

LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION (LLA)
May 5, 2018
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
GARFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER~101 Sanstead Street~Garfield MN 56332

9:00 AM – Registration ~ Coffee & Rolls

9:30 AM – President Bonnie Huettl called the Annual Meeting to order and welcomed the 68 attendees.

- President Huettl gave an overview of the agenda and acknowledged the Board.
- Carol Goemer was announced as our newest Member-At-Large and Debbie Connelly was announced as Area Director for Foslien Bay North, Norlana Lane, and Eternity Point. Bonnie happily proclaimed the Board is now 100% complete.
- Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting were printed for distribution and have been posted on the LLA Website since May, 2017. Luke Stemmer moved and Wally Thielmann seconded that minutes from the 2017 LLA General membership Meeting be approved. Motion passed.
- Treasurer, Joleen Kogler, presented the 2017 Fiscal Year Income/Expense Report. A Cash Flow Statement was printed and available for distribution. Motion was made by Eldon Holmes and seconded by Rod Johnson to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer’s Report will be filed for audit review.

Committee Reports Were Given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic Visioning – Survey: The Survey was discussed and the direction for this group is to maintain the LLA Lake Management Plan as is. Bonnie Huettl reviewed results of ten questions asked on the Lobster Lake Survey Monkey taken earlier this spring

Financial Audit: Amanda Topel and Sara Wevley performed an annual financial review of the LLA treasurer's transactions. They reported books are in balance. Their report was filed.

2017 Public Access Monitoring: Bonnie reported on the Lobster Lake 2017 Watercraft Inspection Summary prepared by Justin Swart of Douglas County LRM. Summary: Inspections involved 95 Level I hours and 230 Level II hours where 454 inspections were made. This averaged 1.4 inspections per hour. Most common type of watercraft were fishing boats (76%) and most incoming watercraft were transported by vehicles with Minnesota license (92%). No zebra mussels or other AIS were found during inspections. A complete summary is available on the LLA website.

New Development on Lake: The proposed development located west of Wildridge is at a standstill due to a dispute over boundary lines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Douglas County Ordinance re: short term rental property: This ordinance will become effective October 1, 2018. The 15-page ordinance document was available at the meeting. Key points of the ordinance: There is a required license fee, there are established inspection requirements, and full compliance with the ordinance is mandatory.

Appoint Web Site Coordinator: Rod Johnson volunteered to be our new Web Site Coordinator.

Hazard Map: At the beginning of the 2018 ice season Brian Van Nevel will take it upon himself to provide maps, available at the public access area, which will point out possible areas on the lake that may be hazardous due to springs or other elements causing thin ice. Brian is doing this volunteer project as a public service. Brian will accept all responsibility/liability. The LLA will NOT be held legally responsible for any information contained on the maps. If

residents on the lake are aware of any areas that are susceptible to thin ice please make Brian aware and he will mark it on his map.

Dues Increase: A motion was made by Rolly Olson and seconded by Merrill Pedersen to increase annual membership dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 effective 2019. Motion Passed.

Items from the floor: A question from the audience arose: “What can be done about speeding boats?” Response: “Per MN boating laws there are no general speed or distance from docks regulations as regards watercraft OTHER THAN PWCs (personal watercrafts)”.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mark Fisher, Product Developer for Rapala Lures, USA, was guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Wieneke, Secretary