

Lobster Lake Association  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
May 6, 2006  
Lagrand Town Hall  
9.30a.m.

President Stone called the Meeting to order at 9:30.a.m. He spoke briefly about the history of the association that started in 1984.

Minutes from the 2005 meeting were available for review and were accept as read.

Treasure's report shows Total income from 4/30/05 to 4/30/06	\$5271.36
Total Expense thru 04/30/06	\$5302.70
Balance in both checking and savings	\$5262.69

Walleye fund has \$1500.

We also have approximately \$800 in expenses to be reimbursed from Central Mn Initiative Grant.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Lake Captain*- Harvey Strom reported that the lake is up 5 ½ inches from last year.

*Water Quality*- Richard Knutson report for Pete Onstad about the MPCA trend report.

All info is available on the web site but pages 16thru 18 are the key summary pages and handouts are available.

*DCLA*- John Stone reported about the work being done by DCLA to improve visibility. Monthly meetings are held to keep all aware of what is happening in the county

*Newsletter*- John took a show of hands vote regarding having the newsletter delivered by electronic mail. The count was 50/50 so the assn will continue to mail newsletters with an "opt out" option so those who DONOT wish to have a hard copy can be deleted from the list to save costs. Bev needs articles to her ASAP.

*Membership* - Bev Paulin reported that we have 230+ members this year. Wildridge residents were acknowledged as the newest members. That represents approximately 65-70% of the lakeshore owners as members of the Association.

*Planning & Zoning*- Bonnie H reported that she is attending all the County meetings (both Planning Commission and County Commissioners). The Development Review Team meetings she can no longer attend but gets the plats and agendas. This covers all new development in the county. There have been 2 important ordinance changes that she has been involved with the "minor Subdivision" and The Eiesland Slough Surface Water Ordinance was in effect May 5, 2006 as electric motors only no wake to prevent sediments coming into Lobster from Round and Eiesland.

Tom Fischer introduced our guest speaker Kory Kosek from the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District. He spoke about lakeshore issues and was very informative.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

CLRSD-John reported that this project has been going for about 11 years. ALASD is the preferred treatment facility and by June of this year should have the permit from MPCA

For expansion. The forecast is for Lobster Lake to be in the first hookup. Members inquired about costs and links to info. We will get what we can on our web site. Jim Barrett and John Stone have been working with our legislators on funding for the project. We may not get help this year but are hope full for the future. Members would like more legislative info on the web. Bonnie H directed them to the Mn Waters web for details.

Walleye Stocking- Bruce Strandskov and Brad Meichsner gave a detailed report on meeting with Dean Beck for the DNR. Highlights from the meeting were that Lobster is doing well but has too many small sunfish. Suggestions from Dean were 1. Set a slot limit for walleye 17'-24' keeping smaller fish and releasing larger one. 2. Conduct a Creel Survey, getting a better count of fish. 3. Create Spawning beds to enhance natural reproduction. 4. Remove the carp traps for eco balance you must reduce the carp by 51% to make a difference in population and that can't be done cost affectively. Would you rather have 10 big fish or 100 little ones? 5 Fish Cribs not necessary on Lobster. 6. EAT more fish. In an electric survey 155 bass were caught per hour. That is over twice other lakes comparable with Lobster size and structure.

We are working o getting this complete report on the web site.

Lake Management Plan- John reported that he committees have some volunteers but need more. Please sign up in your area of interest.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Website**—Rob Graber was not present but the Assn will present him a sweat shirt for his work. He and Bonnie Huettl have been keeping the web site info up to date. John took a show of hand as to how many have looked at the site it was about ½. Moe Township has asked if LLA would add them to our web site. Bonnie will be working on that.

**Area Meetings**- John stressed the importance of these meeting asked the area Directors to set a time and date and let him know. Bonnie can make labels for the invitations.

**Legislative Issues**- John spoke briefly about the bills going thru the legislature that affect lakes. Those can be found on the MN waters web site

**Army Worms**- A member asked about spraying for worms and the decision was made that each area would decide if and when to spray.

Leroy Foslien asked if there was anything that could be done about speeding on the lake. It was discussed and concluded to call the Sheriff with info to follow up.

Erick Highum volunteered to be the chairman of the Lake Mapping Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 .am.