



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 13, 2014
Forest Town Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Dale Petelinsek (pres) Karen Appeldoorn (VP) Julie Dornbusch Robert Duban Bob Gilbertson (treas) Keith Kluzak David Russler Dean Sunderlin	Sandy Russler (secy)	Allison Gamble – DNR

(This month's minutes were prepared by Bob Gilbertson, substituting for Sandy)

CALL TO ORDER — Dale called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- **Minutes:** No minutes were approved. Edits from the draft December minutes are to be circulated and we'll review and vote to approve at our next meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report/Membership Status:** There was discussion of key items from the end-of-2012 treasurer's report circulated before the meeting, **Bob will mail out an invitation to renew or join for 2014 membership.**
- **Tax-exempt status:** We submitted a 200+ page package of material to the IRS in late March, five days after receiving notice of revocation of our federal tax-exempt status. Other than a mid-May letter acknowledging receipt and saying that we would hear back within 90 days, we have heard literally nothing from the IRS despite several letters following up on our request and a follow-up with Taxpayer Advocate Service, with whom Rep. Walz's office connected us.

GUEST SPEAKER

Allison Gamble, the DNR's new Invasive Species Specialist for our area (replacing Joe Eisterhold), attended our meeting and spoke with us about what the DNR is up to lately in her area. Her

group has very recently moved into new space. We discussed the various DNR representatives responsible for areas of relevance for our lake, the use of our weed cutter, chemical treatments for weeds, and other topics. Allison told us that we can contact her (507-362-8786 or allison.gamble@state.mn.us) anytime and she'll get us to the right person if it isn't her. We all expressed our appreciation that Allison would spend her evening coming to visit us and opening a line of communication.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Weeds:** Most of our discussion of this topic came during Allison Gamble's talk.
- **Watershed:** We discussed progress on watershed projects. **Keith will ask McGhie & Betts' Jeff Broberg whether he can attend our February meeting** so that we can talk with him about priorities for 2014.
- **Carp:** **Dale will call the DNR's Craig Soupir** (507-362-4223, ext. 222), the DNR's new fisheries manager, to ask about seining for this winter.
- **Native plants:** We discussed some work that needs to be done near the recent plantings.
- **Sediment:** No report.

OTHER

- **Circle The Lake 2014 walk/run:** Dean reported on progress for our September 20, 2014 race.
- **Chunky Dunk 2014:** Julie reported on this year's (1-1-14) Chunky Dunk, which everyone felt led to great publicity and buzz about efforts to clean up our lake.
- **Mission, vision, and goals:** Dale distributed the draft he had circulated and **asked that people bring goals to our next meeting.**
- **Logo:** **Dale will follow up on a potential volunteer to do a new CLA logo.**
- **Part-time employee:** We circulated a draft job description for a part-time employee. **Anyone with edits or suggestions should get them to Bob ASAP.**
- **Annual meeting:** We'll hold it on April 21, 2014. Karen will organize it.
- **Picnic:** We confirmed that it will be on race day, September 20. We'll work out details as we get closer.
- **Annual report:** People need to get updates to Sandy.
- **Fundraising:** Dale will lead this effort in 2014. Bob Duban reported that Tri-Lakes Sportsmen's Club has set aside \$3,000 for Circle Lake projects in 2014.
- **Attendance at meetings:** We brainstormed ways to interest association members in attending our meetings. **David will bring pecan pies to our February meeting.**

ADJOURN — We adjourned at 8:52 pm.