

Lake Vermont Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2012 @ Dietrichs

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Tschaekofske at 10:00 am. Board members present were President Ron, Secretary Sharon Wildman, Treasurer Paul Jennings, Directors Mark Athman, Barb Janson and Dan Wittmer. Judy Jaskowiak was unable to attend. Ron verified that we had a quorum of association members. Ron made several announcements regarding upcoming ballots, speakers on the agenda, ordinances of which copies were provided to all in attendance, the road levy topic and road chloride application upcoming.

The annual meeting minutes from last year were included in the newsletter. Steve Robertson moved to accept, seconded by Bob Broderick, motion passed.

Paul gave the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$1790.00 in the clean-up fund and \$553.17 in the general fund. Paul Dietrich moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Gary Anderson, motion passed.

Committee reports were given:

Water clarity by Dale Wildman – 20' this first month, but it will taper off to 13' by fall. Dale is looking to have someone take over this responsibility so asked for volunteers. Samples taken are then dropped off in Alexandria and sent to RMB labs. Lake Levels for Judy J by Sharon Wildman. Water number was 2.74, down from 2.84 earlier this spring. That computes to about 1.2".

Communications by Judy included a postcard with all board members listed with their contact information and the newsletter, which came out before Memorial Day. These communications are sent to about 100 addresses.

Web site – Barb Janson will continue to update it even though she is leaving the board. Barb is looking for more input from lake owners on informational articles, digital pictures, etc.

Speaker Gary Anderson re: blacktopping the access road, weed spraying in the ditches, and other road maintenance. The blacktop request has gone through the engineering process but when the cost was revealed (\$5300/lot of 20 acres or less), the township board voted to wait until possible funding was obtained from the Legacy Fund, Road and Parks, before bringing it forward for public hearings. Ron had put together a straw ballot and it was passed out and tallied. 18 people were against going forward, 4 were in favor regardless of cost and 10 were in favor if the cost could be lowered significantly. This straw ballot will be forwarded to the township board for their information.

Old Business:

Wake zone and buoys are in place thanks to the Sheriff's office and will continue as long as the residents request them. It is particularly important during years of high water.

Ron asked for volunteers to host the lake association picnic this year – no takers.

New Business:

The trap shooting incident over the west lake has been resolved by talking to the owners

By-laws will continue to be worked on and changes presented to next year's annual meeting

Membership dues: The board brought forth the request to raise membership dues in 2013 to \$25/parcel. A written ballot with one vote per household was taken, 18 in favor, 3 against. Dues will go to \$25 next year

Election of new board members: Bob Broderick and Sue Kugler have agreed to be part of the board. All board members need to be reelected each year. Bill Herzog made a motion to elect all board members, Paul Dietrich seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Dave Rusch from Land and Resource Department gave a very detailed presentation on zebra mussel problem, new septic rule changes effective 8/1/2012 and a new land use plan for the county.

Zebra mussel problem in Douglas County is being addressed by purchasing a decontamination unit and have a mobile inspection station that will visit all lakes in the county this summer. The first zebra mussel was discovered in Lake Le Homme Dieu in 2009 and today there are 14 lakes in the county that are infested. Water carried from lake to lake is the biggest culprit and that is where the inspectors will be able to find and decontaminate boats. 5 people have been trained to inspect and decontaminate. The only milfoil is in Lake Oscar.

Land use plan map was shown – we are in a limited agricultural zone except around the lake itself which is classified as residential/recreational. Both types of parties need to get along.

Septic rule changes: Since the central lakes sewer project is not expanding, the county felt strongly about having new ordinances in place. Any new system going in will have requirements greater than before. ALL current land owners must eventually have a management plan detailing how often to pump, etc.

A motion was made by Gary Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 12:15, Mike Kopitzke seconded it – the motion passed.

Door prizes were handed out by Paul and Maureen Dietrich.