



LAKE MILTONA ASSOCIATION
(A Member of Minnesota Waters)
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Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2012 – Community Center, Miltona, MN

Officers in Attendance: Dick Kuehn, President; Bob Larson, Treasurer; Gene Rose, Secretary

Board Members in Attendance: Jack Anderson, Pete Anderson, Ted Boehne, John Fair, John Fay, Jerry Fulton, Lynn Glesne, Randy Hansen, Don Henning, William Moeller, Anne Rykken, Vern Suhr, Mike Wrobel

Call to Order: President Dick Kuehn called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Verification of Quorum: Secretary Gene Rose confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Jack Anderson moved and John Fair seconded that the minutes from the 2011 Lake Miltona Association Membership Annual Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Invited Speakers:

1. County Commissioner Bev Bales provided copies of “Douglas County Happenings – June 2012”, which she reviewed for us during the meeting. A copy of this hand out is attached to these minutes. In the question and answer period she was asked if the county was spraying for forest tent caterpillars. She said spraying was not being done by the county and cited how on Lake Carlos, where she lived, individuals or groups of landowners were doing the spraying. She was also asked about the voting status of non-fulltime landowners. She affirmed that only fulltime residents can vote in local elections, but she encouraged all to support local candidates and causes important to lake landowners.
2. Dean Beck, DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor, passed out copies of a report entitled “Fisheries Management Information Handout” that he prepared for our annual meeting. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. His report includes a walleye management summary for Lake Miltona, a comparison of the state and LMA walleye-stocking summary, muskellunge management and stocking summaries, a comparison of muskellunge stocking rates and muskellunge density in Minnesota Lakes, and game fish & pan fish population attributes for Lake Miltona. The DNR manages both the walleye and muskellunge levels in Lake Miltona. Management goals are being met for walleyes. Due to the large number of young walleye Dean recommended harvesting 12-inch walleyes (the 2009 class) in order to insure that their growth rate will be as fast as possible. Management goals for muskellunge are not being met. The data show that Lake Miltona is losing muskellunge. Therefore, the DNR plans to stock 600 muskellunge this fall, 1400 in 2013 and then return to the 1400 every other year until 2019. The bass population in Lake Miltona has exploded and he recommended harvesting the 12 to

15 inch fish. Our rock bass population indicates that the water quality of our lake is good. His report also included trend analysis of the phosphorous, the chlorophyll-a, and the Secchi disk values for Lake Miltona. No significant trend existed for any of these data from May 18, 1997 to August 20, 2011. The water level data from 1940 to 2011 showed a slight trend to higher lake levels.

Election of Directors: President Kuehn presented the following slate of nominees who have agreed to serve as Directors for the Lake Miltona Association:

Area 1	Lynn Glesne	Area 8	Gary Fuchs
Area 2 A	John Fair	Area 9&10	Jerry Fulton
Area 2 B	Jack Anderson	Area 12	Mike Wrobel & Warren Davis
Area 2 C	John Fay	Area 13	Ted Boehne & Tom Brauer
Area 3 A	Gene Rose	Area 14&15	Steve DeSutter
Area 3 B	Vern Suhr	Area 16	Anne Rykken
Area 4	Steve Herth	Area 17	Marc Bot & Bob Larson
Area 5	Dick Kuehn	Area 18	Pete Anderson & Randy Hanson
Area 7	William Moeller	Area 19	Don Henning

Ed McKay moved and Jerry Fulton seconded that the above slate be elected as Directors of the Lake Miltona Association. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Larson reviewed the December 31, 2011 report printed in our Spring 2012 Newsletter. Total income for the year was \$32,226, net income after expenses was \$7,141, and Association assets were \$38,864. Bob also reported that the records have been audited and that no discrepancies or weaknesses were found. The required income tax return has been filed with the IRS and the State of Minnesota.

