



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 9, 2017 Forest Town Hall

Board members present (7): Dean Sunderlin (Vice President), Dale Petelinsek (President), Bob Duban, Keith Kluzak, Jim Vogel, Mandi Morrissey, and Brian Panettiere

Board members absent (2): Julie Dornbusch and Jason Wood

Also present: Allison Gamble from the DNR and Several homeowners

BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

BOARD MEMBER	2016		2017									
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Dornbusch, Julie	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Duban, Robert	✓					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Kluzak, Keith						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Morrissey, Mandi							✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Panettiere, Brian	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Petelinsek, Dale	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunderlin, Dean	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Vogel, Jim							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wood, Jason	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

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

DNR-WEEDS-Allison Gamble gave an update on weeds in Circle Lake. She recommends the following:

- Continuing to use mechanical treatments instead of chemical treatments. Chemical treatment permits are due May 15th and Mechanical treatments have until mid to late June.
- Doing a rake study of 185 points on the lake in 2018. This was done in 2014 where 1 spot of Eurasian Milfoil was found and 2015 6 points were found. Fox Lake has a lot of Eurasian Milfoil on record since 2010, it is likely that it has spread to Circle Lake. Circle Lake is nutrient rich, making it tough to control algae.
- Goal recommendation is recreational access toward weeds. Allison doesn't think there will be any grant money available next year, with the exception of the Rice County funds that are distributed for all water improvement. With the amount of Curly Leaf, it might not make sense to try to control by pulling because we may not see an impact in the lake. Some of the areas dense with Curly Leaf are also full of Coontail and other native species.

Allison also reviewed the process for getting weed permits:

- Recreational Access Permit: To get up to residents dock, it would require resident signatures by May 1st. Then, Allison will go survey and see if there is Curly Leaf.
- Near Shore Harvest for ½ of the amount of their shoreline regardless of plants. This is as long as there are plants there. Several times this year, when they did the rake pull

and found it to be algae rather than rooted plants limiting the permits to 2500 feet. Surveys prior to treatment help prevent pulling native species. Near shore permits: 150 ft in 2 kinds: If Curly Leaf is there then ok to do all, If no Curly Leaf or mixed with Native then a "recreational access" permit. If no plants at all then could grant only 2500 sq ft total.

- Land owners can clear up to 2500 sq ft without a permit if they clear it themselves the blade must not have a motor.

Other Recommendations:

- Area Hydrologist to come in and talk about water levels. Grandfather grants could be a possibility if we create the appropriate package.
- Educational session for landowners on weeds in the spring. She will meet on someone's dock or trail with other boats to share the treatment plan. She can meet with the rake and pull to survey. Then do an education session on which weeds were pulled. Allison will send the map and we will put it on the Circle Lake Association website. She will write up a full survey for us this fall with a narrative and map.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- **Minutes:** No minutes available or approved.
- **Treasurer's report / membership status:** No questions.
- **Bills to be paid:** Race bills---all approved.
 - Gopher State for timing
 - Northfield News and Faribault Daily News Thank You to sponsors
 - Active.com for advertisement

Cannon River One Watershed, One Plan Review: Board of Water Resources wants to develop a single plan for Cannon River Watershed. Circle Lake is considered a hot spot because the nutrient load, carp load, phosphorus load, and invasive species. Will present to a board and prioritize for grant funds. If Circle Lake has an issue that is across the watershed, and has a priority we can become part of the grant to get funds for the issue. Will add links to documents to the CLA website.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Watershed:** Reached out to farmers to spoils, referred him to another contractor for dredging with a water blaster. He thought was not efficient for our project. Contact Troy Dale from Morristown to long reach back hoe to dig it. Spoils placed on adjacent land, contact county for permission. Crane Creek has long reach back hoe. Focus on getting a permit and figure out what we are going to do with spoils.
- **Carp:** No update.
- **Native plants:** No update.
- **Sediment:** No update.
- **Weeds:** No update.
- **Lake Improvement District:** Scheduled to go in front of Rice County for working session in early November. Formal hearing will be December or January.

OTHER

- **Tri Lakes Sportsman Club Project:** Will propose stocking fish 50/50 expense.
- **Race Update:** Registered 196, 175 participated. Reviewed promotional activity. Great corporate support, please use their services. One opportunity is the participate trend is going down. Motion was made and approved to do the race in 2018.
- **Cover Crop Project:** No report.
- **Standard Operating Procedures:** No report.
- **Soil & Water:** No report.
- **Publicity:** No report.

- **Email Notifications/Website:** Dean made a Google Group for Association members to allow a general email rather than from Dean's personal email. Also, Mandi will be trained on the website to be a backup for Dean.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Voting on November 7th:** We need to go to Webster to vote if interested in voting on the referendum

ADJOURN — We adjourned at 8:36 pm.