

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6:30 P.M., July 28, 2021
Wayzata City Hall

WORK SESSION

6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Rich Anderson, Orono; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Bill Cook, Greenwood; Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Michael Kirkwood, Minnetrista; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Mark Kroll, Excelsior; Denny Newell, Woodland; Nicole Stone, Minnetonka; Jake Walesch, Deephaven; and, Deborah Zorn, Shorewood. Also present: Troy Gilchrist, LMCD Legal Counsel; Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director; and Matt Cook, Environmental Administrative Technician.

Members Absent: Ben Brandt, Mound

Persons in Audience:

Julia Coleman, Leslie Dennis, Eric Evenson, Henry Graef, Ben Henry, Gabriel Jabbour, Sen. Susanne Johnson, Luke Kujawa, and Jay Soule.

The following usernames were present but the person(s) did not identify themselves: Barbara's iPad, iPhone 2.

1. Rental Watercraft Businesses Review - Continued

Schleuning stated that she attempted to broaden this discussion as there appears to be an increase, or desire, for commercial activities on the lake. She stated that they have received requests to relax regulations to allow more commercial activities but have also received reports of concern. She provided some examples such as unlawful charter operations, watercraft rental businesses, and rental slips at private properties. She clarified that the reported concerns have not been about licensed multiple dock facilities. She stated that she would like input from the Board for their opinion on what the vision is for Lake Minnetonka in the future regarding commercial activities as well as input from stakeholders. She noted that the broad discussion could include various options and consequences for review.

Thomas noted that one written comment was received from Jerry Rockvam regarding concerns about rented docks at private properties and read that statement aloud to the Board. He opened the discussion to the Board.

Walesch stated that he is not in favor of doing anything that encourages or enables additional commercial activity. He noted that he spoke with many existing lakeshore owners and out of at least 20 people, zero of them wanted more businesses or private charters on the lake. He believed that additional charters would bring about some businesses that do not follow the rules and cause safety issues. He stated that the lake is great and should be conserved for enjoyment rather than opening it up for full commercial activity. He stated that the lake is busier than ever in the last two years and is getting very crowded with every available slip on the lake rented. He stated that he would prefer not to encourage more activity on

the lake.

Thomas asked if it should be made clear in ordinance that the activities are not allowed and if that activity is desired a license would be needed.

Baasen asked if there is anything in Code which states that someone cannot just start a business on the lake.

Schleuning stated that there are some sections of Code that apply to different types of business such as charter activities and commercial sales on the lake. She explained that there is nothing that prohibits a business from offering watercraft rentals.

Hoelscher stated that Lake Minnetonka is unique as it is a public lake and a residential lake with many commercial enterprises occurring around the lake. She stated that perhaps commercial activity is restricted to commercial docks or marinas which would keep that activity to commercial areas.

Thomas noted that Wayzata submitted a letter to the LMCD expressing concern that unlicensed charters are using their City docks.

Baasen confirmed that the unlicensed business shows that dock location as their pickup and home location. He noted that he has seen photos of plastic gas tanks on the dock. He stated that to expect the Water Patrol to be the only enforcer would be hard. He suggested that the LMCD Code be distributed to the cities for their police departments to use for enforcement. He did not think this could be done in a nice, soft way and that there should be a hard line drawn with a team of enforcement to help get this issue back in line. He stated that currently there are those that follow the standards and those that are not following the standards are uncertified businesses.

Thomas commented that he believed the ordinance is clear in regard to licensing of charter boats.

Schleuning confirmed that to be true.

Thomas commented that the unlicensed charter boats would be in clear violation of the ordinance and the Water Patrol is attempting to address that.

Schleuning confirmed that the Water Patrol is following their plan in terms of enforcement.

Thomas stated that so where the ordinance is not as prohibitive would be in regard to watercraft rental and perhaps private rental businesses.

Schleuning confirmed that there is no licensing requirement for those activities.

