

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

8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2013

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

Present: Chair Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Gary Hughes, LMCD Board- Spring Park; Mark Sylvester, LMCD Board- Shorewood; Tom Skramstad, Jay Soule, Lisa Whalen, and Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes from the 10/25/12 Save the Lake Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Baasen stated that he hoped to address the following three questions at this meeting:

1. How does the committee want to consider the deployment of fundraising efforts from 2012, which he estimated at \$38,000?
2. How does the committee want to consider expanding discussion of education and training for safe boating on Lake Minnetonka?
3. Does the committee want to consider a regular meeting schedule on a monthly basis?

- **Deployment of 2012 Fundraising Efforts**
- **Expand Discussion of Education and Training for Safe Boating on Lake Minnetonka**

Baasen asked Nybeck to comment on plans to disburse funds raised by the committee in 2012.

Nybeck stated at the last committee meeting, there was a consensus that announcing of funds available to other organizations for 2013 should be tabled. The consensus of the committee was that these funds should be used for: 1) on-going LMCD projects (such as solar-lights and the annual banquet dinner), 2) costs associated with public safety education curriculum. This committee recommendation was made to the LMCD Board, in which they concurred. One project that has not been completed for 2013 is a Save the Lake Budget.

A summary of the committee discussion was as follows:

- The process established by the LMCD in recent years relating to announcing that funds are available to other organizations that meet specific funding criteria.
- The re-branding efforts of the LMCD and Save the Lake, which included educational recommendations.
- The commitment of the LMCD and Save the Lake to the herbicide treatment demonstration project on Carmans, Grays, and Phelps Bays from 2008 through 2012. There was a discussion of the goals and objectives of this demonstration project, including possible commitments

from LMCD and Save the Lake in 2013 and beyond.

- A consensus of those in attendance to further pursue safe boating education and training on Lake Minnetonka, with a recommendation to provide funds for this effort in 2013
- Hughes stated that he chairs the LMCD's Public Safety Committee and was in attendance to lend support to educational programs (noting that he had training and background on this).
- There was a general consensus that the committee needed to refine this further prior to making a recommendation to the LMCD Board on a 2013 Save the Lake Budget. Action items for this include:
 1. To clarify that there is a continued commitment for boat safety education on Lake Minnetonka.
 2. To clarify funding resources available..
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 4. To clarify the next steps to move this concept forward.
- **Regular Meeting Schedule for Save the Lake Committee**

The consensus of the committee was that there was a need to meet on a regular basis on a monthly basis (although a specific date for each month was not decided on). The next Save the Lake Committee was scheduled for Thursday, April 4th (8:30 a.m. in the LMCD office).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director