



Douglas County Lakes Association  
Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 4:30 p.m.  
Public Works Building  
Alexandria, MN 56308

Treasurer Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:30 with the following people present: Steve Henry – LeHommeDieu, Don Clausen – Rachel, Linda Dokken –McFann – Mary, Chris Risbrudt-Stowe, Vern Lorsung – Latoka, Bob Reynolds-Devils/Little Chip, Steve Kogler- Lobster, Dian Lopez- Ida, Jeff Johnson- Ida, Sue Engstrom- Darling, Don Stallman – Irene, Arland Hirman-Winona, Joleen Kogler- Lobster, Steve Greg Henry- Douglas SWCD, Jim Peterson- Ida, Dave Rush-Douglas County Land and Resource, Greg Windhurst- Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

There was a motion by Dian Lopez, second by Vern Lorsung to approve the agenda as submitted. Carried.

There was a motion by Steve Henry, second by Dian Lopez to approve the May 2014 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Dave Rush of Douglas County Land and Resource reported at this time. He told the group that he had just met with Lake Mary earlier regarding the lake crowding factor. Lake Mary is not near the crowding factor as of yet. It will be considered crowded when it reaches 2.5. It would take about 210 additional resort units to reach that point. He stated that the crowding factor formula is a useful tool but it has holes in it. The DCLA could make suggestions on how to fill those holes. Dave further reported that the last watercraft inspector was hired today. Level 1 and 2 training will take place at this location tomorrow. He told the group about the tax bill which will provide money for direct aid to counties of up to \$270,000.00 each year until the legislature de-funds. This year our funding will be \$150,000.00. Counties must put together a plan. He will be asking the board to put together a county task force to include members from possible sources such as the DCLA, sports groups, resort owners and area business people. The DCLA and other organizations can make funding requests for projects. We will be increasing inspection and decontamination efforts. There are many unanswered questions as of now. Each county is to put together a plan to be approved by the DNR.

Sgt. Greg Windhurst was present to speak on marking the lakes. They just placed markers on Lake Mary. Lake L'HommeDieu wants lit buoys with white strobe lights. Lake Mary is interested in buoys. Any other lakes interested in solar power lights for accesses are encouraged to contact Greg or the sheriff's office directly. The lit markers can be purchased at \$250 each but can be purchased at lower rates if ordered in quantities.

Treasurer Peterson gave the financial report. He asked for updates and corrections to the contact list. The May 31, 2014 bank balance was \$12757.27. Treasurer Peterson told the group that paying dues to MLA will not conflict with our 501(c)(3) status. The following bills are to be paid: Conserve Minnesota \$100, Country Secretary \$214.24, InfoLink \$62.50 and postage \$33.84. There was a motion by Vern Lorsung, second by Linda Dokken-McFann to pay bills. Carried.

No report from Public Relations.

Sue Engstrom reported that the feed lot on Chippewa River was turned down.

Don Clausen reported that the website was updated. There has been an average of 44 hits per day on our website.

Sue Engstrom reported that the Kids Fishing at Fleet Farm will be from 11 to 3 on the second Saturday of July. Volunteer help is needed.

Steve Greg Henry gave the Water Plan update. May was the first sample month. The lakes are murky now due to rain and wind. They are working on sealing old wells. New homeowner projects are in the works. The DNR has volunteer fishing days all summer on Fridays until August 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are still waiting on the Lake Winona TMDL.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann  
Executive Secretary  
DCLA