Gabriel Jabbour stated that he submitted a letter to the Board today. He felt that when an activity is illegal and those people are part of his marina, he would be an accessory and therefore feels that there should be recourse for those license holders. He stated that he took photographs today when he was in Excelsior. He stated that there are a lot of business around the lake and remembers the previous

discussions as a member of the Board. He stated that the lake is a residential community with sprinkling of commercial activities. He stated the importance of identifying the priorities for the lake. He stated that the Health Department did not want food preparation and sales on the lake and had concerns about time frame for delivery. He had concerns about the reputation of cruises if problems occur

Thomas stated that based on the few comments that he has received, he would think it would be appropriate to ask staff to draft a resolution or ordinance that would appropriately restrict unlicensed watercraft rental businesses or inappropriate rental slips at private properties.

Schleuning commented that the main point is to step back and look more holistically before drafting something. She suggested gathering more stakeholder input before this comes back to the Board.

Thomas agreed and noted that this could be carried over for additional discussion at a future workshop.

Schleuning commented that realistically she did not believe anything would be done for this season.

Baasen stated that he believes the Board should start somewhere and therefore does not want to see this pushed down the road. He suggested that the Board follow through and have staff look at what the ordinance says and what possible changes would be necessary in order to provide additional strength to the ordinance.

Anderson read a statement from the Hennepin County Water Patrol website, and it was confirmed to be true. He noted that there should be no grey area in terms of enforcement.

Schleuning stated that enforcement is being taken such as citations, but it has not stopped the behavior and it can be difficult to track down the person that runs the business.

Anderson stated that if someone is caught more than once there should be prosecution that prohibits activity on the lake for three years.

Schleuning confirmed that is possible under a licensing program. She stated that there are citations being issued.

Thomas confirmed that this could come back in two weeks with the staff proposal for the ordinance and then continued discussion can occur with stakeholder input in the future.

Walesch referenced the license that was mentioned. He asked if additional enforcement would be available if the person had a license.

Schleuning confirmed that if the business were licensed, the license could be pulled in terms of enforcement. She noted that the businesses would need to meet all the requirements for licensing.

Thomas noted that additional boats could be licensed as charters but they most likely would not be able to find docking space.

2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the worksession was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Rich Anderson, Orono; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Bill Cook, Greenwood; Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Ben Brandt, Mound; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Michael Kirkwood, Minnetrista; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Mark Kroll, Excelsior; Denny Newell, Woodland; Nicole Stone, Minnetonka; and Jake Walesch, Deephaven. Also present: Troy Gilchrist, LMCD Legal Counsel; Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director; and Matt Cook, Environmental Administrative Technician.

Members absent: Deborah Zorn, Shorewood.

Persons in Audience:

Dennis Caslavka, Julia Coleman, Leslie Dennis, Eric Evenson, Henry Graef, Ben Henry, Gabriel Jabbour, Sen. Susanne Johnson, Luke Kujawa, and Jay Soule.

The following usernames were present but the person(s) did not identify themselves: Barbara's iPad, iPhone 2, and Me.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Thomas commented that the first meeting in August will return to an in-person meeting at the Wayzata City Hall.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 07/14/2021 LMCD Regular Board Meeting

Anderson noted on page 16, it should state, "...~~Klein~~ Cline..."

MOTION: Kirkwood moved, Thomas seconded to approve the 07/14/2021 LMCD Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended.

VOTE: A roll call vote was performed:

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| Anderson | aye |
| Baasen | aye |
| Brandt | aye |
| Cook | aye |
| Hoelscher | aye |
| Hughes | aye |
| Kirkwood | aye |
| Klohs | aye |
| Kroll | aye |
| Newell | aye |
| Stone | aye |
| Thomas | aye |
| Walesch | aye |
| Zorn | absent |

Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Baasen moved, Stone seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items so approved included: **7A)** Audit of Vouchers (07/16/2021 – 07/31/2021); and **7B)** A/V Producer Agreement.

