



Douglas County Lakes Association  
Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 4:30 p.m.  
Public Works Building  
Alexandria, MN

President Huettl called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sue Engstrom – Darling, Frank Jackson – Lake Victoria, Steve Greg Henry – SWCD, Steve Henry – L’Homme Dieu, Dian Lopez – Ida, Don Stallman – Irene, Don Clausen – Rachel, Karen Cook – Latoka, Jan Beliveau – Mary, Marilyn Bayerl – Mary, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chip, Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Jim Peterson – Ida, Bonnie Huettl – Lobster and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

The new water resource technician, Steven Greg Henry, introduced himself to the group.

There was a motion by Bob Reynolds, second by Frank Jackson to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Winona Shores update and Irene Zebra Mussels were added to the agenda. There was a motion by Steve Henry, second by Marilyn Bayerl to approve the agenda as changed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterson distributed copies of the financial reports. The checking balance on May 31, 2012 was \$10,186.79. There are bills to pay: Info-link - \$25.00, Country Secretary - \$186.88, and RMB Labs - \$966.00. There was a motion by Dian Lopez, second by Marilyn Bayerl to pay all bills. Carried.

Jessica from KXRA was present to review advertising options for Star Storm. Advertising would play to a captive audience of 12 to 14,000 people. Ads would run every hour from 6 to midnight on July 4. It was the consensus to use Plan C which provides twenty-five 30 second commercials between June 25 and July 29, plus one 60 second commercial per hour from 6 to midnight during the Star Storm event. There was a motion by Marilyn Bayerl, second by Sue Engstrom to use Plan C and also pursue other advertising options. The motion carried.

Steven Greg Henry gave a brief Water Plan report. The refresher course for lake monitors was held. They are looking into awards for participants. They are waiting on the lake assessment grant.

Speakers on Open Line for June are Dave Rush and for July Steve Henry.

Harry May reported we want to order 10 to 12 Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker signs. They are \$35 each and are included in our grant. We will try to put on both sides at those one sided locations.

Jan Beliveau is heading up the distribution of table tents. She is looking for volunteers to help. Sue Engstrom and Dian Lopez will help with the distribution to area restaurants. The table tents received from Quality Printing will not stand up and there are typos so Bonnie will see about replacements. Five thousand 'Don't Move a Mussel' brochures were ordered.

The Minnesota Resort Property Owners are holding a webinar on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. The subject will be conservation easement in perpetuity.

Minnesota Waters is no longer Minnesota Waters. They have teamed with Conservation Minnesota. The reason: they had DNR grant money for programs but no operating funds.

Kids Fishing Day will be July 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fleet Farm. We need someone to help coordinate and volunteers to help on the day of the event. The volunteers would put tattoos on the kids, display samples and talk to the children. Volunteers should contact President Huettl.

Steve Henry provided an update on Winona Shores. Four years ago Lake L'Homme Dieu Association sued the MPCA and the NCEA. In May 2011 ALASD's permit expired. The phosphorous levels are now more than 4 times the guidelines. Chloride levels are of concern as well. It was noted there was a Federal Supreme Court decision that says federal agencies cannot write their own laws. They must have approval from the legislative branch of the government. They do not have the freedom to write their own rules, regulations and fines. L'Homme Dieu Association is hoping for a report within 90 days.

They are continuing to check for veligers in the water of Lake Irene. The state has its own DNA testing. Nathan hopes to get it done by July.

It was suggested that Mariah from RMB Labs come back to talk about the veliger testing program. Nets are very expensive - about \$300 each. Since we now have a washing station, we could share the nets.

Bonnie will order 10 Aquatic Invasive species disks to have on hand for anyone wanting them.

We would like to get a schedule for the decontamination washer. Schedules are now available.

The DNR website has the dates and locations of the larger fishing tournaments.

Dian Lopez reported that they got a grant and hired their own inspectors on Lake Ida. The schedule for inspections is varied.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann  
Executive Secretary  
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