



Lake Jennie Improvement Association

Minutes

Friday, March 13, 2015

At Dick Nesvold's

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Kotila, President	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Lahr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Renkes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Newman, Vice Pres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Nass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Theis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Baumberger, Treas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peg Truax, Sect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Nesvold

Quorum present

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm. ***MOTION by Dick N, second by Laura B to approve agenda and February minutes.**

Guest speaker: Lee Sundmark, local DNR fisheries Rep. Lee provided quite a bit of information regarding the Lake Jennie Fisheries Management Plan. There was a survey last summer (2014) and will be again in early 2016. There is an annual fall electrofishing survey. These help to determine the stocking needs for walleye in Lake Jennie. Prior to 2010, walleye fry were stocked every 2 of 3 years. There was not a good result in recent years, so the plan has been changed to include stocking every other year. Lee recounted recent history and the effort to have a better catch rate. Last year the fingerlings were stocked at the rate of 1 lb per acre. Randy Nass was concerned that the stocking rates were not adequate given the large pike population and the cormorant problem. The northern pike population has increased, and anecdotes suggest that there are some very large pike in the lake that could be feasting on the fry. Another problem is the upcoming rules about lowering the limit for pike and keeping the walleye limit the same. It's possible that we will continue to see the large pike and the lowered walleye populations. We also talked about the effect the cormorants may be having on the fish populations, as there is some evidence that they may be having some impact (along with pike and bass predation). He said that to get permission to do anything about the local cormorant invasion, there would have to be clear proof that the birds were damaging the fisheries aquaculture, personal property damage to a shoreline parcel, and clear evidence of a negative impact on the lake. He stated that the science does not support any clear evidence. Talk also about panfish – They don't usually stock this, unless there is winter kill.

Financial report:

Laura B reported that with the \$200 in cans and the \$3300 check from the county (reimbursement for Wenck and the water testing), the total in the bank is at \$4,590.15. **MOTION by Dick N, second by Randy Newman to approve the treasurer's report.**

Old business:

- SW Initiative Grant arrived. 3,000 was expected, but we received \$2200, which included the \$800 lake plan reimbursement.

- The outcome of our DNR grant for the lake weed treatment in the south bay landing area should be known by April 22. Randy Nass noted that we will need three bids for projects being funded by DNR. For our current project, we have been thinking about doing it in-house. Pete P has a license to purchase the product and others (Randy Nass) have equipment for application. Laura and Mark will be attending the permitting/chemical treatment applicator's license meeting on April 8th, so we can be prepared for treatment when/if the grant comes through.
- Randy Nass noted that there will be a new process required for upcoming grant awards that grantees will be required to get three (3) bids for any work to be done.
- Debriefing of the Meeker SWCD meeting earlier today (see addendum to minutes).
- There was a ***MOTION by Dick N, seconded by Doug R** to eliminate our funding of the Biffy at the south landing. 4aye, 4 naye, motion did not pass, but an alternative **MOTION by Mark, seconded by Randy Nass**, that we pay for the additional fishing season months, but that if the DNR will not pay for their share of the Biffy this year, that we also will not fund it.
- DUES. It has been many years since there was an increase in suggested donation dues. It has been found that many of the members and/or lakeshore owners are interested in lake improvement projects, and most of the grants we will need to do so requires matching funds. Raising dues at this point will make more funds available for match. **MOTION by Laura B, seconded by Dick N** to increase the annual suggested donation dues to \$50 per eligible member. The current bylaws indicate that an eligible voting member consists of One vote per person and TWO votes per parcel. All in favor and motion passed.
- Notes: PCA grants will be available again next year, we missed this year- stay in contact with Maggie at PCA; Ice cleanup is scheduled for March 14, and roadside cleanup later in the week (Randy Nass and Scott Lahr); Newsletter: get articles to Peg asap so she can pull it together with the goal of having it out in early May.
- Mark and Laura continue to have some problems with getting the new website up, but have been able to get the new LOGO for the newsletter (see above).

New business:

Adjourn: MOTION to adjourn at 8:30pm by Doug R, seconded by Laura B, all in favor.

Next Meeting:

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- **Friday, April 17, 2015 6:30pm** – regular meeting at Mike Kotila's home
- **ANNUAL MEETING set for June 20th, 2015 at Randy Nass' home**