VOTE: A roll call vote was performed:

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| Anderson | aye |
| Baasen | aye |
| Brandt | aye |
| Cook | aye |
| Hoelscher | aye |
| Hughes | aye |
| Kirkwood | aye |
| Klohs | aye |
| Kroll | aye |
| Newell | aye |
| Stone | aye |
| Thomas | aye |
| Walesch | aye |
| Zorn | absent |

Motion carried unanimously.

8. DONOR RECOGNITION

A) Resolution Accepting Save the Lake Contributions (06/25/2021 – 07/20/2021)

Baasen provided background information on Save the Lake. He noted that following COVID-19 there has been increased demand and traffic on the lake and therefore efforts must be increased to promote safety on the lake. He noted that they will be recognizing those that contribute to Save the Lake throughout the year, as those contributions help to promote safety on the lake. He recognized four contributions received. He stated that it is enjoyable to see the partnership with the general population to help protect the lake.

MOTION: Thomas moved, Kroll seconded to adopt the resolution accepting Save the Lake Contributions (06/25/2021 – 07/20/2021).

Further discussion: Newell stated that Anderson has done a great job of organizing the marina operators to participate in this and has the ability to use his network of contacts to solicit additional donations for safety. He stated that he is a retired man in a small community and needs the LMCD/Save the Lake to brand this campaign. He did not believe that the message is clear that the intent is focused on safety and support of the Water Patrol. He believed that with better branding it would assist in soliciting additional donors.

VOTE: A roll call vote was performed:

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| Anderson | aye |
| Baasen | aye |
| Brandt | aye |
| Cook | aye |
| Hoelscher | aye |
| Hughes | aye |
| Kirkwood | aye |
| Klohs | aye |
| Kroll | aye |
| Newell | aye |
| Stone | aye |
| Thomas | aye |
| Walesch | aye |
| Zorn | aye |

Motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Persons in attendance, subjects not on the agenda (limited to 5 minutes)

Jay Soule, 5201 Piper Road, stated that he is a representative of AI and Alma's. He stated that in the work session he heard the comment that the LMCD is recognizing that there is an increased desire for commercial activity, that there are requests to relax regulations related to these types of regulations, and that it is chaotic right now. He expressed concerns that the ordinances be enforced for charters and people breaking the law. He stated there is state law for watercraft for hire, noting that a permit would be required to carry passengers for hire. He stated that if someone wanted to take more than six people for a boat ride for payment, they would need to have the permit and follow the regulations. He noted that the fishing operations tend to follow the rules and take less than six people, but is concerned with boats taking more than six guests at a time .

The Board could enlist the help of the State that has an enforcement division that is capable of enforcing this issue. He stated that he would really like to see some action and was frustrated with the statement that nothing could be done this summer. He stated that they have asked for assistance on this matter in the spring each year at the annual meeting they are required to attend. He stated that these people have websites and advertise capacity for 15 people. He stated that this activity is illegal and did not believe the Board should wait to take action. He asked that the Board support staff to provide support to the entities that can regulate these activities. He stated that he more than welcomes anyone that would like to get into this business of being a boat for hire, as it is a privilege to help people have access to the water. He asked the LMCD to protect the integrity of its licensing through enforcement. He thanked the recent efforts from the Water Patrol and Hennepin County Sheriff to make progress on this issue.

Anderson stated that he also noticed the fact that it is later in the season and not much could be done and was frustrated with that statement as he believes enforcement should be done now.

Schleuning clarified that LMCD is enforcing the existing regulations and the statement about not making progress this season was related to creating new regulations. She stated that there is a plan and Water Patrol has been active in enforcement and the State has been involved. She noted that cities have also been cooperating with enforcement efforts.

Anderson asked whether the rentals are being enforced as voraciously as charters.

Schleuning stated that in terms of rentals there are items that can monitor and enforce, such as inspections and safety equipment.

Thomas commented that there is no one on the Board that believes that the current ordinance related to charter boats should not be enforced.

Jabbour commented that the Board is doing a great job at meetings but what happens between meetings is more important. He did not believe the Board is aware of what happens between meetings. He stated that he is on the water 12 hours a day, and this is a five-year problem and some people perceive that they can do what they want on the lake, and it will take years for the LMCD to enforce. He stated that he engaged enforcement with an unlicensed charter that was docked at his marina, as he does not want to be an accessory to a bad situation. He stated that he has spoken with Police Chiefs about the issues as problems on water lead to problems on land. He stated that he feels it takes time for the Board/LMCD to get anything done. He commented that he is the hardest working person on the lake.

Luke Kujawa, Your Boat Club, stated that he appreciates the comments related to rental boats and the change in the industry. He stated that he is a small business owner and appreciates entrepreneurship and new businesses, but it must be a level playing field. He recognized the price for commercial marinas and commercial boat slips, the value of public docks and resources on a public lake, and the regulations that must be met. He stated that the fact that anyone can use a public dock and compete with these legal charters is unfair and unsafe. He stated that he appreciates competition and startup businesses, but it should be a level playing field with everyone meeting the same requirements.

10. PRESENTATIONS

A) Senator Julia Coleman

Hoelscher introduced Senator Julia Coleman provided background information on her experience, the cities she represents, and her committee assignments.

Senator Coleman stated that she does not serve on the Environmental Committee but provided an update on that group's recent activity.

Thomas appreciated the input of Senator Coleman and recognized her time restrictions for tonight. He noted that the LMCD has not yet established boating operator registration but noted that perhaps that could be added for a future topic.

Senator Coleman commented that policy positions and opinions on certain bills and issues from the LMCD would be helpful for her. She stated that she would love to meet again as they get closer to the next session.

Hoelscher stated that she would place that on a future Communications Committee agenda and will follow up with Senator Coleman. She thanked her for her time.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Continued Public Hearing for Application for New Multiple Dock Application for Qualified Commercial Marina, The Yacht Club, 4165 Shoreline Drive, (PID 18-117-23-44-0022) Spring Park, MN 55384

M. Cook presented a request from The Yacht Club for a new multiple dock license with classification as a qualified commercial marina. He noted that this application was reviewed by the Board in June and provided a brief overview of the request including background information, an updated survey that was completed, the existing site plan, and proposed site plan. He stated that generally the application meets the requirements of the LMCD Code. He noted that the multiple dock criteria and qualified commercial use criteria reviews were included in the memorandum to the Board. He reviewed the comments received from public agencies. He stated that staff recommends approval with the conditions noted within the memorandum.

Hughes commented that the attachment listed as attachment two is very good at detailing comments from the City. He commented that the City is against this request. He noted that the facility does not lend itself to use by handicap people. He stated that the City does not believe that this fits the commercial marina criteria.

Thomas noted the comments that the LMCD cannot reasonably deny the request. He noted that the City has its own zoning requirements that it can enforce.

Gilchrist commented that an applicant has several permits that are required to operate as proposed and the LMCD license is just one of those components. He stated that the LMCD can only look at the factors under its authority and the City would have to make its own determination.

Hughes commented that this would fit under the classification of a club facility but would not fit under the commercial facility.

Thomas recognized that the City attorney may interpret the Code in one manner while the LMCD attorney interprets that Code differently. He stated that based upon the presentation he does not see a reason the Board should deny the request, but again noted that the City could choose to deny the request on its own merit.

Newell stated that in the 18 months that he has been on the Board there have been a number of dock requests that have been reviewed. He stated that in the interest of streamlining meeting procedures, he believes that much of these reviews could be done administratively and would not require action by the Board. He stated that he is older and it is harder and harder to get into his boat. He noted that accessibility to the lake is time dependent and it would be ridiculous to try to make every activity accessible to all peoples.

Thomas noted that the LMCD follows this process because it is a public body, and the public has to have the opportunity to provide comments.

Thomas opened the public hearing. No comments were offered, and the public hearing was closed.

Anderson asked if the City has a problem with the classification and asked if it would be appropriate to use the qualified commercial yacht club status as that would allow the proposal to be approved and the City would most likely approve as well.

Thomas stated that there is no request to extend the dock to 200 feet.

Anderson commented that one of the main reasons to obtain a qualified classification is the ability to go out to 200 feet.

Leslie Dennis, 2967 Casco Point Road in Wayzata, stated that she has been operating the marina since 1997. She stated that her father and his partners constructed the building and ran the business previously. She commented that many items included in the original permit have become obsolete, such as providing a public telephone. She stated that she probably would have never submitted the request but when she was approached by a potential buyer, they wanted the permit cleaned up. She stated that approval was gained at that time with no issue from the LMCD or City. She stated that the buyer asked for a substantial decrease in the price and therefore the sale did not go forward. She stated that she now has no plans to sell but believed it would still be a good idea to clean up the permit language. She stated that she has no desire to increase the dock size or change anything and simply wanted to clean up the almost 30-year-old permit.

Thomas stated that the Board should act on the application before them, and the City will need to take its own separate action.

Kirkwood asked if the Board is voting on the current dock configuration and if the applicant were to propose changes to that configuration it would need to come back to the Board.

Thomas confirmed that changes would need to come back to the Board.

Anderson stated that the clarification between qualified commercial marina and qualified yacht club would

help to clean up the permit. He stated that the City has noted its opinion and has no issue with the qualified yacht club classification. He believed that the Board should vote for the classification of qualified yacht club, as that could be supported by the City.

Gilchrist commented that the applicant is not asking for that license and therefore the Board could not choose that option tonight. He stated that the Board has to act on the application before it, a classification of qualified commercial marina license. He stated that the only opinion he forwarded on this matter is that the LMCD cannot deny a license solely because a City states that the application may not pass its zoning criteria.

Walesch stated that he supported the request at the last meeting and still finds it to be reasonable.

MOTION: Walesch moved, Kroll seconded to direct LMCD legal counsel to prepare Findings of Fact and Order approving the multiple dock license applications from The Yacht Club LLP for the property located at 4165 Shoreline Drive in Spring Park for final action at the August 11, 2021 LMCD Board meeting.

VOTE: A roll call vote was performed:

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| Anderson | nay |
| Baasen | aye |
| Brandt | aye |
| Cook | aye |
| Hoelscher | aye |
| Hughes | nay |
| Kirkwood | aye |
| Klohs | aye |
| Kroll | aye |
| Newell | aye |
| Stone | aye |
| Thomas | aye |
| Walesch | aye |
| Zorn | aye |

Motion carried.

Klohs commented that everyone should remember that Spring Park was one of the major sponsors of the legislative changes that separated water and land uses that used to overlap with the LMCD. He stated that anything City related such as parking, handicap access, and etc. does not fall under the authority of the LMCD.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

13. OLD BUSINESS

A) Options for Deliveries on the Lake

Thomas noted that four options were detailed in the memorandum from Gilchrist along with three potential resolutions the Board could take action on. He asked for input from the Board.

Gilchrist stated that there has been a lot of back and forth on the issues of sales and deliveries. He stated that the last discussion did not reach full consensus and in order to help facilitate closure on the issue he developed the options included in the memorandum which should cover the spectrum of options.

Hoelscher stated that perhaps doing nothing at this point is an option and the Board instead tackle this in a bigger picture manner as part of the vision for commercial activity on the lake. She stated that she does not like option two. She stated that in her opinion the Board should either wait and add this to the list of commercial activity discussion or choose option one.

Thomas asked why the Board would wait.

