



Lake Orono Improvement Association INC.

Annual Meeting MINUTES February 18, 1993

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President Miles Knutsen.
2. Miles introduced guests Jim Dietz, City Council and Mayor Hank Duitsman.
3. New members were introduced & welcomed: District 1: Jeff & Mary Lundeen; District 2: Tom & Nancy Heidemann, Randy & Leann Sandeno; District 4: Vance Zehringer; District 5: Vaughan and Michelle Smith. It was determined that Ben Kratzke has been living on the lake the longest.
4. The minutes of the last meeting on February 25, 1992 were read. They were moved to approve and seconded; minutes were approved.
5. Treasurer's Report. They were moved to approve and seconded; treasurer's report was approved.
6. Other.
 - a. Miles Knutsen of the Silting Task Force had enlargements made of aerial photos/slides of the lake from 1970 and 1992, and hung them on the wall so we could see the differences. The Association now has negatives/slides of those aerials.
 - b. Informational brochures were made available from the DNR on exotic plants (such as milfoil).
 - c. A *Focus 1000* monthly magazine was made available for perusal, the Association or individuals may want to order a subscription.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. District map updating. Sandy Weicht has been updating the district map, which was at the front of the room on a table. Members were encouraged to check it and make changes.

2. Silting/dredging discussion. Mayor Hank Duitsman said that this issue is not a high priority item for the City Council; its actions are currently more focussed on the City's infrastructure such as bridges, roads, etc. However, a baseline of where the bottom is could be done by Phil Hals, City Public Works. Paula Donnelly asked if the City was willing to partner and apply for grants; Hank said yes. Jerry McChesney asked if the dredging would be full responsibility of the City, Hank said basically, yes. Tom Hartman asked if the City was interested in preserving the lake or not, Hank said that right now there aren't any funds to do this, and he admitted that he has limited knowledge of the issue. The Silting Task Force can work with the City Engineer to look at possibilities. It was mentioned that a baseline of the lake should be done by the City to make any action official, that the baseline readings done in the past were done by homeowners Les & Betty Rudolph and therefore were not official. Patrick Plant mentioned that the City could be liable if a skier gets hurt; some areas aren't marked. Hank said the City considers this body of water a river, not a lake.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Joe Berglove gave a report on the old bridge (which is to be replaced this year).
The old bridge was built in 1920, and was the first reinforced concrete bridge in Sherburne County. The bridge prior to that was built in 1884, and cost \$6,000. The second bridge cost \$43,000. The new bridge will cost \$665,628.80, whereby a federal grant will cover \$300,411; a Minnesota grant about the same; \$63,236 from another source and the City of Elk River will pay only \$1,530. Several local people are involved in building the new bridge; so far it appears to be ahead of schedule, and could be opened in late May.
Joe also gave a humorous report on the islands in front of his home.
2. New districts. The issue of splitting District 3 was presented; it has grown to the largest District and could be split into two. There is a natural geographic break, where Island View Drive ends, and the addresses beyond that on the northeast side of the lake could become District 4. The District numbers after this new break would advance one. It was moved to split District 3, motion seconded and passed.
3. Bylaws. A new set of proposed Bylaws were distributed; these were drafts only for members consideration. Members were encouraged to read them and indicate changes to their District Rep; to be voted on at the Smelt Fry.
5. Election of Officers/Reps, conducted by new president, Sandy Weicht. Nominations:
Vice President: Ed Buttweiler
District 2 Rep.: Jerry & Janice Long
District 2 Alternate: Richard & Dale Elliott
District 3 Rep.: No volunteers
District 4 Rep.: No volunteers
All nominees approved/voted into office. New board will appoint District 3 & 4 reps.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.