

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LMCD)
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT**

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2014

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

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

Approval of agenda

Baasen stated that he would provide a brief update on a recent meeting he had with Gabriel Jabbour at the end of this meeting.

Minutes from the 7/15/14 Save the Lake Committee Meeting

No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum of the committee.

Fall Lake Minnetonka Boater Education Safety Training Course

Baasen stated that there was a need to firm up details for the fall course. After discussions with Lt. Art Saunders from the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol (Water Patrol), he believed that the necessary technology upgrades have been made to the training room to support participants taking the on-line course.

The following details were firmed up by the committee:

- Date- Saturday, November 1st (other dates considered included September 13th and 27th)
- Location- Water Patrol Training Room (identifying the Mound-Westonka School District as a back-up)
- Interested Participants- Estimated at 28 youth at this time (not including guardians)
- Action Item- Soule stated that he would follow-up on the Water Patrol training room to verify whether the technology upgrades adequate to support the on-line course

Utilizing 2014 Save the Lake Funds for Water Patrol Funding on Lake Minnetonka

Baasen stated that this was discussed at the July committee meeting. He recently communicated with Lt. Saunders that Save the Lake would need something tangible to consider some level of funding in 2014. Since there is nothing tangible at this time, Hennepin County will be working on a funding request for 2015 (i.e. training).

A summary of the committee discussion was as follows:

- The need for added Water Patrol coverage and presence on Lake Minnetonka.
- A discussion of response time by the Water Patrol (including a comparison of response times on the water vs. land).
- The concept of providing some level of funding to have local fire boat presence on Lake Minnetonka.
- The consensus of the committee was that Baasen would work with Major Jeff Storms to provide some framework for 2015.

2015 Save the Lake Recognition Banquet Dinner Possibilities

Baasen stated that Whalen, Soule, and he had recently met to discuss possible changes to the 2015 Save the Lake Banquet Dinner. Possible changes, which need to be further refined and were briefly discussed at this meeting, included:

- Change of Date- From February to mid March (the Lafayette Club has been reserved for March 19, 2015 tentatively).
- Funding For a Professional Videographer- The idea of using between \$6,000 and \$10,000 of Save the Lake Funds for professional video (subject to approval by the LMCD Board).
- Limited Silent Auction- The idea of hiring an auctioneer for a five of six items (limited fundraising).
- Entertainment- The idea of providing some level of entertainment to lighten the mood.
- Boater Safety Education- The idea of providing still pictures documenting the success of this program in 2014.
- Program Changes- A more interactive program (limited to 20 to 45 minutes in length).
- Event Promotion- A discussion of possible ways to announce and promote the event
- No decision were made at this meeting and further discussion is planned for future committee meetings.

Chair Baasen Update

Baasen stated that he had recently met with Gabriel Jabbour to discuss a number of topics. One of these topics included garbage issues at Cruiser's Cove (Big Island) and the efforts being done by volunteers to clean this up in 2014. He questioned whether Save the Lake could assist on a clean-up project after Labor Day (similar to what the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District does annually along the Minnehaha Creek).

The committee discussed this and the consensus was to explore a clean-up project after Labor Day. The dates of September 13th and 20th were discussed (as well as the logistics involved in coordinating such an effort). The committee also discussed that there are garbage issues lakewide (not just at Cruiser's Cove).

Next Meeting

The next Save the Lake Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th (7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director