



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

President Huettl called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following people present: Bonnie Huettl – Lobster, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Don Clausen – Rachel, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chip, Harry May - Geneva, Clarence Wolff – Mary, Stephen Henry – L’Homme Dieu, Terry Anderson – Andrew, Mike Kopitzke – Vermont, Emily Siira – Douglas SWCD, Karen Cook – Latoka, Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Don Heesen – Irene, Jeff Fisher – Irene, Jim Peterson – Ida and Executive Secretary Dorothy Klemann.

There was a motion by Sue Engstrom, second by Bob Reynolds to accept the December 2010 minutes with the following change: 4th paragraph beginning with Harry May reported... add Sauk River Watershed after Adam Hjelm and change next DCLA meeting to April DCLA meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterson distributed copies and reviewed the Treasurers report. The balance in the checking account as of December 31, 2010 was \$14,113.45. There are outstanding bills from Country Secretary for \$252.13, Infolink \$12.50, and Brandon Public School for \$500.00 for last year’s Scholarship contest. They used the money for science education tools. Payment of \$400.00 was received from Lake Latoka for water testing. Lake Andrew still owes \$200 for 2009 water testing and also for 2010 for both dues and testing.

There was a motion by Clarence Wolf, second by Stephen Henry to accept the Treasurer’s report and pay all bills. Carried.

Emily Siira gave the Water Plan update. The 2011 Surface Water Assessment grant (MPCA) has been funded. They are looking for local cash or local in-kind matching funds for the lake protection challenge grant (BWSR). The deadline is February 15. There is a Nitrate Study (MDA) monitoring private wells in the central sands region. She requested financial support for this year’s scholarship essay contest and announced they are seeking topic ideas. There will be a rain garden workshop on Saturday, March 26th. A conservation tour funded by the Chippewa River watershed project is planned for summer 2011. Emily also reminded the group that she is available to help with workshops, speaking, property conservation evaluation practices, water monitor training, assisting with grant applications and more. There was a motion by Sue Engstrom, second by Jim Peterson to continue funding the scholarship essay contest at the same rate as in the past. Carried. Any ideas

for the essay topic should be e-mailed to Emily at: Emily.Siira@mn.nacdnet.net. We will discuss funding for lake plans at our next meeting.

Dave Rush was unable to attend today's meeting.

Harry May reported for the Public Relations Committee. He will check with Open Line on KXRA.

Executive Secretary Klemann will mail out dues and water testing invoices the end of April.

There was discussion of what print outs to distribute from RMB Labs. This matter was put on hold until spring.

Sue Engstrom reported on behalf of zoning. Zebra mussels have been found in Victoria. We have to go through the entire process to reverse the ordinance. There will have to be public meetings in order to re-do water surface use ordinances.

Harry May reported speaking to Nathan. There is not a lot of money this year.

A legislative forum is planned for this Saturday in Detroit Lakes. Sue Engstrom and Bonnie Huettl will attend.

Delegates are still needed for Henry, Freeborn, Red Rock, South Union and Nelson.

We have received \$2500 from Tastefully Simple for our newsletter. The plan is to send our newsletter out to 6,000 lakeshore owners. President Huettl asked for content ideas. Hopefully, we will be able to send a newsletter twice a year.

The DNR has contacted us to see if we would like to participate in Watercraft Inspection for the chain of Lakes, either the DCLA as a group or each lake individually. A summary report on watercraft inspection results is on the DCLA website. February 7 is the application deadline. There was a motion by Dick Kuehn, second by Stephen Henry to contact the lakes via email (Bonnie will send) to generate interest and financial support. If we receive target money of \$5,000 by Feb 1, we will proceed. Treasurer Peterson will keep track of the email responses. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA