

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Lake Minnie Belle Improvement Association at Beckville Picnic Grounds

Saturday July 15, 2017 @ 11:00 am

WELCOME: President Tom Hess welcomed about 115 people to the pork chop pre-dinner meeting. After everyone settled in Tom called the Annual Meeting to order at 11 am. Tom introduced the board members. Laurie Boll read the secretary's minutes from the July 16, 2016 annual meeting. Todd Kuechle gave the treasures report. Todd reported that there was an increase of membership from 154 in 2016 to presently 220 members. He also stated that advertising for the LMBIA directory advertising is up and the AIS fund is at \$15,000. Todd and Tom thanked Mark and Ann Schmidtbauer from Creative Graphics for the great job on the LMBIA Directory. Tom asked for a motion to approve the secretary's and treasurer's report. Mary Lou Rolf so moved to approve the secretary and treasurer's report and Julie Bakkee 2nd the motion.

AIS Treatment: Tom explained to everyone that Clark Company was hired again this year for AIS treatment. Survey was done before water was 60 degrees. The 1st survey was estimated at 4.1 acres to be treated for curly leaf. Permit was submitted to DNR to treat 2 acres in the mouth of the lagoon and 2.1 acres by the siren. Only the lagoon was approved and completed. Native white pond weed was found by Allison Gamble from DNR.

Clark Company recommended 14.4 acres of Eurasian Milfoil to be treated. Only 9.4 acres were approved by DNR. The reason was to see if the Native plants will chook out the Eurasian Milfoil. Treatment took place on July 11th. Tom also stated that LMBIA have \$9000 to be used toward AIS Treatment.

Zebra Mussels: Tom stated that Lake Stella and Lake Washington have zebra mussels. In the early stages of the zebra mussel it is called the Veliger which it like sandpaper. Tom went on to explain that the weeds are dying out in these lakes.

MB2 Project: Tom announced that the MB2 Project was been completed by November 2016. Tom explained in detail where the monies came from. The Meeker SWCD helped a lot with this project along with Roger Jergens.

MBO Project: Steve Stepien came forward to explain the MBO project which is the cleaning out of the cattails at the outlet. Vegetation was cleaned out last fall

of 2016 and again will be cleaned out this summer due to high water level. This needs to be done because it is causing back flow back into the lake.

Boat Inspections: Steve Stepien explained that Meeker County Lakes public accesses are having boat inspections. Training of AIS was completed earlier this year. He emphasized that educating the public to have both clean boats leaving and coming into the lake. Paid volunteers were searching for weeds and zebra mussels and some were found and boats were turned away. There is a plan in the future to have a centralized station to have your boat cleaned before your boat can enter a lake. Wright County is already doing this. The main concern is Zebra Mussels and Starry Stone-Wort. He stated that we have hired divers to inspect in September when the water is warmer. Questions came from the floor. “What about having someone 7 days a week” Steve explained that is a very costly to have inspections for every day of the week. “Also someone asked about having inspectors at the west landing?” Ever since the east public landing is being inspected, neighbors have notice an increase of boat traffic on the west landing. They asked if the west landing could be closed.

Recognition of Board Member, Shirley Kronbeck: Tom thanked Shirley for her many years as treasurer on the board.

Gift Certificate Door Prizes: Drawing took place and Bonfire gift certificates given out. Tom thanked the Burgarts for the use of The Bonfire for the use of their establishment for the monthly LMBIA board meetings. He also mentioned that Jeremy Crosby from B & B Sports of Hutchinson paid for the pork chops. The potato salad, beans, and cookies were provided by the LMBIA.

Election of Board Members: Dan Fitterer, Roger Hantge, Linda Larson, and Cliff Willhite’s terms have expired and they have agreed to run for reelection. In addition Kristi Ties has agreed to run for election. The floor was opened for more nominations. No other nominations were received. Tom instructed everyone that to vote up to 4 persons on their ballot. Election was conducted. Ballots were counted. Tom announced the newly elected board members: Robert Hantge, Linda Larson, Kristi Ties, and Cliff Willhite.

Adjournment: Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jay Hoekstra so moved and Dennis Herzog seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned and pork chops lunch served.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Boll

Guest Speaker: Tom introduced Gene Jeseritz assistant to the DNR Dept. of Fisheries. He gave an informative talk about Lake Minnie Belle's new proposed northern pike limit in 2018 and the fishing pier.