

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LMCD)  
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2014

LMCD Office, 5341 Maywood Road, Suite 200, Mound, MN 55364

**Present:** Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Jay Green, LMCD Board- Mound; Gary Hughes, LMCD Board- Spring Park; Chris Jewett; Tom Skramstad; Jay Soule; Lisa Whalen; Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

**Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Minutes from the 12/4/13 Save the Lake Committee Meeting**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Discussion of 2014 Lake Minnetonka Boater Safety Education Program**

Baasen stated that a question that needs to be answered is whether the 2013 pilot program should continue in 2014. If so, other questions that remain include when do it, who does it, and where to do it. Major Darrel Huggett has communicated that the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol training room could continue to be used in 2014. A question remains as to the number of classes that would be offered, including what times of the year. Two other questions that remain include: 1) should changes be made in 2014 (based on the 2013 pilot), and 2) who would facilitate the training in 2014 (in addition to Soule). He asked for feedback from the committee on this topic.

A summary of the committee discussion was as follows:

- It was noted that the LMCD Board has provided preliminary support, to date, for this project.
- A question was posed to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) with regards to concerns about the timing element of the on-line Kalkomey course. Feedback from the MN DNR staff includes: 1) the timing requirement of the on-line course is a NASBA specification requirement, 2) the MN DNR could create a similar on-line course, which they do not seem overly interested at this time, and 3) a pre-requisite of the course could include that participants have taken the on-line course and passed the test prior to the training day.
- The committee reviewed a spreadsheet of options for 2014. This included Option 1 (continuing with the on-line Kalkomey course) and Option 2 (having the participants taking the on-line Kalkomey course prior to the training day). A third option was discussed by the committee, which would need to be explored with the MN DNR (whether the LMCD could train the participants and administer the test, without utilizing the on-line Kalkomey course).
- The committee briefly discussed incentives to attend a training session (including the length of the course).
- The committee recommendation was to proceed with this program in 2014, the frequency of the course to be offered multiple times based on demand (preferably in the spring and fall), and dates and curriculum to be determined.
- An action item was to research whether the MN DNR would allow the LMCD to train and issue youth operator permits (without utilizing the Kalkomey on-line course).

**Discussion of draft 2014 Save the Lake Budget**

On-Going LMCD Projects: The consensus of the committee was that funds for on-going projects of the LMCD were as follows: 1) \$5,000 for the 2014 Solar-Light Program (replacement and expansion), 2) \$5,000 for the 2014 Boater Safety Education Program, 3) \$2,500 for the "Save the Lake" Banquet Dinner (net), 4) \$9,000 for Administrative expenses (two annual solicitation letters), and 5) \$200 for Special Deputy Court Fees.

Grant Proposals: The committee considered the following three Proposals:

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Organization(s)</u>	<u>Proposed Project</u>	<u>Project Summary</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
1	Hennepin County Environmental Services	Purchase of Buoys	"No Anchoring" Buoys for Big Island	\$3,500
2	Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA)	2014 EWM & CLP Bay Project	Whole Bay or Large Scale Treatments on Suitable Bays	\$30,000
3	Mound Fire Dept.	Purchase of Public Safety Equipment	Two mustang suits, a floating water pump, & radio (w/ headset)	\$4,600

The consensus of the committee was to make the following recommendations to the LMCD Board:

Proposals to be Funded:

- Hennepin County Environmental Services- \$3,500 for the purchase of "No Anchoring" buoys for Big Island.
- Mound Fire Department- \$4,600 for the purchase of public safety equipment for Lake Minnetonka.

Proposals not to be Funded:

- LMA- 2014 EWM & CLP Bay Project- The committee made this recommendation based on: 1) the project not meeting the application review criteria, and 2) a concern that Save the Lake Funds are not an appropriate long-term funding source for these types of projects

**Next Meeting**

The next Save the Lake Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th, at 7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck  
Executive Director