



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

President Huettl called the meeting to order with the following people present: Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chip, Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Karen Cook – Latoka, Steve Henry – L’ Homme Dieu, Jerry Haggemiller – Douglas SWCD, Emily Siira – DCSWD, Don Stallman – Irene, Jan Beliveau – Mary, Marilyn Bayerl – Mary, Harry May – Geneva, Don Clausen – Rachel, Jim Peterson – Ida, Bonnie Huettl – Lobster and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

There was a motion by Sue Engstrom, second by Bob Reynolds to accept the minutes as presented. Carried. The following items were added to the agenda: printing more DCLA fact sheets/brochures and Dick Kuehn speaking of the Comprehensive Plan.

Treasurer Jim Peterson reviewed the financial statements. The February bank balance was \$6,355.90. There are bills to pay: Country Secretary - \$185.88 and Lobster Lake the remainder of their grant. There was a motion by Steve Henry, second by Harry may to pay all bills. Carried.

Jerry Haggemiller reported on behalf of Water Planning. They have been working on Clean Water fund grants: working with 3 farmers on feed lots, with one landowner on Lake Oscar and with Smoky Timbers on an erosion control project.

Dick Kuehn gave a brief report on the 10 year comprehensive plan that is now complete. Thirty people put in a lot of man hours. Dick has a copy if anyone would like to see it.

Harry May reported that Shane Siltala, the invasive species enforcement officer was the guest on KXRA last Tuesday. Sara with Alexandria Hospitality will be next month’s speaker.

Sue Engstrom reported there will be a site visit on Friday on Lake Ida for a garage within the set back.

Jan Beliveau and Bonnie Huettl are working on the newsletter. It is their goal to have it out before Day at the Lakes. Bonnie reported that she submitted a newsletter grant request for \$1000 to Tastefully Simple.

President Bonnie Huettl reported that she has chosen not to continue with the COLA because their focus is now on lobbying.

Emily Siira reported on Day at the Lakes. The Committee needs to meet to work out the details. It is scheduled for April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sue Engstrom reported on Habitat Day. Adam brought an Aquatic Invasive Species kit. Sue suggested that we need our own backboard and samples. The layout at the mall could be better. It was a fun day. The back drop can be borrowed from Douglas County Soil and Water if it is not in use.

There was discussion of the uses for grant monies: re-doing table tents, billboards, pins, signs, etc.

Becker County sent us a thank you for our \$250 contribution.

There was a motion by Harry May, second by Sue Engstrom that the DCLA reimburse Bonnie for registration, lodging and mileage for the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Symposium in St. Paul on March 19 and 20. Motion carried.

The report has not yet been released on the DNR website, but Bonnie got a copy through Minnesota Waters. It is the results of monitoring lake accesses for AIS and other information. There was discussion of the decontamination units. All lakes need to participate with AIS greeters.

The position of the Douglas County conservation officer is not yet filled and probably will not be until fall.

President Huettl will get prices for the brochures on owning lakeshore in Douglas County. There was a motion by Dick Kuehn, second by Marilyn Bayerl not to have the brochures printed on the DCLA mission statement. We will print the owning lakeshore in Douglas County brochures. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA