

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

8:00 a.m., Monday, August 5, 2013

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

**Present:** Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Gary Hughes, LMCD Board- Spring Park; Chris Jewett, Jay Soule; and Emily Herman, LMCD Administrative Assistant.

**Approval of agenda**

Baasen proposed amending the agenda to add the discussion of the Save the Lake Budget Update; specifically the total contributions received to date and whether the committee would like to initiate soliciting funding requests once again. The agenda was approved as amended.

**Minutes from the 6/24/13 Save the Lake Committee Meeting**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Save the Lake Budget Update**

Herman stated that total contributions received from January 1<sup>st</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> were \$19,526.14. The breakdown of those funds was presented as follows: Boater Safety Education Program (\$2,975); Solar Light Program (\$2,085); Dr. Reese Memorial Contributions for environmental use (\$1,000); and General Contributions (\$13,466.14). This amount was compared to the same timeframe in 2012 (\$19,579.63; \$1,470 of which were memorials in honor of Dr. Reese).

**Save the Lake Sub-Committee Update on Boater Safety Education Program on Lake Minnetonka**

Prior to Hughes providing an overview of the updated Safety Education PowerPoint, the committee had a lengthy discussion as highlighted below:

- The use and possible purchase of tablets (estimated \$200 to \$250 each). Interest was expressed in having multiple use of the tablets during off season, as well as the ability for students to use their own tablets/laptops.
- Continued technical questions (i.e., adequate broadband, Wi-Fi, speed, and memory). Soule had provided examples of technical concerns offered in another course he was involved in. Interest was expressed in communicating with Kim Elverum on network capacity needs and having him present at the next meeting.
- Interests of having technical staff on hand to trouble shoot during class time.
- Establishing a budget for basic supplies (cords, power strips, etc.), as well as food, t-shirts, etc. All expenses will need to be incorporated in the estimated \$50 class fee (\$30 course and \$20 application fee). Jewett offered to assist in setting up the budget once all expenses were listed. Additionally, West Marine was mentioned as a possible sponsor for the t-shirt and the presentation of rope tying.
- Interest in having the pilot program take place at the Water Patrol; however, not ruling out the use of the school districts.
- Incorporating the student's need in documenting their password as part of the course presentation (offered under orientation).

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- The possibility to sign up for the course (via an interface on the Save the Lake website) three weeks prior to the course date.
- Mound Fire Department's interest in a safety presentation with fire extinguishers. To date, no discussion has been made as to whether Save the Lake would be paying for the re-filling of the extinguishers (estimated at \$100).

### **What's Next**

The consensus was to:

- Continue the revisions of the PowerPoint presentation (which was well received).
- Herman to research utilizing the current Save the Lake logo to incorporate a window sticker for: 1) completion of the watercraft safety course and 2) Save the Lake contributor acknowledgement. Additionally, confirm formal action taken by the LMCD Board of Directors relative to this program.
- Schedule the next Save the Lake Committee meeting for August 26<sup>th</sup> (confirming pilot program location and test date, as well as expenses). Additionally, Baasen asked all to give serious thought as to whether the Committee should move to solicit request for program funding.
- Schedule a formal presentation to the LMCD Board on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Soule to research the cost of MN DNR personal watercraft and snowmobile certificate classes.
- Confirm the completion of permission slips currently being considered by LMCD legal counsel.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck  
Executive Director