Hoelscher stated that during the workshop discussion it was mentioned that the Board should think in a big picture manner as to the commercial activity on the lake as a whole. She noted that allowing deliveries would expand commercial activity on the lake.

Walesch stated that he would choose to do nothing, and staff would continue to advise the public that deliveries are prohibited on the lake. He was unsure that anyone on the Board is interested in aggressive enforcement on this issue and would rather focus on illegal charter activity. He stated that things will happen no matter what the Board decides, and the existing ordinance seems to work well. He noted that there do not seem to be a large number of complaints related to deliveries and he does not want the LMCD to spend a lot of time and energy discussing details of what would be allowed, when the activity would be allowed, how payment could be provided, etc. He did not believe there was a dire need of deliveries on the lake from what he has heard from other property owners.

Thomas asked why exhibit C would not then be adopted under that scenario to clarify the existing ordinance.

Walesch stated that he would not have a problem with that.

Kirkwood agreed that the comments of Walesch seem to support exhibit C and he could support that.

Newell also agreed. He stated that sales are prohibited and believed that deliveries would self-regulate. He stated that if deliveries are cold upon delivery, people would not use the service. He believed that delivery on the lake is flawed but noted that he would not want to stand in the way of it.

Cook agreed that he likes the option of doing nothing. He believed that exhibit c is written in a manner where there would be unintended consequences from partial lists. He believed there is a danger in stating what cannot be done as it would imply that something not on the list could be done. He stated that he believes that this is a solution looking for a problem.

Anderson stated that initially he agreed that exhibit C would be the easiest route to follow. He referenced the minutes from the previous meeting which mentions that the ordinance does not prohibit deliveries. He stated that there are service folks that provide delivery service, such as boat part deliveries. He stated that the delivery part has to be interpreted. He stated that if LMCD staff has interpreted the ordinance language incorrectly, he believes that exhibit A would help to clarify that deliveries are not illegal while sales are.

Klohs commented that at some point someone will be running a business that may be successful and if the LMCD attempts to shut down that business it could bring potential litigation to the LMCD. He asked for opinion of legal counsel.

Gilchrist commented that it would be hard to imagine that there would be liability from such action. He stated that he would make sense to bring clarity to this issue. He stated that in 2016 the clear consensus was that sales on the lake should not be allowed. He noted that the Board did not act on the options to clarify the position on deliveries and since that time staff has continued to state that deliveries are not allowed as they are part of the sale. He stated that it is the job of the Board to clarify the position. He stated that if the Board believes that deliveries are fine, one of those options should be selected to make the job of staff easier when responding to requests.

Klohs stated that the Board should vote on a public statement or ordinance change as to whether deliveries are allowed or prohibited.

Thomas stated that the Board was previously concerned with a floating ice cream truck which would lead to a gathering of boats and the second was the delivery aspect. He noted that people can currently call ahead to order from a restaurant on the lake and pickup their order at the dock at a specified time.

Schleuning commented that this is not a new interpretation as deliveries have historically been considered as part of a sale.

Thomas agreed that the staff has interpreted the ordinance exactly as directed previously by the Board.

Eric Evenson, LMA, stated that the LMA agrees with the interpretation that deliveries should not be allowed on the lake as deliveries are part of a sale. He stated that LMA would agree with option three.

Thomas asked what the problem would be with someone deliveries a boat part or servicing a boat at its dock. He asked if that would be precluded under option three.

Gilchrist commented that he would not think that would be precluded as it talks about sales from a watercraft or vehicle on the lake. He noted that the example provided before was someone bringing a boat part and handing it to someone on shore or at the dock. He stated that activity would not be prohibited under option three and would be the same as someone pulling up to a restaurant dock to receive their food order.

Kirkwood stated that the attempt is to control pure delivery intent that would increase traffic on the lake and not someone delivering a boat part to a private or commercial property.

MOTION: Anderson moved, Kirkwood seconded to adopt exhibit C.

