

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION
May 2, 2015
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
LAGRAND TOWNSHIP HALL – 501 Town Hall Rd, Alexandria, MN 56308

9:00 AM – Registration - Coffee and Rolls

9:28 AM - President Bonnie Huettl called the Annual Meeting to order, welcoming 75 attendees.

- President Huettl gave an overview of the 27- year history of the Lobster Lake Association (LLA). Bonnie explained the LLA website is a wonderful source of information containing, among other items, pertinent information regarding on-going activities, meeting minutes, and current Lobster Wear products that can be purchased via the website.
- Florence Wieneke was introduced as the new LLA secretary effective April 7, 2015. Minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting were printed for distribution and were posted on the LLA website. Hardy Huettl moved and Jerry Ellis seconded that minutes from the 2014 Annual LLA Meeting be accepted. Passed.
- The Treasurer’s Report was read by President Huettl. The report will be filed for audit review.

9:40 AM – Educational Program

John Stone introduced Dean Beck, Area Fisheries Supervisor, as our guest speaker. Mr. Beck works out of Glenwood, Minnesota and has 27 years of experience with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Mr. Beck spoke highly of the quality and attributes of Lobster Lake. Mr. Beck said Lobster Lake is in “Good Shape”. He stated the water quality of our lake was in the top 75% of the North Central Lakes Association, and we should take advantage of the protein value of the Walleye and smaller Northern Pike in our lake. His only concern for the lake was the imbalance of productivity vs prey. Mr. Beck passed out a ‘Fishing Management Briefing’ on Lobster Lake containing maps, graphs, Beneficial Use

Assessments, Gamefish Population Attributes, Rough Fish Removal Records, and Fish Consumption Guidelines. After his presentation, Mr. Beck answered questions from attendees.

Committee Reports

Lake Captain – Harvey Strom reported lake levels fluctuate during any given season. Measureable recordings Harvey recorded:

November 1, 2014 – May 1, 2015 – down 5.5 inches.

May 5, 2014 – May 1, 2015 – down 7.5 inches.

Water Quality - Rod Johnson exhibited graphs comparing phosphorous and Chlorophyll-*a* levels from Lobster Lake, Fish Lake, Eiland Slough and Mill Lake. The highest levels, caused by runoff, were recorded on Fish Lake on the north side of Tall Timbers Road.

Rod's graphs are posted on the LLA website.

Hardy Huettl spoke of Secchi disk readings being taken since 1985 for water clarity. These readings are taken weekly at four sites: East Bay, Central Bay, West Bay and North Bay. Analyzing sixty-two recorded readings, the clearest was at East Bay measuring 21', and the least clear at West Bay measuring 4 ½'.

Aquatic Invasive Species – No Eurasian Milfoil was detected in 2014, and none has been found since 2005. Inspections for Curley-leaf pondweed have been done since 2010, and only one small location of it was found in 2014. Some years back, zebra mussels were detected in Lake Mary, a lake draining into Lobster Lake. If anyone has sightings of zebra mussels, please call Hardy immediately. To date, Hardy has received no calls.

Veligers (baby zebra mussels) test netting – In early spring, Huettl's attended a U of M seminar promoting an available netting to trap veligers. Prices for the netting ranged from \$169 - \$629; plus an additional lab testing fee of \$90 per test. Upon further investigation, Hardy learned if veligers are found in a lake, the DNR would simply 'put a note' in the lake file that veligers were present, with no action taken. Upon hearing this, no attempt will be taken to acquire the netting. Again,

if mature zebra mussels are noticed when taking out docks and lifts, please inform Hardy.

Fish Habitat/Stocking – Kevin Weisel stated 2015 is the year DNR will stock Lobster Lake with fingerlings. Kevin reinforced what Dean Beck advised: Catch and keep smaller Northern and Walleye fish. And, don't forget to enjoy the benefits of catching and eating them!!

DCLA – Steve Kogler attends monthly DCLA meetings. Anyone can see the happenings of the DCLA by checking the DCLA website. The Echo Press and Inform TV are additional resources to learn about DCLA. Steve will be submitting an article in the May LLA Newsletter.

Lobster Lake Association Newsletter – Jerry Ellis explained the LLA newsletter is published twice a year: May and October and sent to all paid association members. The newsletter is also posted on the LLA website. The LLA website includes links to Moe and LaGrand township websites. Jerry welcomes all articles and pictures. Windows Publisher is the software used for this publication.

Membership – Tom and Nancy Wavrin – Nancy announced there are 175 **PAID** members, but there are 385 residents living around the lake. Nancy encouraged us to ask our friends and neighbors, living on Lobster Lake, who are not members to join our Association. There are costs to maintaining our Association and the more members we have, more good will/activities can be accomplished. Nancy expressed we need to be 'good stewards' of our lake. So she asked, again, that we spread the word...it is important to be part of the LLA and not very costly per member.

Lobster Wear – Cathy Johnson highlighted available Lobster Wear. She promoted the newest item: a man's cap. She explained we acquired a new vendor in Brandon, Minnesota who can supply Lobster Wear all year long. Lobster Wear can be ordered via the LLA website for convenient shopping.

E-mail Addresses - Jim Barrett has approximately 225 email addresses. Please let Jim know of any email address changes. LLA does NOT share email addresses

with any entity. The addresses are only used to convey emergency/urgent messages and are sent via blind copies.

OLD BUSINESS

Area Picnics – LLA will furnish meat for neighborhood picnics. Area picnics are ‘a must’ so that neighbors can get acquainted; making it easier to discuss neighborhood questions and concerns.

Financial Audit – The LLA financial records for the past year were audited by Hardy Huettl and Rod Johnson. The financial records were found to be in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers – Officers are elected every two years. Merrill Pedersen, representing the Nominating Committee, introduced the candidates for Election of Officers as follows:

Bonnie Huettl – President - Rod Johnson moved and Pete Onstad seconded the motion of Bonnie Huettl for President. After three calls, Lynn Bushard moved and John Stone seconded that nominations cease. Passed.

Steve Voss – Vice President – Hardy Huettl moved and Jerry Ellis seconded the motion of Steve Voss for Vice President. After three calls, John Stone moved and Kevin Weisel seconded that nominations cease. Passed.

Florence Wieneke – Secretary – Lynn Bushard moved and Kevin Weisel seconded the motion of Florence Wieneke for Secretary. After three calls, Arnie Vick moved and Kevin Weisel seconded that nominations cease. Passed.

Joleen Kogler – Treasurer – Arnie Vick moved and Hardy Huettl seconded the motion of Joleen Kogler for Treasurer. After three calls Arnie Vick moved and Hardy Huettl seconded that nominations cease. Passed.

There were no nominations from the floor. All candidates were approved unanimously.

Bonnie Huettl explained the office of President must come from a current board member. The LLA is currently in need of two (2) Directors at Large.

New Projects - New projects were put 'On Hold' as the DNR does not react to veliger testing at this time.

Report from U of M Research Seminar - Bonnie reported going to the U of M Research Seminar and learning about repeat testing for AIS. More local Involvement will be implemented to combat AIS at the local level.

Help with Social Chairman Duties - Steve Kogler requested help with purchasing water, rolls, and making coffee for the Annual Meeting. Jim Barrett graciously agreed to take on that responsibility for future Annual Meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary