

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

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2014

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

Present: Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Jay Green, LMCD Board- Mound; Tom Skramstad; Jay Soule; Lisa Whalen; Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes from the 5/5/14 Save the Lake Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review of June 23rd Lake Minnetonka Boater Safety Training Course

Baasen stated that the next course was planned for Monday, June 23rd. The purpose for this agenda item was to finalize plans for this course.

There was a lengthy discussion by the committee. A summary of the discussion was as follows:

- Finalize Course Location:
 1. Preferred- Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol (Water Patrol) training room;
 2. Alternative Locations Discussed- a) Grays Freshwater Center, b) Minnetonka Community Center, c) Minnetrista Police Department, d) Mound-Westonka School District, e) City of Wayzata Community Room, and f) Wells Fargo training room (Wayzata);
 3. Follow-up on Possible Locations- a) Grays Freshwater Center (Skramstad), b) Mound- Westonka School District and Minnetrista Police Department (Nybeck), and c) Wells Fargo training room (Baasen, if needed); and
 4. The committee established a goal to have this resolved by June 3rd.
- Committee member, Board member, and LMCD staff participation.
- The need for future planning of a second trainer (in addition to Soule).
- A discussion of possible changes to future courses:
 1. The continued use of the Kalkomey on-line course;
 2. Integration of Lake Minnetonka rules as part of the training (either the day of the course or as a take-home opportunity);
 3. A future graduation ceremony or party for participants (including guardian);
 4. Possibly discussing the rules unique to Lake Minnetonka at next year's Save the Lake Banquet Dinner; and
 5. Technology needs that could be provided by the LMCD (the need to check with Apple distributors on this).

Preliminary Discussion of the 2015 Save the Lake Recognition Banquet Dinner

Baasen stated that he attended the recent Grays Freshwater event, in particular the fundraising aspect, and complimented it. He questioned whether something similar could be done for the annual banquet for Save the Lake.

Highlights of the committee discussion were as follows:

- The consensus that the annual banquet dinner was getting old and tired (changes were needed);
- Presentations should be interactive and high energy;
- A discussion of possible fundraising efforts, including the concept of using an auctioneer (similar to the Freshwater Center's event);
- The timing of when to hold such an event (early February vs. spring or summer);
- The concept of utilizing a Lake Minnetonka home or Big Island for the annual event (as an alternative to the Lafayette Club or a charter boat ride);
- The concept of using a videographer for potential presentations (high quality productions that are engaging and scheduled);
- Possibly recognizing Boater Safety Education Course participants in attendance; and
- A discussion of whether spouses or significant others should be allowed to attend at no cost.

Baasen stated that he would meet with Whalen and that they would bring back some recommendations to the July committee meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Save the Lake Committee Meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 14th (7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office). It was noted that this schedule was established to accommodate for committee member's Chris Jewett's schedule. If Jewett cannot attend the July 14th meeting, the consensus of the committee was to reschedule the July meeting for July 15th (7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director