

Lake Jennie Improvement Association

General Membership Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday June 28, 2009. Picnic at noon. Meeting at 1:00 pm

Location – Randy and Mary Nass's

Attendance – approximately 60 people attending enjoyed a picnic lunch and fish fry prior to the meeting.

Board Members – Jack Gersdorf, President; Randy Nass, Vice President; Tom Gallett, Treasurer; Mike Kotila, Secretary; Brad Lahr, Director; Scott Lahr, Director; Clint Kragenbring, Director; Bob Lindee, Director; Betty Kerber, Director (absent)

Welcome – Jack welcomed the group and introduced Rob Collett from the DNR.

Guest Speaker - Rob Collett, Hydrologist, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Summary of discussion led by Rob regarding issues important to Lake Jennie

- Rob provided a general history of changing uses along the lakeshore over time.
- Expectations of lakeshore owners tend to change as property values rise and lake activity becomes more intense.
- Common desire is to clean up the lake shore.
- Birds, frogs, and bugs tend to disappear when natural growth is replaced by sod, rocks and sand.
- We all deserve to enjoy the lakeshore and can stay connected to the water but should good stewards as we do this.
- DNR has brochures on how to create a nice, but natural landscape
- Value of our lakeshore lots is directly related to water quality.
- Special care should be taken to guard against exotic plants and animals
- Lake Jenny is a relatively large lake with a sandy bottom making it prone to ice heaving. Leaving berm in place will help filter unwanted nutrients
- Phosphorus is single biggest nutrient
- Buffers and rain gardens can be effective especially within the 1st 50 feet
- Lake Jennie's watershed is about 11,000 acres – roughly 10 times the area of the lake. Upstream farm fields provide runoff that drains through the watershed into the lake.

Discussion Continued with a Question and Answer session covering these topics:

- Shoreline plantings
- Rock shorelines to protect from erosion – Rocks at toe of slope with planted area above it might be effective
- Curly leaf pond weed
- Use of weed roller OK with a permit.
- OK to hand rake a 50' x 50' area or a 15' wide channel without a permit
- Copper sulphate for algae? Can be permitted, but not always the recommended approach
- Lake Jennie is waiting to be added to the "impaired waters" list. Phosphorus levels exceed the standard for this type of lake in this area. Once on the list, a TMDL (total maximum daily load) study will be initiated. Study will take about 2

- years. Phosphorus sources and treatment methods will be identified. Becomes eligible for funding for improvement efforts once process is complete.
- Other lake programs are in place such as Clean Water Partnership Study or Lake Assessment Program
 - Fire pits and ashes too close to the water are also a source of phosphorus. Move fire pits back off the beach.

LJIA Accomplishments

Jack listed some of LJIA accomplishments over the past year

- Working to install a “dry hydrant” at the north shore landing. (water depth at south landing is not adequate). A dry hydrant is a source of water for the fire department to refill pumper trucks.
- Aluminum can recycling – a trailer is in place at the south landing for can collection. Proceeds go to the LJIA account.
- Ice cleanup – trash was collected from the lake at the end of ice fishing season
- Roadside cleanup – Trash was collected from the road ditches and landing areas
- Field review- Board members toured parts of the watershed to identify potential water quality improvement projects
- Newsletters have been distributed quarterly
- 4th of July Boat Parade – 3 pm with prizes for boat and dock decorating
- Catch and Release Fishing Contest
- Lake shore directory

Closing Remarks

Jack thanked all for coming and announced his resignation from the Board.

Door Prizes awarded

- Potted plant to Char Gallett
- Lake Jennie hat to Richard Peterson
- Lake Jennie hat to Dick Roskhammer
- Fish length tape to Dave Broesder