

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2012

LMCD Office, 23505 Smithtown Road, Suite 120, Shorewood, MN 55331

Present: Chair Bill Olson, LMCD Board- Victoria; Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Dennis Klohs, LMCD Board- Minnetonka Beach; Chris Jewett; Tom Skramstad; Jay Soule, and Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

Brainstorming Session

The committee discussed current and possible future activities for “Save the Lake”. A summary of the discussion was as follows:

- Current activities have generally focused on fundraising efforts. There was a brief discussion of pros and cons of the current fundraising efforts. Some of these funds have been used to provide funds for proposals that meet the review criteria established by the “Save the Lake” Committee and the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD).
- There was a discussion of how the committee could function moving forward. In particular, should the committee continue to function as a fundraising committee or should it serve in another capacity.
- The committee reviewed the re-branding efforts done for the “Save the Lake” Committee and the LMCD in 2010. In particular, the goals that were established for: 1) Education, 2) Collaboration, 3) Administration, and 4) Regulation.
- The committee discussed the “Education” goal and the need for further efforts relating to this. In particular:
 - Boat safety concerns and basic boat operation on Lake Minnetonka.
 - This is typically not offered in many of the boat safety courses.
 - The Minnetonka Power Squadron (Power Squadron) and the boat safety courses that they currently offer.
 - The need for a volunteer, boat safety course for Lake Minnetonka.
 - The need for boat safety tips through frequent press releases.
 - The need for boat safety curriculum and to coordinate efforts amongst the various stakeholders. Some of these stakeholders could include: 1) the Power Squadron, 2) the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office Water Patrol, 3) the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and 4) the commercial marinas and other commercial organizations on Lake Minnetonka.
- The committee recommended a program that would involve working with the various stakeholders to create an educational curriculum and provide volunteer educators. Graduates of this volunteer course would be Lake Minnetonka watercraft operator certified (distinguishing Lake Minnetonka by focusing more detail on training for a safer environment).

- Olson was to update the Board on this committee recommendation at the August 22nd meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director