

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 4, 2013

LMCD Office, 23505 Smithtown Road, Suite 120, Shorewood, MN 55331

Present: Chair Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Tom Skramstad, Jay Soule, Lisa Whalen, and Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director. Also in attendance: Keith Kask, Minnetonka Power Squadron (Power Squadron); Deputy John Piper, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol (Water Patrol); and Mark Kraemer, Thorpe Distributing Company.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes from the 3/19/13 Save the Lake Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Baasen stated that he hoped to address the following two questions at this meeting:

1. What the long-term picture may look like for a Boater Safety Education Program on Lake Minnetonka?
2. What are the first steps for a Boater Safety Education Program on Lake Minnetonka?

Continued discussion of Boater Safety Education for Lake Minnetonka

A summary of the committee discussion was as follows:

- Lake Minnetonka is generally a safe lake; however, the public safety issues that occur generally relate to Rules of the Road and etiquette. For a number of these issues, the boating public is oblivious and has a general lack of knowledge.
- A discussion of the following courses already offered:
 1. Power Squadron- The America's Boating Class, although an interest was expressed about a course more applicable to in-land lakes.
 2. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR)- The youth operator's permit course offered (both on-line and in-person).
 3. Water Patrol- A youth snowmobile course offered annually (training supervised by Sgt. Laurent Wicklund).
- Interest was expressed about supporting these programs (not recreating the wheel).
- Interest was expressed about an interactive program geared for Lake Minnetonka. The consensus was for: 1) a one-day course; 2) a classroom setting in the morning to review the MN DNR's youth curriculum, as well as LMCD ordinances unique to Lake Minnetonka; and 3) an on-the-water training in the afternoon (not one on one).
- Interest was expressed about a program for both youth and adults.
- Further work is needed for discussion at the next committee meeting. In particular, a boat safety curriculum and syllabus. It was noted that the quality of the presenter(s) would be key. The consensus was that this should be done by a sub-committee of the Save the Lake Committee.

New Business

There was no new business.

What's Next

The consensus was to:

- Schedule the next Save the Lake Committee Meeting for April 29th (8:00 a.m. in the LMCD office).
- Schedule a Save the Lake Sub-Committee Meeting prior to April 29th to commence work on a Boater Safety Education Program for Lake Minnetonka. Committee members that agreed to serve on the sub-committee included Tom Skramstad and Jay Soule. The Task Force directed Nybeck to coordinate representation from the Power Squadron, Water Patrol, and MN DNR for this meeting. Additionally, Nybeck was to check with LMCD Board member Gary Hughes on his attendance at this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director