

WASSERMANN LAKE ASSOCIATION



JANUARY 15, 2011 WLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED 5/31/11)

Location: Waterbrooke Fellowship Church, 8725 Church Lake Blvd, Victoria, MN 55386

Date: Saturday, January 15, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM

Meeting Purpose: Review and approve Association organizing documents. Continue to educate Association members. Bill Olson joined us to discuss the portions of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's ten year plan that relate to Wassermann Lake. There is a whole chapter dedicated to our lake and it is getting a lot of attention since our lake has been found to contribute the lion's share of the pollution that flows into Halstead's Bay on Lake Minnetonka. Bill is a member of the MCWD's Board of Managers and is Carver County's representative on that Board.

Agenda Topics and Discussion:

1. Call to Order and Establish Board Quorum

- i. President Joe Fiedler called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
- ii. Four of the initial six board members were present establishing a quorum. Stan Rud and Aaron Traxler were absent.
- iii. Initial notice of this meeting was emailed on 12/22/10. Second notice of this meeting including agenda and the 12/16/2010 meeting draft minutes were emailed to all Wassermann Lake property owners and invited guests on 1/13/11.

2. Introductions

- i. There were 8 members and 2 guests present.

*Initial Board Members present (board members Stan Rud and Aaron Traxler were absent)

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| 1. *Joe Fiedler, Temp. President | Waterbrooke Fellowship Member |
| 2. *Chris Rud, Temp. Communications Chair | Lakeshore Owner |
| 3. *Dave Robb | Lakeshore Owner |
| 4. *Jim Ryan | Lakeshore Owner |
| 5. Gail Berger | Lakeshore Owner |
| 6. Steve Gulbrandsen | Lakeshore Owner |
| 7. Kathy Raiola | Lakeshore Owner |
| 8. Rich Zanger | Lakeshore Owner |
| 9. Bill Olson | MCWD Board of Managers |
| 10. Alex Gehrig | Metro Watershed Organizer, MN Waters |

3. Approval of December 16th Minutes

- i. Jim Ryan made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the 12/16/2010 minutes without reading. Chris Rud seconded the motion. There were no changes. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

4. Overview of Wassermann Lake provisions in the MCWD 10 Year Plan: by Bill Olson, Board of Managers, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

- i. Joe Fiedler introduced Bill Olson. Everything presented was from the Six Mile Creek chapter of the MCWD Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan 2007-2017.
http://www.minnehahacreek.org/MCWD_comprehensive_plan.php
<http://www.minnehahacreek.org/documents/Feb07FinalDraftMinnehahaCreekWatershedDistrictPlan.pdf>

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- ii. The Six Mile Creek watershed starts at Pierson Lake and flows through Marsh Lake, then into Wassermann Lake and continues through several other lakes before entering into Halstead's Bay on Lake Minnetonka. (6 mile creek is 11 miles long!)
- iii. This watershed was completely analyzed in 2007 for wetlands, marshes (100 year flood areas), soil analysis, land and water contours. Parley and Wassermann lakes were designated as "impaired" based on excessive phosphorus content and they are a significant source of phosphorus pollution in Halstead's Bay. Therefore MCWD is making a significant effort to clean up the head waters of pollution on the Six Mile Creek watershed including Wassermann Lake.
- iv. Federal requirements mandate that local governments address waters identified by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as impaired through Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) studies and plans.
- v. The Local Government Unit (LGU) goal for the Six Mile Creek watershed is to reduce phosphorus loading by 544 pounds per year which is 258 pounds from Wassermann Lake. The 10 year plan has identified projects that will reach this goal.
- vi. In the early 1900's farms were allowed to dump manure onto the ice of lakes and Wassermann has that issue. The result was high phosphorus content in the lake bottom sediment that can be stirred up by a large number of bottom feeding fish like carp and bullheads.
- vii. The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of phosphorus has been analyzed and goals set. (\$1,682,000 is budgeted for Wassermann Lake cleanup over 10 years)
 1. Internal Phosphorus Loading is in the bottom sediment (\$236k budget)
 - a. Remove carp which stir up the sediment
 - b. Carp netting is scheduled for this February (\$68k budget for Wassermann and Pierson)
 - c. Additional spring netting during spawning is a question to answer
 - d. Carp barriers will be installed on the creek inlet and outlet this spring
 - e. Future use of alum will precipitate soluble phosphorus into the bottom sediment
 2. External Phosphorus Loading flows into lake (\$721k budget \$687k Phase 2)
 - a. Reduce impervious run-off surfaces
 - i. MCWD will pay up to 50% of the cost to install driveway pavers in place of hard surface driveways
 - b. Stabilize streams to reduce sediment.
 - c. The use of wetlands to clean up runoff water is the best way to improve water quality.
 3. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control (\$42k budget)
 - a. Cleaner water allows milfoil and weeds to grow to greater depths
 - b. Possible future MCWD funded control of milfoil and curly leaf pond weed. Currently in experimental trials.

