

Lobster Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 5 2007 9:30 a.m.
LaGrand Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by John Stone, President.

All were welcomed and he briefly gave a history of LLA.

Secretary's minutes from the 2006 Annual meeting were available for review. Merrill Pedersen made a motion to accept as written. Harvey Strom 2nd the motion. Unanimous

Treasure's report Bev Paulin- current checking and savings total \$4817.93. Merrill Pedersen is in charge of the annual audit and he has completed all records up to April.

All is okay. The Walleye Fund has been used and currently has no money in it.

Arnie Vick made a motion to accept the report, Jerry Ellis 2nd. Unanimous

John introduced Emily Siira from Douglas Soil and Water. She spoke about her duties as a Water Planner and encouraged people to call her with questions about rain gardens and lakeshore restoration. She is the grant writer and applies when ever possible to receive funds for water projects and has been successful in getting money for the Red Rock lake issue and Lake Geneva washout.

Committee reports

Harvey Strom reported lake level is at 2.8 as of May 2, 2007 Last fall it was 1.6 so it is up for the year so far.

Water Quality- Richard Knutson gave the report for Pete. A Lake Monitoring Plan was written by Pete Onstad, John Stone and Bonnie Huettl after attending a 2 day workshop. Lobster Lake was one of 6 lakes in the state invited to the seminar hosted by Minnesota Waters. For attending and writing the report, which is available upon request, the Association will receive a grant of \$1500. Pete will be purchasing a dissolved oxygen meter with the funds. It is a very complete plan of the history of our monitoring and the future plans.

DCLA- Bonnie Huettl reported that the Douglas County Lakes Assn is involved this year for the first time with Awake the Lakes held on Memorial weekend. There will be many lake functions one of which is the Kid's Fishing on Lake Agnes on Saturday. She is also on the County Water Task Force to adopt a new Water Plan for the County.

Lobster Lake News- The new organizer of the newsletter is Jerry Ellis. Bev Paulin was in charge for the last 9 years. Thank you Bev! Jerry will need all our help in getting articles and someone to interview people that have stories on the lake.

Membership- Bonnie Huettl is managing membership lists. The current membership is 224. We have increased every year 2006 was 220. We would like to reach 230 this year. Please call Bonnie with new residents or changes in names etc.!

OLD BUSINESS

Regional Sewer John Stone reported ALASD is considering taking Lobster Lake on in their processing plant. If that is agreed to, the engineering will begin in 2008. A salary survey may be sent out to find out if we can qualify for a low interest rate on the bond for financing. When received, please return it. Updates are on the web site monthly.

Lobster Lake Management Plan-The committees have been working towards completion of their tasks. The mapping was completed last summer, the signs for the public access is being finalized this month. There are 3 committees with volunteers but no chairperson Water Quality Education, Lakescaping & Shoreline Restoration and Dry Hydrants. If you would be a chairperson please let John or Bonnie know.

Fish Habitat-Bruce Straskov spoke about the winter stocking efforts. \$4000 was spent last winter to put in 400 pound of walleye fingerling. He reported that he was catching some of these fish this winter. He will be working with Jerry Wentland from the DNR on our projects. The DNR will stock our lake this fall.

Web Site www.lobsterlake.org- Rob Graber deserves a big round of applause because without him the web site would not exist. John encouraged everyone to look at the site. About 50% of the attendees have accessed the site.

NEW BUSINESS

Lakescaping/Raingarden- June 9th Emily Siira from Douglas Soil and Water will conduct a mini seminar at John Stone's residence. She will cover the basics of choosing your site and what plants go where. The time is 9:30 a.m.

Area Meetings- Tall Timbers is June 2, Paulin's Paradise area and Rowlands Cove area will be June 9th at noon and Beauty Point will be this fall. Check the web site calendar.

Election of Officers-Jerry Ellis, Pete Onstad and Leroy Foslien were the election Committee... Jerry took nominations from the floor for each position. There were none. Richard Knutson made a motion to re elect the President Arnie Vick 2nd the motion. Secretary motion Merrill Pedersen/Arnie Vick, Treasurer Merle/Hardy Huettl, Vice President Jim Barrett/Jerry Ellis. All current officers will return by unanimous vote. President , John Stone, Secretary, Bonnie Huettl, Vice President, Bruce Straskov, Treasurer, Bev Paulin

Directors -Current Member at large, Tom Fischer will not continue. John Stone asked for someone to replace him and a new Director is needed for the Eternity Point, Norlana Lane and Foslien's North Bay. Please contact John. Arnie Vick agreed to replace Tom

Other-A discussion was held regarding the liability issue surrounding placing loon nests on the lake. More information is needed. Merrill Pedersen said he has seen 7 pair of loons on the lake. This is good for the lake. Take care when boating.

PROGRAM

John introduced Sheriff Troy Wolbersen- He spoke about lake safety issues, boating safety and weather issues. Very good presentation.

Question/Answer Dry Hydrant. What is happening? Garfield is installed and Brandon is looking for a location on Tall Timbers Rd and Moe Hall road intersection. Nothing has been done about the west side. The Fire Departments need to be involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Bonnie Huettl