

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

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2014
LMCD Office, 5341 Maywood Road, Suite 200, Mound, MN 55364

Present: Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; 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.

Report From the 8/12/14 Save the Lake Committee Meeting

The draft report was not approved. The committee directed Nybeck to check into whether there are quorum requirements for an official committee meeting.

Cruiser's Cove, Discussion of 2014 Clean-up Project

Baasen stated that he recently offered assistance from Save the Lake and the LMCD (i.e., volunteers) to Gabriel Jabbour for this project. This project took place on September 20th, with volunteers provided by the Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA) and the Minnetonka Power Squadron. He stated that the LMCD Board was on Lake Minnetonka that morning for a workshop and he went and observed the clean-up activities that took place at Cruiser's Cove and Big Island. One contributing group to the litter issues appears to be underage drinking that left their garbage behind. Feedback received from Jabbour was that the strengthening of the current ordinance was something that the LMCD could provide leadership on.

A summary of the committee discussion was as follows:

- A City of Orono document that provides direction on management of Big Island Park.
- Whether reducing the current penalty for littering on Lake Minnetonka from a misdemeanor to a petty misdemeanor (would not go on their record) would result in additional enforcement.
- A discussion of the history of Cruiser's Cove (including some feedback that a great deal of the problem boaters do not reside on Lake Minnetonka or are not a stakeholder).
- The concept of placing floating receptacles in the water.
- The idea of future clean-up projects similar to what is conducted by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (on the ice and during the boating season).

Discussion of Soliciting Proposals for 2015

Baasen stated that it is that time of year to solicit feedback from the committee on soliciting proposals for Save the Lake funds in 2015. He encouraged feedback on the draft press release and availability of funds document.

A summary of the committee discussion was as follows:

- The following three changes to the draft press release:
 1. Eliminate the exact amount of funds available for 2015 (\$50,144).
 2. Insert the words "public safety" in the second sentence in the first paragraph.
 3. Insert the words "or need assistance on submitting a grant application" at the end of the last sentence in the fourth paragraph.

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- Possible projects to partners with the LMA (lake clean-up efforts).
- Possible projects for Hennepin County (both the Water Patrol and Environmental Services).
- When grant applications would be due (December 5th) and when proposal received would be reviewed by Save the Lake and the LMCD Board (January of 2015).
- The consensus of the committee was to move this forward, with the changes noted above, for LMCD Board approval on October 8th.

Preparations for 11/1/14 Boater Safety Education Course

Baasen asked where preparations are for this course.

A summary of the committee discussion was as follows:

- Bandwidth at the Water Patrol Training Room- It appears as though this has been upgraded to support the class. An Action Item was for Soule to work with LMCD staff on a trial run to check this out. Hughes expressed an interest in participating on this.
- Registered Participants- 10 youth are registered (with seven guardians planning to attend). The consensus of the committee was to target 20 youth for the class (with a capacity of the room between 30 and 32). An Action Item was for Nybeck to work with the local newspapers on an article(s) promoting the event and announcing that limited spaces are available for interested youth.
- Mentoring- The committee had a brief discussion of committee and non-committee members (including LMCD Board members) in the mentoring of the youth.
- Interactive Break-Out Sessions- Soule stated that work is being completed on this.

2015 Save the Lake Banquet Dinner

Baasen stated that the committee members that were spearheading the preparations for this program had not recently met. He believed that this would step up in early November (after the next Boater Safety Education Course has concluded).

The committee had a short discussion on this agenda item. In particular, the idea of videotaping the annual Water Patrol special deputy yet this fall (as well as providing a background of special deputies and the work that they conduct). The committee directed Nybeck to secure approval of the annual Water Patrol special deputy candidate from Lt. Saunders (hopefully for LMCD Board approval at its October 8th meeting).

Next Meeting

The next Save the Lake Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th (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