Bob reported that through May 31, 2012 our net income after expenses is \$10,241; our zebra mussel fund is \$6,493; and our walleye-stocking fund is \$7,882. Our membership to date is about 400.

Bob's new email address for Lake Miltona Association business is LMATreasurer@yahoo.com.

Some reminders:

1. **Boat Parade:** Our annual boat parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4th starting at Sandy Beach. In case of rain it will be held on July 7th. Registration online starts June 20th. Send your inquiry to miltonaparade@gmail.com. Parade details can be found in our Spring 2012 Newsletter.
2. **Fund Raiser:** Our annual fundraiser will take place August 18th from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Miltona Community Center. Tickets for this event will be available at the door and for a reduced price from area Directors during the summer.

Clothing Report: A detailed clothing report can be found in our Spring 2012 Newsletter. Bob Larson reported that the date for making clothing purchases was extended to June 13th.

Stocking Report: Jerry Fulton reported that 200 pounds of 6 to 8 inch walleye fingerlings were stocked in the lake in April.

Lake Management: Paul Anderson began his report with a reminder that we have a variety of on-going lake management activities such as education, water quality, land use management, upland plant management and fisheries. For today's meeting he asked Jerry Haggemiller to review our cattle-in-the-

lake land use project and Gene Rose to review our water quality program. Jerry reported that the pasture on the NW side of Lake Miltona (in Area 15) will be fenced to keep the cattle from getting into the lake within the next couple of weeks and the whole project should be completed by the end of the summer. Gene reported that the LMA is continuing its cooperative program with the Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District to monitor the water quality of the four major inlets to Lake Miltona. This program will be completed at the end of September. Gene also reported on his conversations with Nathan Olson, DNR Invasive Species Specialist, concerning how to prevent a potential spread of zebra mussels from Lake Irene into Lake Miltona. Unfortunately, Nathan said that neither a net to prevent the flow of zebra mussel free-swimming larvae (veligers) or treating the inlet from Lake Irene to Lake Miltona with Zequanox[®] bacterial control agent to kill them provided a viable control option. Nathan did say that the DNR would be taking water samples near the outlet to see if any veligers are present. A concern was raised about people coming to fish in Lake Miltona from other lakes particularly during tournaments. The DNR and LMA are sponsoring a boat check during this fishing season so boats should be getting checked for invasive species but enforcement remains an issue and major challenge.

Smokey Timbers Fish Fry: Jack Anderson reported that an invitation will be sent to the Lake Miltona Association members to attend their August 4th fish fry.

Parkers Prairie Sportsmen donation: Jerry Haggemiller reported that the Parkers Prairie Sportsmen donated \$3000 to the Lake Miltona Association out of the money they raised from their sportsman calendar and gun-raffling program. The proceeds from this program are used for stocking local lakes. He stated that they plan to start this program again this year about July 1st.

Lake Miltona Association Web Page: In our April 14, 2012 Board meeting we passed a motion to move our web page to Gardonville. Lowell Benson reported that he expects to start this transfer in July. If you have questions concerning this transfer he can be contacted at labenson@q.com.

Other Concerns for the Board's Attention:

1. Jack Anderson called our attention to a poster he brought to the meeting. Participants in the Kids Ice Fishing Day organized by the Miltona Science Magnet School prepared it. The Lake Miltona Association helped with this event by funding transportation to the lake and "Porta-Potties" at the lake. LMA volunteers also helped children get ready to fish and whisked children to and from the fishing area.
2. Dean Beck reported that a sand ridge has blocked the spawning of fish in the Dittberner's Creek inlet to Lake Miltona.
3. Bob Kigin reported a "woody trash" buildup on the east side of Lake Miltona. This debris appears to be pushed across the lake by the predominately westerly winds. This concern brought forth a discussion concerning floating bogs and the policies (DNR and LMA) concerning moving them.

Adjournment: No one had any further business to bring to the meeting, therefore, Jerry Fulton moved for adjournment at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gene Rose, Secretary.

