



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

President Huettl called the meeting to order with the following people present: Jan Beliveau – Mary, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Don Stallman – Irene, Dean Hultgren – Smith, Emily Siira – DCSWCD, Steve Henry – L’Homme Dieu, Lynn Glesne – Miltona, Marilyn Bayerl – Mary, Harry May – Geneva, Dian Lopez – Ida, Karen Cook – Latoka, Jim Peterson – Ida, Bonnie Huettl – Lobster & Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

The following correction was made to the March minutes on page 1: add Shane’s last name (Siltola) and on page 2: add mileage to the reimbursement to Bonnie for attending the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Symposium. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Steve Henry, second by Harry May. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Peterson distributed and reviewed the March financial reports. The bank balance on March 31 was \$5869.38. Treasurer Peterson reported dues and water testing billings were sent out. There are bills to pay from Bonnie Huettl for the AIS Symposium - \$499.10, Sue Engstrom - \$12.81 and Country Secretary - \$185.88. President Huettl presented a check from Tastefully Simple for \$1,000 to Treasurer Peterson.

There was a motion by Marilyn Bayerl, second by Jan Beliveau to pay all bills. Motion carried.

Emily Siira gave the Water Planning report. She has been working with three lake associations to go over lake protection plans and has also been working on the Community Eco Fair. RMB Labs will have a refresher and training course on May 17th. She reviewed plans for Day at the Lakes. Emily reported there was only one scholarship essay this month. It was decided to award the 2nd place of \$300 to the submitted applicant. There was a motion by Dick Kuehn, second by Jan Beliveau to discontinue the essay contest. Motion carried. The poster contest will continue.

Bonnie Huettl reported that the Douglas County Commissioners approved the washing station at a cost of \$17299. Bonnie is on the sewage treatment committee. There is nothing in the ordinance addressing when to update septic systems. The matter will go before the board in two weeks.

Karen Cook told the group that the county is going to proceed on a short term rental ordinance on their own.

President Huettl will talk to the printer regarding the font on the newsletter. It is just too small.

We have received the DNR grant. There are two billboards available – one on I-94 facing east and one on Hwy 29 facing north. The consensus was to wait for a better spot. There was a motion by Dick Kuehn, second by Jan Beliveau to wait for a better billboard location. Motion carried. If they can come up with better spots, we will reconsider.

Dick Kuehn urged that we look at each meeting carefully to assure the cost of attending is warranted. Others thought it important that the DCLA stay visible.

Emily Siira has put together a resource list of speakers for lake association's annual meetings.

Volunteers are needed for the DCLA for the Community Eco Fair. Lynn Glesne and Harry May volunteered.

An AIS task force needs to be appointed. Plans are in progress for table tents and advertising. Marilyn will get the eating place list updated.

Karen Cook told the group all boats must have decals by Aug 1, 2014.

There was mention that lead sinkers cause 50% of loon deaths.

There was no update on the Brophy – Garfield situation.

Emily Siira's going away party is the 24th. She will be missed.

It was noted that the court date for oral arguments for the Dock Doctor will be July 5.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA