

Douglas County Lakes Association

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Public Works Building

Alexandria, MN 56308

President Beliveau called the meeting to order at 4:30 with the following people present: Jim Peterson – Ida, Vern Lorsung – Latoka, Chris Risbrudt – Stowe, Don Clausen – Rachel, Linda Dokken-McFann – Mary, Jan Beliveau – Mary, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Juanita Bolinger – Mary, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chippewa, Steve Kogler - Lobster and Executive Secretary Dorothy Klemann.

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

There was a motion to approve the October minutes by Linda Dokken-McFann, seconded by Sue Engstrom. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Peterson gave the financial report. Lake Andrew and Lake Bountiful have not yet paid their dues. Jim sent a bill to South Union for water testing. There are bills to pay from Country Secretary - \$200.44. The October ending balance was \$9271.18. There was a motion by Chris Risbrudt, second by Bob Reynolds to pay all bills. Carried. Treasurer Peterson asked for updates to the contact list.

Jan Beliveau verified with Rick Weber, of the City of Alexandria that the digging by Lake Victoria was for utility line installation.

Don Clausen advised the membership that he will be updating the minutes on DCLA website and will add links to the Echo Press and Chamber of Commerce.

The Chippewa River TMDL is approved and is available on the MPA website.

There was discussion of the Lake Winona TMDL and the history of permitting for ALASD. DCLA will invite Bruce Nelson to be a guest speaker at an upcoming monthly meeting. Jan Beliveau will contact Mr. Nelson.

Steve Henry Jr. SWDC advised the membership of the draining of Lake Magnuson. He would like to start a discussion on ditch practices commonly used. The DCLA has the opportunity to provide public comment on the upcoming state drainage manual review.

Tom Anderson, the DC Ditch Inspector, is putting together an education workshop for the public on Ditch Law. Mr. Anderson is slated for the January DCLA guest speaker. Jan Beliveau will verify.

There was general consensus that DCLA develop a 3-5 year strategic plan. The following items were suggested:

1. DCLA participate in conjunction with SWDC & the DNR at the Douglas County Fair.
2. Eco Fair at Discovery.
3. Junior Viking Sportsmen event at the mall every other year.
4. Fleet Farm event.
5. Participate in a spring workshop with the Master Gardeners.
6. Serve as umbrella for new lake associations.
7. Participate in Open Line.
8. Public education as a primary goal. Arrange monthly guest speakers.
9. AIS Committee –. In 2014 the MN. Legislature enacted MN. Statute 477A.19 that provides MN. Counties direct financial aid for AIS Prevention. Under the direction of Dave Rush, L&R Director a 13 member AIS Task Force Board will be formed. Primary goal is to create a countywide program to address AIS issues. Diane Lopez representing large lakes, Linda Dokken-McFann representing DCLA, Joe Martin representing large resorts, and Steve Henry Jr., representing SWDC are 4 of the 13 members. .
10. Crowding Indicator Ordinance Revision - Jan Beliveau and Linda Dokken-McFann agreed to serve on this committee with Dave Rush.
11. Membership growth: It was suggested that everyone contact 2 or 3 non member lake associations as there are some 276 lakes in Douglas County. At present there are 20 active lake associations with the DCLA.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann  
Executive Secretary