

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

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2014

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

Present: Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Jay Green, LMCD Board- Mound; Tom Skramstad; Jay Soule; Lisa Whalen; Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes from the 3/11/14 Save the Lake Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Discussion of 2014 Lake Minnetonka Boater Safety Education Program

Baasen stated that plans are on-going for this April 26th training course. He asked Nybeck for participants signed up.

Nybeck stated that nine youth and three guardians are registered to date. He provided a brief update on efforts by staff to communicate the course to the public.

There was a lengthy discussion of this agenda item. A summary of the discussion was as follows:

- Nybeck was directed to communicate to participants that guardian participation is strongly encouraged (family learning experience). Mentorship was discussed as an alternative to guardian participation.
- A second course date of Saturday, June 21st, was tentatively discussed (subject to Soule checking on his availability).
- The idea of cross training someone to assist Soule was discussed (including required background and knowledge). Possible female candidates were discussed (including how to reach out to them to gauge their interest).
- The hosting of the training course at the Minnetonka Community Center (in particular how this could affect the partnering with the Mound Fire Department long-term for the planned break-out session).
- A discussion of why the training course was not being coordinated at the Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol training room (in particular the broadband issues). Further discussion took place with regards to how to fix this problem for the June training course. The consensus was for Baasen to follow-up with Sheriff Rich Stanek on this, possibly through a joint partnership.
- The proposed program schedule (including the on-line course, planned break-out sessions, and the Lake Minnetonka power point). Soule and Nybeck were directed to further refine the Lake Minnetonka power point (possibly including slides for aquatic invasive species and best management practices).
- The possible roles of committee members during the training course.

Lake Minnetonka Commercial Marinas Request

Baasen provided a brief update on how the LMCD Board was processing the request for changes to the LMCD Code for commercial marinas. In particular, how the 2014 LMCD Executive Committee has reviewed the changes requested by the commercial marinas (as well as the questions raised by LMCD legal counsel Charlie LeFevre). Further discussion of Executive Committee recommendations are planned for the April 9th LMCD Board Meeting.

The committee briefly discussed: 1) a possible public process for input on possible ordinance changes, 2) the proposed definition of a "commercial marina", and 3) the changes proposed by the commercial marinas.

Contents for Spring/Summer Solicitation Letter

Baasen stated that the next solicitation letter is planned for late April or early May. He asked for feedback on possible contents for the letter (i.e., a special aquatic invasive species (AIS) project).

The committee had a brief discussion on possible contents. One idea was to contribute funds to the Save the Lake Funds (earmarked to the University of Minnesota AIS Research Center).

Baasen stated that he would prepare a draft letter for review and comments by the committee.

Next Meeting

The next Save the Lake Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 5th, at 7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director