VOTE: A roll call vote was performed:

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| Anderson | aye |
| Baasen | aye |
| Brandt | aye |
| Cook | aye |
| Hoelscher | nay |
| Hughes | aye |
| Kirkwood | aye |
| Klohs | aye |
| Kroll | aye |
| Newell | aye |
| Stone | aye |
| Thomas | aye |
| Walesch | abstain |
| Zorn | aye |

Motion carried.

Thomas asked if a public hearing would be suggested for this item.

Gilchrist noted that the ordinance was already adopted and was not changed, therefore a public hearing is not required.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

15. TREASURER REPORT

Anderson provided an overview on the recent financial information, comparing those figures to the budgeted amounts and year to date data.

16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Schleuning provided the following information:

- Stop the Spread of spiny waterflea dishcloths have been received. LMCD is working with MAISRC and others on a prevention campaign.
- A media release was distributed in relation to illegal charter boat operations.
- University of Minnesota model used to predict infestations originally placed Lake Minnetonka at a 33 percent risk of introduction and infestation of starry stonewort. Leech Lake had a lower risk rate, but Starry stonewort AIS have been confirmed in that waterbody. It will be interesting to see the impact to risk model once the model is updated.

- Staff continues to receive calls and complaints and is attempting to respond to everyone in a timely manner, and very much appreciates the patience.

17. STANDING LMCD COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP

Aquatic Invasive Species: Brandt reported that he was unable to organize a meeting in July but has a meeting scheduled for the following week and will provide an update at the next meeting. He thanked staff for the towels noting that it is exciting to see the campaign against spiny water flea. He asked if there is local coordination the LMCD would be involved in related to the Starry Trek.

Schleuning confirmed that the LMCD has participated in the past and will participate again this year. She stated that the LMCD is hosting the Starry Trek at Excelsior Commons and registration is currently open for those that want to participate.

Brandt commented that he is working to get his team of scuba divers involved. He noted that a member of his team identified the infestation in Leech Lake.

Thomas stated that he and Kirkwood participated together in the event last year and enjoyed themselves.

Brandt commented that he is excited for the future and hopefully strong partnerships to stop the spread of AIS.

Communications: Hoelscher thanked Senator Coleman for joining them earlier tonight. She stated that the LMCD has now spoken with almost all elected State officials and representatives in order to establish lines of communication. She stated that Senator Coleman made a good point about the LMCD creating policy statements and noted that she will add that to the committee agenda. She stated that the Committee met the previous week but did not have a quorum and therefore did not take action. The group will meet again on August 19th.

Thomas commented that one year ago Hoelscher suggested that it would be nice to get to know the legislators better and the committee has taken that concept and made it a reality. He expressed appreciation.

Anderson asked for clarification on the website line item on the budget and whether that aligns with communications.

Hoelscher stated that Anderson should check with staff related to the website. She believed it was fine to leave the item as is at this time.

Finance: Anderson provided an update on the equipment that has been purchased for the LMCD boat.

Operations: Schleuning reported that Zorn is going to receive the final information from Save the Lake, and she will look over the draft with plans to bring the draft Strategic Plan to an August workshop.

Save the Lake: Baasen reported that the group meets again in August. He stated that Schleuning released

the summer solicitation letter for Save the Lake, and he thanked Soule, Jabbour, Anderson, Schleuning and a few others that contributed to the language in order to more directly appeal towards lake safety. He stated that sponsorship levels are also included in the letter.

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Walesch moved, Baasen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

VOTE: A roll call vote was performed:

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| Anderson | aye |
| Baasen | aye |
| Brandt | aye |
| Cook | aye |
| Hoelscher | aye |
| Hughes | aye |
| Kirkwood | aye |
| Klohs | aye |
| Kroll | aye |
| Newell | aye |
| Stone | aye |
| Thomas | aye |
| Walesch | aye |
| Zorn | absent |

Motion carried unanimously.

Gregg Thomas, Chair

Dan Baasen, Secretary