

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

7:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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

Present: Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Gregg Thomas, LMCD Board- Tonka Bay; Dan Gustafson; Jay Soule and David Gross. Also present: Jim Brimeyer, Interim LMCD Executive Director.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted, with a report on the Wekota Park festival.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the March 9th Save the Lake Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

Topic Discussed:

A summary of the topics discussed at this meeting include:

- Wekota Park festival attended by Thomas and Shuff. They were at a table with the MCWD, Sheriff Water Patrol and the city. They answered questions and handed out brochures. The STL committee discussed the possibilities of the LMCD attending other festivals within the 14 cities. **Brimeyer to contact the member cities for dates for their respective festivals.** The committee will develop a packet of materials to be taken to these festivals. **Thomas and Gustafson will work on this project.**
- Status on 2016 LMCD boater safety education courses. The first course is planned for June 13th from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Twenty six people have shown some interest, but no one has signed up yet. The maximum is 50 for a manageable number. **It was agreed to place the ad in the paper. Baasen will work on a pres release. Baasen indicated adults will be needed at the program to supervise and offer assistance.**
- 2016 spring/summer Save the Lake solicitation draft letter was reviewed and discussed. **Baasen will revise the letter and emphasize the donation aspect of the letter. The web site will be updated to reflect the solicitation.**
- Solar lights have been installed at 118 locations with replaced batteries. This was accomplished through the efforts of Al & Almas, Paradise cruises and the Charter Boat Association. **It was agreed that these groups should be acknowledged.**
- The Summer Rules brochure draft was reviewed. It was suggested the rules and the format should be reviewed and put into a more acceptable format using a professional firm. The STL committee will recommend expenditure of funds (from the STL budget) to use a professional firm to include more electronic messaging and developing an app to be used on a phone.
- The committee discussed the banquet and the value it brings to the organization. A picnic was suggested and hire a caterer to assist with the event. Also some discussion on making the event more of a celebration and recognize organizations and individuals that make the lake safer and more desirable. Also discussed having the event in November vs a winter event and getting someone with “name recognition” to lead the development effort. More to be discussed later.

- Libbs Lake discussion on weed harvesting. LMCD harvesters are too large to reach this area and the committee felt that contracting for weed removal in this area would be a fair solution. **The committee recommended that this request should go to the LMCD board for approval.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th (7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Schleuning (on behalf of Jim Brimeyer)
Executive Director