewed and approved minutes of February 26, 2011 BOD meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Account balance reported as \$2,626.87.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lake Directory - Randy, Mark & Michelle are working to complete the updated directory. Printing budget is set by advertising proceeds received.
2. Website – Mike is working to get past BOD meeting minutes to Kary for posting to the website. Tom will provide Kary with newsletters for posting. Michelle will review current website and work with Board members and Kary to keep information posted current and useful.
3. Invasive species / boat inspections. Monitoring boat launch activity continues to be a high priority to guard against eurasian water milfoil, zebra mussels and other invasive species. Several options have been explored.
 - a. DNR grant - LJIA grant request for a summer intern for boat inspection was not funded. DNR awarded funds to lakes perceived by selection team to have higher risk of contracting an invasive species.
 - b. Watercraft inspection grant – Another grant program for boat inspection is upcoming with applications due in mid-April. It is a reimbursement grant that must be applied for by a local unit of government (LJIA would not be allowed to manage this on our own). Randy will contact MCAL to see if a coordinated application might be possible through the County.
 - c. Public Awareness Grant – Scott reported that this grant is intended for media outlets (radio, tv, etc) – and is not applicable for site signing/banners as we had hoped.
 - d. DNR Trails and Water – Scott reported that DNR agreed to provide a new large steel sign (about 5' x 7') at the south landing educating and advising boaters of their responsibilities related to removing weeds and draining live wells.
 - e. Board discussed using volunteers and/or contracting for boat inspections. Highest need is late afternoon hours (4-7pm) on weekends and most weekdays between fishing opener and July 4th. We will continue this topic at next meeting.
4. Aluminum Can Recycling Signs – New signs have been prepared and will be installed in near future. Thanks to Mark & Randy.

5. Spring Road Ditch Clean-up – Changed date to Saturday, April 30th at 10am. Tom will contact Pete Peterson regarding a dumpster. Brad will gather orange vests. Mike will get trash bags. Volunteers are needed.
6. Newsletter – Randy will assemble topics and photos. Michelle will prepare the newsletter. Mark will coordinate printing. Plan to have ready for review at our April meeting. Tom will prepare annual membership dues invoices to be distributed simultaneously. Distribution assignments will be made at next meeting.
7. MCAL Grant – LJIA was awarded \$4000 for lake shore restoration plantings. (\$1000 from MCAL and \$3000 from CROW). BOD members used aerial flight lakeshore survey results to identify candidate shoreline areas. Eight members responding from these areas requesting that their lots be considered. The board will consider up to ten candidates. Dan from CROW will review candidate locations and recommend those that would have most benefit to the lake. CROW will work with the 3 selected owners to pick out plant selections and develop layout. DNR, CROW and LJIA volunteers will install the landscape plantings. Work is anticipated to be done in early May (date to determined).

NEW BUSINESS

1. New LJIA Board Member – Michelle Meis was approved as a Director to fill the vacant position.
2. Minnesota Waters workshop sessions are available. LJIA directors or member volunteers could take advantage of these sessions. Workshops occur on weekdays making it difficult for us get participants.
3. Lake Management Plan – MCAL and CROW have advised that eligibility for future grants will require LJIA to prepare a lake management plan (LMP). Mike will research LMP's and bring information to our next meeting.

Upcoming meetings/events –

BOD Meeting: Saturday, April 16, 9am at Tom's

Road clean-up: Saturday April 30th at 10am

BOD Meeting: Friday, May 13th, 6:00 pm at Randy's

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 am