

MINUTES, ANNUAL MEETING

March 29, 2007, Elk River Country Club

Patrick Plant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the agenda was approved.
*President, Ed Bury, was out of town therefore meeting was facilitated by Patrick.

There was no Secretary's Report due to the absence of a Secretary last year.

Patrick Plant reviewed the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Treasurer's Report. Both were approved as read.

Patrick introduced Sherburne County Commissioner Arne Engstrom. He said our association is "head and shoulders above the rest." We are a "template for the other associations." He attended the legislative session on March 28 that involved the cities, counties and school boards. The Governor addressed the entire body stating the cities/towns needed to be number one, politics number two. A common voice achieves more.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ∞ Communications Committee, Cindi Edwards-Plant:
 - A directory and map is provided to all members; handbook to all lake property owners.
 - Produced and distributed the regular flyers, invites and two newsletters.
 - The LOIA website receives 400 visits a month; the most downloaded document was the Lake Management Plan.
 - ⊖ Email is the fastest way to communicate issues.
- ∞ Conservation/Fish Stocking, Vance Zehringer:
 - No fish stocking last year. Usually stock 2500-3500 sunnies every year. Plan to stock crappies, sunnies or walleye in spring or fall. A motion was made to do both; motion was seconded and approved. Someone asked if we stock the lake, can we still draw down the lake; the answer is yes.
 - We do not have zebra mussel, Eurasian milfoil; we do have curly-leaf pondweed.
- ∞ Safety Committee, Patrick Plant:
 - Patrick has a call into the county Sheriff's Department regarding a summary of incidents reported last year and frequency of checking for non-compliance.
 - The general assumption is that Orono Lake is filthy and infested with ecoli; that is a myth. Our lake was tested last year more than most Minnesota lakes. Vance mentioned that Metro lakes were closed more often than Orono.
 - Lee McCullough mentioned that the NE side of lake is experiencing soil erosion; need to observe the 100' rule, i.e., stay closer to islands rather than shoreline.
 - Can we post speed limit signs? The DNR & Sheriff's departments decide; LOIA does not get involved. Patrick will ask about options. Sara Hartman mentioned that there is no way to alert fast boaters/jet skiers between islands. Patrick will alert Sheriff's Dept. to watch that area. Tom asked for and was denied a buoy from the Water Patrol.
- ∞ Membership, Ray Miller:

- We need to pattern ourselves for growth. Any ideas on how to attract more people let him know. Currently 50% of lake residents are members.
- We should call non-members and invite to Smelt Fry.
- One man asked how well known is the association because he just happened to find out by “word of mouth.”

LAKE ORONO WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

- ∞ Rebecca Haug, Environmental Administrator for the City of Elk River reviewed the calendar of events and discussed the following:
 - Energy Expo April 21 at Twin Lakes school, Paul Douglas attending; tours and sessions will be offered.
 - How many drains dump into Lake Orono? Too many!
 - Unlike most lakes, it is part of a river and therefore has a huge watershed, or area that contributes runoff and pollution. Lake Orono’s watershed is comprised of 70% of Sherburne County and 40% of Benton County.
- ∞ Mark Basiletti presented a slide show of the Lake Orono Water Quality Monitoring. The total phosphorus (a nutrient that feeds algae) is currently trending slightly downward.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership eligibility – current bylaws state “must own property on the lake but need not live on the lake.” Fox Haven residents commonly own slip shoreland, therefore according to our bylaws are full members. Vance moved to accept motion to keep bylaws as is, John seconded the motion, motion passed.

The question was asked how future assessments would be handled, e.g. if dredge lake, how does that effect “slip owners” vs. “lakeshore”? Assessments are determined by the City of Elk River, not by LOIA.

NEW BUSINESS

Budgets approved with \$1,000 allotted for fish stocking and \$1,000 for educational purposes.

The Smelt Fry will be May 16; dates for Progressive Dinner, Luau and '08 Annual meeting will be decided upon at the Smelt Fry meeting.

Election of Officers

New officers were elected as follows:

President is Ray Miller

Vice President is Paul Sheets

Treasurer is Charlene Sheets

District 1 Rep is Ed Bury

District 5 Rep will be elected at Smelt Fry (Charlene Sheets was accepted as District 5 rep, but after this meeting it was determined that she is actually District 6, so she will remain District 6 Rep)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie LaNasa