



Lake Orono Improvement Association INC.

Annual Meeting MINUTES February 28, 1991

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Patrick Plant. Plant thanked caterer and introduced himself to the body.
2. Informational Display. Les Rudolph's mapping of lake silting levels was posted on the wall for interested individuals to view.
3. The minutes of the last meeting on February 22, 1990 were read. Vern Draxler moved to approve, Jim Tachney seconded; minutes approved.
4. Treasurer's Report. Printed on back of the agenda; Tom Hartman moved to approve, was seconded, report approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. District Map updating will be done, possibly indicating depth as well as housing.
2. Silting Brochure. An informational brochure, distributed at City Hall, and available at meeting.
3. Cemetery Dirt Dumping. The cemetery is dumping dirt into the lake, which is illegal. It has been a problem in the past, and is continuing. Max Wilhelmy moved to have the Association write a letter of complaint to the City of Elk River, DNR and Cemetery Commission, Pat Mikols seconded, motion approved. Report requested to be presented at Smelt Fry.

III. GUEST PRESENTATION

1. Sherburne County Water Patrol Presentation. Plant introduced Dave Anderson, Commander of Water Patrol and Ronald Johnson, Water Patrol.

The Water Patrol is a part of the Sheriff's Department, with 13 part-time licensed patrol officers and volunteers. They have a 4-wheel drive, two 16' boats, and a

hovercraft. Patrol areas are divided into west and east ends of counties, with two boats out on weekends, plus a boat for the supervisor. Two years ago, Big Lake and Mitchell Lake were the problem, now their concerns are directed more toward Lake Orono. The weekend schedule for boats requires two-man teams; a reserve patrol officer must have a licensed officer with him/her. With only two boats for the entire county, they can patrol any given lake for only a few hours. However, one additional boat is kept at the Sheriff's Department for calls.

Regarding laws of vehicles: snowmobile laws are pretty much in place, ATVs are in the process of being governed, jet bikes are next. Currently jet bikes are treated like watercraft, but Anderson feels the laws are not strong enough, since the bikes are more mobile than watercraft. However, our new lake ordinance helps somewhat in reprimanding the jet bikes. A posting of the lake ordinance at Orono Park was torn down; we may have to look at getting a big sign, like the one Big Lake has. The slow-no-wake zone in the channel between the middle section and the section with the dam was set up by the DNR, not the City or the Association. Last summer, the emphasis was not on ticketing jet bikers, but on educating them as to the laws. This year, they will be cracking down a little harder, and also began to talking to dealers about educating operators. One dealer does holds classes on responsible jet biking. The Water Patrol now has a radar gun, with people trained to use it to gauge the speed of watercraft and vehicles.

There was a complaint voiced to Anderson that the ice fisherman seem to be pretty bad about cleaning up after themselves.

Anderson and Johnson passed out brochures, stickers and pamphlets on responsible boating. Most of these materials are the same as what they give to 12-16 year olds to obtain an operator's permit. Classes are also give to snowmobilers (who also must be at least 12).

Anderson invited us to call if there's a problem on the lake; he will be happy to assist: Sheriff's Office: 441-2522, emergency 911.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Plant introduced the District Reps. New members Dale and Dick Elliott were introduced.
2. Reports. No reports from the Conservation, Safety or Lake Level committees; Pollution Committee indicated no complaints.
3. Mailing List. We have been contacted twice in the past year for requests for our mailing list; one was for a political office candidate and another by a realtor (for commercial use). Discussion entailed. Jerry Long moved to sell the mailing labels for a reasonable amount of money, Tony Mikols seconded. Further discussion entailed; there were some objections; ie., what about our non-profit status if we sell our list?; personal objections were voiced about names being sold to solicitors; also, if we voted, would there be only one vote per household? Long moved to table the issue because of the above questions, Tachney seconded; motion tabled until we get more information regarding the above concerns.

4. Mailing to Non-members. Currently we mail the newsletter to all on our mailing list, which includes non-members. Cindi Edwards-Plant, newsletter editor and publisher, voiced concern that there is no real benefit to being a member if everyone gets the newsletter anyway & therefore does not need to belong to the Association nor attend meetings. Discussion entailed; some voiced that the information was valuable enough that all should receive it and be educated, particularly about the silting issue. Tony Mikols moved to continue the mailing to non-members, Vern Lindberg seconded, motion carried.

5. Dates for Events/meetings:

- a. Smelt Fry: 1st Wednesday in May (5/1/91), \$2 per person or \$5 per family to cover costs.
- b. Wild Game Dinner: Last Thursday in November (11/28/91), \$2.50 per person to cover costs.
- c. Annual Meeting: 4th Thursday in February (2/27/92), \$7.75 per person to cover costs.

All dates/charges were approved.

6. Door Prize/Membership Drive. Traditionally we offer a prize to be given away at the Smelt Fry for paid members. John Weicht offered a microwave for the prize.

7. Budget Proposal for '91-'92:

Donation to Chamber of Commerce	\$200.00
Printing Costs for three <i>Shorelines</i> & Misc. Event Flyers.....	\$150.00
Mailing Costs for three <i>Shorelines</i>	\$100.05
Safety Deposit Box Rental	\$15.00

Budget approved.

8. Silting Report. The City has received Les Rudolph's readings/map. They are pursuing funding for dredging. Jack Klein reminded us of spawning areas for the fish and how they may be destroyed in the event the lake is indeed dredged.

9. Elections. Nominations:

- Vice President: Miles Knutson
- Treasurer: Les Rudolph
- Parliamentarian: Vern Draxler
- District 1 Rep.: Jeff Jarmoluk
- District 5 Rep.: Pat Donnelly
- District 6 Rep.: Tom Hartman

All nominees approved/voted into office.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Rita Draxler asked about getting a mailing list to members.

Meeting adjourned.