

2011 Annual Meeting

The 2011 annual meeting of the Lake Vermont Lake Association, held in Paul and Maureen Dietrich's garage, was called to order at 10:10 am by President Mike Kopitzke. Additional board members present were Vi Buhl, Barb Janson, Ron Tschaekofske and Sharon Wildman. The first order of business was the special guest speaker, County Commissioner, Bev Bales. She covered topics such as zebra mussels, salaries for county employees and union negotiations, and the \$1000 that Alexandria received from the League of MN cities and donated to the Yellow Ribbon project.

Vi Buhl read the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting, Gordy Hart made a motion, seconded by Paul Jennings to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. Ron T. read the financial report and clarified a number of expenditures. Closing balance is \$1,715.81. Paul Dietrich made a motion, Steve Robertson seconded to accept the report. Motion carried. As of the meeting time, there were 22 members who had paid dues and Ron was accepting checks at the meeting.

The President's report included an update from last year's concern regarding leaf dumping into the lake. The DNR has been notified. The Douglas County Lake Association, whose meetings Mike attends, are working the zebra mussel issue and Douglas County has been selected by the legacy fund to be a test county for the new chemical called Zquinox and Lake Le Homme Dieu would be the test lake if approved.

Committee reports included water levels (currently at 1432.27' above sea level, up 6" from last fall), water testing (clarity runs between 15 in the spring and 13 in the fall) and 2 communications have been sent to all who live on or near the lake. Barb Janson reported on the website and encouraged all to send her articles to post as well as pictures. She will post contact information for DNR and the water patrol, a part of the Sheriff's Department. A big thank you to Vi and Mike for serving on the board these past three years.

Old business: annual picnic site is needed if we are to continue them. Bill Brunson made a motion and Paul Dietrich seconded it to have the picnic at Kopitzkes. Motion carried. It will perhaps be the second Saturday in August.

Election of officers was held with Dan Wittmer and Paul Jennings agreeing to serve. Sharon Wildman made a motion to approve the nominations, Paul Dietrich seconded and motioned carried.

Ron T asked that all present stand and introduce themselves to new members, Dan, Nita and Zach Wittmer and Terri and Robert Broderick. Ron also reported on bass tournaments, fish stocking, septic tanks and no wake zones both in the channel and at the public access. Paul D made the motion and Linda Jennings seconded it to have Ron contact the water patrol in the sheriff's office to look into adding the no wake zone at the access and to see if we can get signs in addition to the buoys. Motion carried.

Mike had information from Andy Anderson from Miliona Township. The petition to have the access road tarred has been qualified, meaning engineering costs can be obtained. The gravel roads will be covered in magnesium chloride in the next week to control dust. It is more cost effective than sodium chloride and friendlier to the environment.

Patty Benkufsky made a motion, Mike Kellen seconded the motion and it carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:30.

Door prizes were awarded by Paul and Maureen, having been obtained by Mike, Dee and Maureen.