



Meeting Minutes November 8, 2010

Board Member Attendees:

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

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm

Approval of October meeting minutes

Bob moved approval of the October meeting minutes; Diana seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasury Update – Bob

Bob went through the treasurer’s report and new one-page format.

Membership Update – Bob

We have nearly 100 adult members from 50 member families, which appears to be the most the association has had in many years. Doug raised the question of how broadly we are looking for possible members and recommended that we think about the entire watershed rather than just the lake shore. We discussed the fact that we do have members who aren’t literally on the lake shore, but all agreed that we should consider the watershed as we think about the next edition of the directory and about our next newsletter and invitation to join the association.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Management Plan & County Ditch #32 field trip – Keith

Before the meeting, Keith e-mailed that there was a conference call with Steve McComas on 10/18. At this time all field work has been collected. We are waiting for some lab results yet. Additional information is being gathered on the lake from source such as the state and county. We discussed the field trip that is tentatively being planned for November 30 or December 7. All present agreed that it was important to have Steve McComas participate in that event. Bob moved that we authorize our working group (Keith Kluzak, Denise Klokow, and Dale Petelinsek) to pay McComas’ charges to participate in the field trip. Doug seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.** There was discussion of whether McComas will be able to write grant applications for us, and, if so, what his charges would be for that. Doug knows a grant writer who has been very successful in helping organizations obtain money from the first round of a grant program that has to date approved grants of about \$3.6 million for 35 organizations.

Fish Grates – Keith

Before the meeting, Keith e-mailed that he has not yet received a reply to a couple of emails he sent to Hugh Valiant. Keith thinks that Hugh may be a bit easier to reach after freeze-up. A reminder e-mail to Hugh was sent on 11/4.

Circle Lake Data (colleges, MPCA studies) – Sam/Doug/Denise K.

St. Olaf: Doug has received a positive response from Dr. Jackson at St. Olaf. Dr. Jackson is interested to see our lake management plan but thinks that Circle Lake might present a good project for his students. They might be able to help us with various types of water testing at no charge to us.

Carleton: We have received little response so far to inquiries Sam has made.

Other: Denise K. sent an email to Jennifer Mocol-Johnson of Rice County Environmental Services requesting any data Rice County might have on Circle Lake and also requesting the most recent watershed maps that Steve will need. Jennifer is working on it.

Rice County and Septic Inventories

Sam provided a brief update on the county's recent activity relating to septic inspections and follow-up. Apparently the county will require folks to upgrade straight-pipe systems but has decided to reinspect drywells.

CLA Archived Documents and Data – Denise K.

Bob and Keith should send documents from June 2009 and later (CLA documents) to Denise K. for organization.

Sponsorship program/Directories – Bob

Bob has not yet come up with a proposal.

MPCA Grant – Denise K.

Denise K. submitted the SWAG (Surface Water Assessment Grant) application for water sampling funds. We will be notified in January of 2011 if our application is accepted. If our application is accepted, we will need to provide a final work plan and budget for the MPCA who will make the final decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Business Renewal with Minnesota Secretary of State

Denise K. will do this according to the SOP.

Newsletter Topics

According to our SOP, it's time to send out another newsletter. Perhaps we can target December or January for a winter newsletter. Most of us thought that waiting until after the holidays would be best, so perhaps we would target the first couple weeks of January. Denise K. can work on a first draft.

Cannon River Watershed Partnership Liaison

SOP indicates we should choose a liaison for the Cannon River Watershed in November. Doug agreed to serve in this role. He will also follow up with Rice County Environmental Services.

Call for any additional new business

We decided to invite Dale Quist to our next meeting. Dale has a lot of history with this lake and we can learn much from him. Doug also noted that the man recently reported by the *Northfield News* as missing is from nearby, on Millersburg Road. His name is Jerry Davidson and he has been a local businessman (septic contractor) for many years.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:14 pm.

Minutes were done this month by Bob Gilbertson, substituting for Denise Klokow.