



Lake Jennie Improvement Association

Minutes

Friday, April 17, 2015

At Mike Kotila's

☒ Mike Kotila, President
☒ Randy Newman, Vice Pres
☒ Laura Baumberger, Treas

☐ Scott Lahr
☒ Randy Nass
☒ Peg Truax, Sect

☐ Doug Renkes
☒ Mark Theis
☒ Dick Nesvold

Quorum present

Guest: Dan Lundin, member

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm. ***MOTION by Randy Nass, second by Laura B to approve agenda and March minutes and meeting notes with Joe Norman MC SWCD.**

Financial report: Laura B noted the income included an aluminum can donation, and the initial grant monies for the curly leaf treatment. Expenses were the two month's to DNR for the outhouse, and light bill, the ending balance on March 31 was \$6,652.67. ***MOTION by Randy Newman, second by Dick N to approve the treasurer's report—all in favor.**

Old business:

- ✓ The DNR grant has been approved for \$1500 for the south bay weed treatment plan. Laura initiated a discussion about the appropriateness of this treatment area, due to the possibility that with treatment of curly leaf in this zone, natives could overtake the area and make things worse. Randy Nass will check in with Dan Brown (area DNR) and get his thoughts about the issue—including checking on our DNR permit to apply product to this area. We may find a different area to treat with this round (north shoreline?) ***Motion by Laura B to follow the recommendations of Nick Brown, via Randy Nass, change the permit as necessary, and prepare to follow through on the application. Seconded by Dick N, all in favor.**
- ✓ Mark T and Laura B attended the PCA weed control applicators meeting in early April, and have been trained in appropriate use of the Aquathol product. They will help to oversee the application process.
- ✓ 2016-2017 Lessard grants have opened. Randy Nass noted that the legislature is bucking the funding of program. The newsletter will have an article encouraging members to contact their legislators to continue to support funding the Lessard Heritage Funds.
- ✓ The next round of grants through Meeker County will be due later this summer and the board will determine a project from the project list, and will be making an application for this round of funds. It was suggested that one thing we could do is apply for a grant to offer no or low cost septic testing for properties that affect the lake.
- ✓ Septic Update. Randy Newman acquired a document from Meeker County that provides information about the current status of septic systems around the lake. As noted by the Wenck study and others, internal load can be greatly attributed to failing septic systems around the lake. The board will provide information via a speaker at the annual meeting, and via the

newsletter and website, etc., regarding the importance of properly working septic systems. The role of the board is to encourage lakeshore owners and members to do the “right thing”, but will not do more than encourage at this point. The newsletter will provide an opportunity for members to request testing, and we can work with local providers to get a good deal on testing (via Newman).

- ✓ The new website is ready to go, and should be able to go live very soon. Special thanks to Jackie Thies, who designed the new site, and to Mary Nass, who has graciously managed the previous website for many years.
- ✓ Issac Nass has developed a zebra mussel testing product and will be selling them to Meeker area lakes. These can be used at DNR landing sites and other areas and can easily be checked for the existence of zebra mussels in a lake. If caught early, this serious problem can be treated—reducing the opportunity for the mussels to spread through the lake. Good job Isaac—and to his parents (Randy and Mary), who have taught their children to respect the lake and be a part of conservation efforts!
- ✓ We have decided to take a “wait and see” approach to the buffer strip law, but will encourage members to review this and contact their legislators as appropriate.
- ✓ * MOTION: the board approved (by email vote) for up to \$2300 in LJIA funds for the treatment of curly leaf pond weed for the south bay treatment projects.
- ✓ * MOTION: the board approved the budget item to authorize continued water sampling/testing for the remainder of this year.

New business:

Adjourn: MOTION to adjourn by Mark T, second by Laura B-- all in favor.

Next Meeting:

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- **Saturday, May 16th, 10:00 am at Newman’s (71359 183rd Street)**
- **ANNUAL MEETING set for June 20th, 2015 at Randy Nass’ home**