

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

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 5, 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; Tom Skramstad; Jay Soule; Lisa Whalen; Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes from the 4/7/14 Save the Lake Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review of April 26th Lake Minnetonka Boater Safety Training Course

Baasen complimented Soule in his leadership to facilitate the course, as well as committee and Board members that participated in its success. Although there were some technical issues, all participants that attended and took the on-line test passed. For the most part, he believed that the kids were attentive.

There was a lengthy discussion of this agenda item. A summary of the discussion was as follows:

- Technology- A discussion of how it functioned (including some WIFI issues at the Minnetonka Community Center and the tablets purchased by the LMCD for the participants use, where requested).
- Future Courses- The idea of relocating the course back to the training room at the Water Patrol office and technology issues that currently exist. A contact has recently been made to Sheriff Stanek, through his staff. It was noted that this was being checked into and that feedback on this should be received in the next few weeks.
- Demand- There clearly is a demand for this project and there is a need to continue to offer it to the Lake Minnetonka community. One strength of this course format is that the ability to ask questions and the interactive discussion/training is valuable. It was noted that guardian participation for this training is extremely beneficial.
- Kalkomey On-Line Course- There was discussion of the new real live videos that were offered at this course that were not offered at the 2013 pilot program. It was noted that these videos were good educational tools; however, they added a great deal of time to take the on-line course.
- Lake Minnetonka Training- This is important and needs attention in future training courses (noting that this has not occurred in the first two courses due to time constraints because of the Kalkomey on-line course). There was a discussion of alternative training tools to improve this in the future as the course is further developed. One idea was a second short follow-up session specifically for Lake Minnetonka (i.e., a graduation ceremony concept to promote this course).

- 2014 Budget- \$1,324.30 of the \$5,000 budgeted for this project has been incurred. There was discussion on the concept of providing an option for participants in the future to not collect the \$20 reimbursement for the Kalkomey course and dedicate it as a scholarship for future training courses.
- Next Training Course- Targeting a weekday course in June at the Water Patrol training room. There was discussion of locating another individual, if possible, to assist Soule in the training.

Action Items:

- Skramstad stated that he could follow-up with Lt. Saunders to better understand the bandwidth capability at the Water Patrol training room.
- Baasen stated that he would continue discuss bandwidth at the Water Patrol training room with Sheriff Stanek's staff.
- Further discussion of a possible second date for a graduation session is planned for the June committee meeting.
- A date of Monday, June 23rd, was schedule for the next training course (targeting the Water Patrol training room).

Next Meeting

The next Save the Lake Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 2nd, at 7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director