5. **Creating a Lake Management Plan:** by Alex Gehrig, Metro Watershed Organizer, MN Waters
- i. A lake association's Lake Management Plan (LMP) is a document that spells out all the data about your lake, tells you about the water quality, what the problems and challenges are, and an action plan to deal with them.
 - ii. We can pay professional contractors thousands of dollars to develop the plan or this year MCWD is offering a training program for lake associations to develop their own LMP. MCWD will supply a summary of all available data on our lake and a management plan template. A series of 4 meetings will start with a joint all day training session on Saturday, February 19th (possibly February 26th).
 - iii. At the end of the meetings the association will have completed a lake management plan and will receive \$2,400 in incentive grants. The LMP will help WLA focus on issues that we want to address to accomplish our mission. It is extremely useful when

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collaborating with other agencies to get funding or technical assistance. (Attach copy of Alex's letter to minutes.)

- iv. WLA must send 5 to 8 participants to join the February training meeting with 3 other lake associations. The 2 summer 4 hour meetings are with our association only and the final 8 hour meeting is in September. The result will be a Wassermann Lake Management Plan.
- v. WLA members who are not available to attend the first meeting may still help on the LMP committee and attend the other three meetings.
- vi. By Feb 1st we need to have our LMP committee established. The initial meeting is 6-8 hours long on Saturday Feb 19th. The following members volunteered to participate in the meeting on February 19th:
 1. Joe Fiedler
 2. Gail Berger
 3. Steve Gulbrandsen
 4. Kathy Raiola (tentative)

The following volunteered to help and could attend if the meeting is moved to February 26th:

- Jim Ryan
- Chris and Stan Rud
- [Joe and possibly Gail and Kathy could also attend on the 26th]

There was an agreement to personally contact each property owner not in attendance to encourage them to participate in the training and the association.

- Dave Robb will contact Beckers and Schneiders
- Shawn Ryan will contact Hultstrands
- Gail Berger will contact Notermann, Hayes & Patz
- Richard Zanger will contact Debbie Kelzer
- Chris Rud will contact Aaron & Keith Traxler

6. **Approval of Vision, Mission, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws**

i. **Mission and Vision Statements**

1. No one had any changes or suggestions. A motion was made by Jim Ryan to approve the Wassermann Lake Vision and Mission Statements as stated in the attachment to this meeting notice. The motion was seconded by Gail Berger. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. **Articles of Incorporation**

1. Official nonprofit incorporation documents were received from the MN Secretary of State dated December 29, 2010.
2. Incorporators will be the initial board until the first member meeting in June. Next apply for a EIN (employer ID number).
3. MN law says board quorum is 1/3 of board which is 2
4. Next association meeting will be in June
5. A motion was made by Dave Robb to approve the Wassermann Lake Association Articles of Incorporation as stated in the attachment to this meeting notice. The motion was seconded by Jim Ryan. The motion passed unanimously. The document was signed by the four directors present.

iii. **Bylaws**

1. Membership is open to any interested persons who support our Vision and Mission Statements, but only members in "good standing" who have filled out a membership application and paid their \$25 annual dues will be allowed to vote. There is no restriction on the number of members per property.
2. Change "Association strategic plan" to read "Lake Management Plan".
3. Annual meeting in June should read a "Monday evening meeting in June"

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4. Owners vote for board members who then elect officers at their organizational meeting. The board can reorganize anytime. The board can vote to modify the bylaws to include staggered terms and rotating positions if desired.
 5. A motion was made by Steve Gulbrandsen to approve the Wassermann Lake Association Bylaws as stated in the attachment to this meeting notice as amended with the "Lake Management Plan" and "Monday evening meeting in June" modifications. Dave Robb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Other Business**
- i. Next Board Meeting will be in April or early May to prepare for the annual meeting.
8. **Adjourn Meeting**
- i. A motion was made to adjourn at 11:35 am. The motion was seconded and immediately passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Stan Rud

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Rud".

January 18, 2011