

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 32

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May 3, 2014

ANNUAL MEETING Minutes

LAGRAND TOWNSHIP HALL-501 Town Hall Rd

9:00 A.M. Registration and coffee

9:30 A.M. President Bonnie Huettl called the meeting to order, welcoming 66 members. She thanked Cathy Johnson for baking and donating the breads we had with our coffee today. She and John Stone gave an overview of the agenda and history of Lobster Lake Association. The Secretary's report from the last annual meeting was printed and Jackie Vick moved and Kevin Weisel seconded approval, passed. The treasurer's report was given by Jolene Kogler. The total income for 2013 was \$6855.58, total expenses were \$5010.00 leaving an ending balance of \$5993.00 with \$2070 in the walleye stocking fund. Don Auel moved and Jerry Ellis seconded approval, passed. Bonnie introduced the current board members and officers and thanked them for their service to LLA.

Committee Reports

Lake Captain Harvey Strom reported that the lake rose 14.5 inches last spring but dropped 12 inches in the fall. April 23 was the official ice out date and the lake measured at the same level as last fall.

Water Quality Rod Johnson reported on the May-September measurements of phosphorous and chlorophyll A as obtained during those months from Lobster Lake & from 3 streams coming into the lake. He also reported on Lobster Lake's dissolved oxygen test results. Rod passed around graphs showing comparisons of test results over recent years. Hardy Huettl acknowledged and thanked Gene VanNevel for his help in gathering the May-September water samples. Hardy then discussed Secchi Disk readings that he and Pat Hanson obtained which measure water clarity. The clearest reading was from the east bay on 6/9/13 where a reading of 21.5 feet was obtained. The lowest readings were from the NW area of the lake where readings of 7.0 feet were obtained on 5/27, 8/10 and 8/16/13. This information is also posted on the website.

Aquatic Invasive Species Hardy Huettl reported the history of the discovery of Eurasian milfoil in 2004 but none has ever been found since. He and his crew also monitor once annually for Curleyleaf Pondweed. This has also remained stable. Lobster is now designated as infested with zebra mussels since they have been found upstream in Lake Mary but no mussels have been discovered as of yet. All of his information is also posted on the website. Hardy named and thanked the twelve volunteer AIS inspectors for their participation last year and asked for a new volunteer to help with inspections this year.

Fish Habitat/Stocking Kevin Weisel reviewed the stocking history of walleyes in Lobster with the DNR stocking on the odd years and LLA stocking even years, The DNR stocked 21,000 fingerlings last year in 2014. Kevin noted that there is little natural walleye spawning areas on Lobster Lake so stocking is important. The exact number of fingerlings to be stocked this year is yet to be determined. He also reported that the crappies and bass populations are doing well.

DCLA Steve Kogler, LLA's representative on this board, reported the association's activities this year. They are currently monitoring the Long Prairie Watershed trying to correct current problems. He also mentioned

Kids Fishing and Eco Day activities. He also mentioned that they are reviewing rental ordinances and lake crowding issues.

Lobster Lake News Jerry Ellis reported that he will be printing the newsletter on May 15 which will also include the minutes from the annual meeting. He asked for other articles to be contributed.

Membership Tom & Nancy Wavrin reported sending out 385 invoices for membership and to date, have received dues from 175 members. Last year we ended with 219 members so Nancy encouraged us to talk to our neighbors to join the association. She also handed out updated phone numbers and addresses. A new directory will be printed next year.

Lobster Wear Cathy Johnson highlighted our new products for sale , silk screened products from Outback Jack's along with our regular embroidered clothing and lobster flags and signs.

Social/Director at Large Steve & Jolene Kogler reported that we had two area picnics last year. Bonnie encouraged neighbors to get together for area picnics and to invite her to explain the benefits of LLA.

E-mail addresses Jim Barrett reported that he has over 200 e-mails of Lobster residents and encouraged people to let him know of any changes or additions they become aware of

Old Business

Area Picnics—LLA will fund area picnics so that neighbors can get together to get to know one another and to discuss any issues that the neighborhood has.

New Business

Minimum Wake Zones (eroding shoreline) was discussed, particularly the lower and middle bay area since it is getting worse and causing shore erosion. Since speed is not the only issue, it is a difficult problem to address. The consensus was that this was a matter of personal responsibility and letters will be sent to those owning wake board boats and post personal property signs advising of the problem. Bonnie said we could apply for a surface water ordinance to place buoys in this area but it was decided to try an informal informational approach first.

Items from the floor: Steve Voss mentioned the letter he is writing to our local representatives regarding the removal of Lobster from the spearing ban without consulting the Lake Association.

Bonnie deferred giving her report from the Freshwater Seminar she just attended due to lack of time. She will add her report on the website.

10:45 A.M. Educational Program

Mark Ranweiler DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist gave an interesting report on zebra mussels and how to prevent them. Mitch Lawler, Conservation Officer Alexandria, was also present to discuss new issues and answer any questions.

12:00 noon Rod Johnson moved and Jerry Gliskky seconded a motion to adjourned, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kratz, Secretary

