



Meeting Minutes August 16, 2010

Board Member Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Boulay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diana Lobo | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Gilbertson | <input type="checkbox"/> David Russler | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rodger Kluzak | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Sonnee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Klokow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Sunderlin | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keith Kluzak | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Wenthe | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of June and July meeting minutes

Bob moved to approve June and July meeting minutes. Fred 2nd. All were in favor.

Treasury Update – Bob

Bob sent the treasury report via email earlier today to the board members for review.

Fred moved to approve the treasurers report. Denise B. 2nd. All were in favor.

Expenses:

Bob moved to approve reimbursing Keith \$306.71 for water sampling and lab analysis, and \$192.18 for picnic expenses. Denise K. 2nd. All were in favor.

Bob moved to approve reimbursing Fred for web hosting fees. Denise K. 2nd. All were in favor.

Appoint New Officers

Bob nominated Denise K. to be president. Doug 2nd. All were in favor.

Bob nominated Denise B. to be vice president. Denise K. 2nd. All were in favor.

Denise K. nominated Bob to be Treasurer/Secretary. Denise B. 2nd. All were in favor.

Lake Management Plan – Brainstorming Session - Dale

There was discussion on lake management projects, getting help applying for grants, and working with local organizations to reach our goals.

It was also discussed that we will be consulting with Steve McComas, or waiting for his recommendations before moving forward with any project.

Bob suggested we keep track of what government funds we get so that we can show lake owners what money we have gotten from different agencies. Denise K will do this.

OLD BUSINESS

Fish Grates – Keith

The original letter to request permission to reinstall the fish grates went to Joe McGough on July 16th. Joe was going to verify with Hugh Valient and Randy Bradt that it was ok to reinstall based on the plans and specs provided. No response as of August 12th from Joe so Keith sent a reminder email requesting an update on 8/12.

Steve McComas/Lake Management Plan – Keith

Denise Boulay contacted Keith about finding an aquatic weed believed to be Eurasian Watermilfoil. Keith called and visited with Steve McComas on 8/2. Steve indicated that in the fall milfoil breaks down and fragmented pieces readily float around. Because of this it will be next to impossible to stop its progression. However, with his lake sediment sampling to be performed later this summer he will be able to determine how prolific the spread of milfoil may become in Circle Lake. It is possible the environment within Circle Lake is not conducive to the growth of Eurasian Watermilfoil and we may only see some of this plant growth not unlike other native aquatic plants. Either way Steve will be sure to include this invasive species in his management plan and how best to manage it. The steering committee is scheduled to visit with Steve on 8/23 via conference call. The intent is to relay ideas gathered from the 8/16 brainstorming session.

NEW BUSINESS

Web Hosting - Bob

Bob offered to take over the administration of the website. He also suggested we limit the number of people who can post information to the officers (Denise K, Denise B and Bob). Fred will train the officers on posting information, and transfer the administrator rights to Bob.

It was suggested to have a password or special link for "members only" information. (A link that cannot be reached from other CLA website pages.)

Outreach to 2009 Members to become 2010 members

40 member families have paid dues for 2010. (We had 59 member families at the end of last year.) Bob will send an email to those people who were members in 2009, but have not yet paid dues in 2010. It was suggested we add a task in our SOP to send out a statement in December. Denise K. will do this.

Safe Phosphorus Levels – Keith

Keith visited with Shaina Kesley with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. There is no set level as to what constitutes too high for recreational use for phosphorus levels in lakes. She simply stated that when the phosphorus gets too high the lake gets a significant algae bloom and by default recreational use of the lake ceases. Phosphorus should be below .06mg/L, we are trending somewhere around .24mg/L.

County Ditch #9 Project Initiative - Keith

County Ditch #32 Project Initiative – Keith should first mention Steve Pahs with Rice County corrected Keith on the ditch number. County ditch # 9 outlets into Union Lake. County Ditch #32 outlets into Circle Lake. Keith visited with a land owner (Shawn Nugent) and verified he would be willing to allow some type of erosion control/wetland project to be performed on his property. Keith then contacted Steve Pahs. Steve has moved forward and contacted a land surveyor. We need the land surveyed to verify the slope. The slope will determine what lands would be impacted by holding water back. Steve Pahs also took the liberty of obtaining permission of Harold Thorman, the landowner immediately downstream of the Nugent property. The Thorman property would be accessed for surveying as well. After the land is surveyed then an engineer will be contacted. It won't be until the land is surveyed and engineered before we will have confirmed we have a feasible plan in place. Once Keith knows that we have a feasible project in hand Keith will then coordinate a field trip to outline what we are proposing to accomplish. It is conceivable Circle Lake Association may be asked to pay for a portion of a wetland restoration project however Keith have not and will not make any mention of our

obligation to do so until properly reviewed by the board. Steve Pahs will provide Keith an update when the initial survey is complete. Looking forward, it is intended to turn in the survey and engineering plan with an application to a not yet specified agency for grant dollars to do the work for this project. It should be noted, Steve Pahs claims he will be able to leverage resources at other agencies to perform the surveying and engineering at no cost to Circle Lake Association or the landowners.

Generous offer of funds for advertising space – Bob

A Lake Association member offered to pay for half of our operating costs (about \$700) if we provide advertising space on our website or in the lake directory.

Bob will let the association member know we want to do this. Bob will also document a proposal for a sponsorship program so that we are consistent with donation levels and advertising space offered.

Action Item for someone to update our affiliated partners with updated contact information (ie. Let CRWP, DNR, MPCA, Minnesota Waters, COLA, Rice County, Planning and Zoning, Rice County Environmental Services, etc know who our new officers are)

Denise K. will do this.

Call for any additional new business

CRWP sent an email to Fred about Mussels in the Cannon River. It was suggested that we put this on the website. Fred will do this.

Denise K. will ask MPCA for the lake survey report they performed (perhaps in 1990?).

Denise K. will send Sam and Doug all Lake Management Plan info.

Sam and Doug will speak with someone from Carlton College and St. Olaf (respectively) to ask if they have any historical data on Circle Lake and also to ask if they would be open to helping us with future projects if needed.

Motokazie

Star Tribune will have a story on Wednesday. Our town board is perhaps receptive to the idea of doing its own zoning in order to maintain our township's character and quality of life.

Adjourn

Bob motioned to adjourn. Denise K. 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.