



## Lake Jennie Improvement Association

### Minutes

Saturday, August 1, 2015

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Newman, Vice Pres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Nass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Theis	
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Quorum present and meeting called to order at 10:10 am at Mike Kotila's home

**\*MOTION by Dick N, second by Randy Newman to approve agenda and May minutes.**

**\*The Annual Meeting minutes and financials was tabled due to the fiscal year end reporting of the financials have not been formalized.**

DISCUSSION: Board structure and re-distribution of duties:

- **\*MOTION to appoint existing officers by Dick N, seconded by Laura, all in favor.** The current officers received a vote of confidence for the roles held last fiscal year. The bylaws do not permit us to increase board membership as was hoped at the annual meeting when Dan Lundin was also voted in contingent on the current bylaws. He will sit as a first alternate in case someone on the board cannot continue for this fiscal year. The board will look at the bylaws and see if there should be some change in them to allow for more directors, and if that would be appropriate. We will also look at term limits for individual directors and the executive committee.

- Web page is looking great. Discussion around how we can redistribute duties to balance the work load within the board. Additional board members will be given access to edit the web page. It was discussed that a volunteer outreach would result in some volunteers or a subcommittee to assist with some of these duties.

- The concept of subcommittees spread out to include finding volunteers for other interest areas for doing work toward board objectives. For example, 1) Lake environment committee, which would include monitoring and working on projects around fisheries, invasive species, water quality, etc., 2) a fundraising committee, 3) a communications committee, and perhaps 4) a membership/outreach committee. A general notice for the Facebook and web pages will be developed, calling for volunteers. A "CALL TO ACTION" letter will be prepared that can be mailed or posted to the social media sites. The call to action n will be for volunteers, funds and legislative contacts.

**Financial report:** The membership roll was presented. The board reviewed the breakdown for the annual meeting income, as well as a financial report for the current month end. The year-end financial audit will be performed and will be reviewed at the next meeting. \*No motion was made as we will table the financial report until the year end and new fiscal year reporting can be reviewed and approved.

The board will work to establish improved fiscal tracking, with the ability to track the non-cash in-kind donations. Tracking this information will allow us to support matching funds for future grants, using in-kind where possible.

The board resolved to update the signatories at Wells Fargo. Signatories will include Treasurer, President and an alternate board member.

ANNUAL MEETING: The meeting was attended by a fairly good number of members. Dues donations are coming in as statement of support for the work the board has accomplished this past year. The Silent Auction and Raffle were very successful and resulted in a little income for lake improvement projects.

#### **Old business:**

- ✓ Jennie gear: there was a successful campaign to sell Jennie Gear this year. Thanks to Brenda Kotila for an outstanding effort in coordinating this project.
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: Cash awards went to 1) best dressed dock: the Randy Nass family; 2) most creative boat: The Kotila family with the pirate ship; and 3) most patriotic boat: the Pawlyshyn family. Laura has asked the judges, the Lundin's, to forward photos for use on the website and for the upcoming newsletter.
- ✓ The website will be updated soon with current information and news.
- ✓ CAN RECYCLING: The board will no longer support the can recycling bin at the landing due to the problem with garbage v cans collected. The membership will now be encouraged to contact Randy N directly and will pick up if you call. The final cleanup and tear down of the recycling fence at the landing will be accomplished today. FB and the website will be updated to inform members of this change.
- ✓ The new board members will be granted access to the BOX, the cloud-based storage where board files and lake documents are stored.

#### **New business:**

Randy Nass, DNR and MCAL report:

- The local DNR (Hutchinson area) has hired new non-game specialists, one will deal directly with the cormorant issues. In addition there will be one FT fisheries tech doing a full fish survey in the spring. Jennie is due for a stocking this fall.
- Nick Brown, the AIS tech is transferring out of the Hutch area. He has been a great supporter of the LJI Association,.
- Pike fishing regulations have been finalized. This area has been identified as a North Central region. Anglers can keep 10 pike in our zone less than 22" (about 2lb); between 22-26" must be released and can keep one at 26+ size.
- We can get funding for education and signage, however, the local DNR will not allow us to post signage (related to Invasive Species, etc).
- MCAL has new grants available and are due this October 30. There are grants available for AIS as well as non-AIS and shovel ready projects in the area. (Up to 8K per lake for AIS treatment).
- MCAL grant of 3K has yet to be spent—and the deadline for using the money is coming up. In addition to using the funds for consult, Randy noted that we can use it for shovel ready projects around the lake (Not AIS).
- ✓ The board discussion resulted in initiating a discussion with the western shore farmers for possible projects that will reduce the amount of run-off from the agricultural land use there. Board members will make contact with the shoreline owner/farmers regarding buffer strips and wetland restoration. If



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these conversations result in a plan of action, we will seek funding through the MCSWC and other sources.

- ✓ The Zebra Mussels have arrived in Meeker County. This invasive species has been found in Lake Stella (as well as Washington, post meeting). The board discussed what we can do to help prevent the spread of this serious problem to Lake Jennie.
  - We can seek funding for staff to sit at the landing to inspect boats as they put in
  - We can personally do a visual inspection of boats/trailers, and if we find evidence of zebra mussel, to try to halt the boat from launching, call the DNR or Sheriff, which has been known to respond to a citizen call for this issue (within 5 minutes).
  - It was suggested that we work to find out when the local angling clubs will be having tournaments on Lake Jennie and to have someone available to inspect prior to launching. (Maybe work toward initiating rules and regs related to pre-launch inspections???)

**Adjourn:** MOTION to adjourn at 1:45 pm, by Peg T, second by Laura B-- all in favor.

Next Meeting:

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- **August 29, 2015 at Dick Nesvold's home**