

WASSERMANN LAKE ASSOCIATION



DECEMBER 16, 2010 MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED AT 1/15/11 MEETING)

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

Date: December 16, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Purpose: To explain the importance of forming a lake association to improve the water quality of our "impaired" lake that has been on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) list of critical lakes since 2002 and to answer questions about "what can be done" to improve our water quality.

Agenda Topics and Discussion:

1. Call to order

- i. President Joe Fiedler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- ii. Notice of this meeting with agenda and draft minutes from the 12/1/2010 meeting were emailed to all Wassermann Lake property owners and invited guests.

2. Introductions

- i. There were 18 owners and guests present. Each person was asked to introduce themselves.
 1. Joe Fiedler, Temp. President Waterbrooke Fellowship Member
 2. Stan Rud, Temp. Secretary Lakeshore Owner
 3. Chris Rud, Temp. Communications Chair Lakeshore Owner
 4. Kathy Raiola Lakeshore Owner
 5. Jim Ryan Lakeshore Owner
 6. Dave Robb Lakeshore Owner
 7. Keith Traxler Lakeshore Owner
 8. Aaron Traxler Lakeshore Owner
 9. Rich Zanger Lakeshore Owner
 10. Debbie (Zanger) Kelzer Lakeshore Owner Relative
 11. Joe Kelzer Lakeshore Owner Relative
 12. Mary Douthit Waterbrooke Fellowship Member
 13. Michaelene Kelly Richfield Lakeshore Owner
 14. Kurt Zuppke Pierson Lake Association
 15. Mike Klingelhutz Pierson Lake Association
 16. Alex Gehrig Metro Watershed Organizer, MN Waters
 17. Holly Kreft Community Dev. Director, Victoria
 18. Yvette Christianson Water Quality Technician II, MCWD

3. Approval of December 1st Minutes

- i. Secretary Stan Rud made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the 12/1/2010 minutes without reading. Jim Ryan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all members present.

4. Directory and Communications

- i. Communications Chair Chris Rud passed out copies of a Wassermann Lake Association directory of all lakeshore owners and a lake property map with lakeshore owner's names on their property. Names of additional interested people can be added to the directory by emailing Chris at chris.rud@right.com.
- ii. Chris advised that all association communications will be done via email.

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5. Forming a Lake Association and Grant Opportunities

- i. President Joe Fiedler introduced Alex Gehrig who is the Metro Watershed Organizer for Minnesota Waters which is under contract to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD). Joe discussed some types of lake associations such as an informal group, a state nonprofit or a federal 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. The state nonprofit only costs \$70 and will carry more influence with the MCWD than an informal group.
 1. The availability of seed money to form an association and grants for education and water quality improvement were also discussed.
 2. The owners present decided the best option was incorporate as a state nonprofit corporation.
 3. Stan made a motion to call our organization the Wassermann Lake Association. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
 4. The MN state nonprofit Articles of Incorporation papers for the Wassermann Lake Association were signed by Joe Fiedler, Jim Ryan, Dave Robb and Chris Rud.
 5. An Organizing Committee was formed to draft by-laws, vision and mission statements for consideration at the next meeting (Jan. 15th). Volunteers included Joe Fiedler, Jim Ryan, Dave Robb, Aaron Traxler and Chris Rud.
 6. Alex said that developing a Wassermann Lake Management Plan is a big effort and there is a training seminar starting in February. He suggested five people be involved in developing the plan.
 7. There was a discussion on the spelling of our lake since various maps and official documents use both one "N" and two "N's". We decided to use two N's in our corporate association name.

6. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District plans for Wassermann Lake Improvements

- i. President Joe Fiedler introduced Yvette Christianson who is a Water Quality Technician II for MCWD. She discussed various causes of phosphorous loading and projects to improve water quality.
 1. MCWD is concentrating on improving the quality of impaired lakes on Six Mile Creek that flows into Halsted's Bay on Lake Minnetonka including Pierson's, Wassermann and Parley Lakes.
 2. The TMDL for Wassermann Lake phosphorus is 80% to 90% internal and only 10% to 20% from external runoff.
 3. A large part of the problem in both Pierson's and Wassermann Lake is the large bottom feeding carp population stirring up the phosphorus sediment from the bottom resulting in a large algae bloom.
 4. Fish surveys estimate 140,000 pounds of carp in Pierson's Lake and 70,000 pounds in Wassermann Lake.
 5. MCWD has already contracted licensed fisherman to net carp from Pierson's and Wassermann Lakes this winter at \$.20/lb. Next spring temporary carp barriers will be erected on six mile creek to prevent migration to spawning areas and carp nets will be set up in the stream outlets to catch any additional carp that may have been missed during the winter catch. Vegetation and fish surveys will be completed on both lakes in the late spring/early summer. The cost for carp management for both Piersons and Wassermann is not to exceed \$68,600. The hopes of the carp removal will be reduced internal phosphorus loading, improved clarity and increased diversity of native plants and animals.

7. Other Business

- i. President Joe Fiedler introduced Holly Kreft who is the Community Development Director for the City of Victoria. She is responsible for improving the water quality of lakes in Victoria.
 1. She said the city was involved in the TMDL study done by MCWD that determined 90% of the Wassermann Lake phosphorus loading was internal.
 2. Victoria is annexing the property on the south side of the lake. The city will own a 100 foot buffer along the south side of the lake for a trail connecting to the South West Trail System.

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8. Next Steps

- i. Next Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday January 15th at the Waterbrooke Fellowship Church. Guests will include Bill Olson who is the Carver County representative on the MCWD Board of Managers and Alex Gehrig of Minnesota Waters.
- ii. The Articles of Incorporation papers for the Wassermann Lake Association were signed by Joe Fiedler, Jim Ryan, Dave Robb and Chris Rud will be forwarded to the State along with the \$70.00 application fee.
- iii. The Organizing Committee will present draft by-laws, a process for electing officers, vision and mission statements for consideration at the January 15th meeting.
- iv. Volunteers to help with the carp removal would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Stan Rud

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

January 5, 2011