



LAKE MILTONA ASSOCIATION

(A Member of Minnesota Waters)

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Annual Membership Meeting Minutes June 22, 2013 – Community Center, Miltona, MN

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

Board Members in Attendance: Jack Anderson, Marc Bot, Cheryl Brauer (attending for Tom Brauer), John Fair, John Fay, Jerry Fulton, Lynn Glesne, Randy Hansen, Don Henning, Steve Herth, William Moeller, Vern Suhr

Call to Order: President Dick Kuehn called the meeting to order.

Verification of Quorum: President Dick Kuehn confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Jerry Fulton moved and Bob Kigin seconded that the minutes from the 2012 Lake Miltona Association Membership Annual Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

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	Tim Lind
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 B	Vern Suhr	Area 14&15	Steve DeSutter
Area 3 C	Gene Rose	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

Kathie Stemm moved and Lynn Glesne seconded that the above slate be elected as Directors of the Lake Miltona Association. The motion carried.

Invited Speakers:

1. **Douglas County Commissioner Bev Bales** provided a short update on items of the interest to Douglas County. These included information on zebra mussel control tests at Lake Minnetonka and the proposed test at Lake Darling; the bill introduced in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to control Asian carp; the updating of the Douglas County court rooms; and the Legacy Fund split of

20/40/40 for MN rural counties/MN DNR/MN metro. She said she welcomes receiving comments and will provide email quarterly updates to all who are interested in receiving them.

2. **Mark Ranweiler, DNR Assistant Invasive Species Specialist**, provided an overview on aquatic invasive species with the main focus on zebra mussels. He began his presentation by describing how they were introduced into the U.S. and how they live and propagate. He said zebra mussels were first found in Lake Miliona last fall at two sites on the east end of the lake. He emphasized that the main challenge to the control of the zebra mussels is preventing their spread via the immature veliger. The female mussel lays one million eggs per year and the veligers that hatch free float for 1 to 10 days before settling and attaching. They can attach to almost anything (including plants) and can survive up to 48 hours out of the water (or more if it rains). Zebra mussels are filter feeders (one liter per day per mussel), which will likely change the food chain in a lake. Their filtering will also lead to clearer water, which may lead to increased weed growth due to deeper sunlight penetration. They also suffocate and starve native mussels and impede recreational activities. During the question & answer session Mark said the impact on Lake Miliona is difficult to predict. One variable is lake temperature. In response to the question concerning removal of attached adults Mark said they could be removed after about one week air drying by brushing them off or by treating them for about 10 seconds at 140 degrees Fahrenheit, which kills the adults. Mark said that the Minnesota DNR aquatic invasive species goal is directed towards preventing new introductions through the dual approaches of training and regulations, which he reviewed for us. Mark reported that the DNR would be veliger sampling on Lake Miliona during June, July and August. He recommended two videos for further information:
 - a. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IobWBlyz>
 - b. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?4uLKK09TIjl>

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Larson reviewed the December 31, 2012 report printed in our May 2013 Newsletter. Total income for the year was \$29,502, net income after expenses was \$4,666 and Association assets were \$43,530. 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 in 2013 we received a \$2000 donation from the Leaf Valley Sportsman Club and our paid memberships to date are 375.

Boat Parade: Steve DeSutter reported that our annual boat parade will be held on Thursday, July 4th starting at Sandy Beach. Registration online starts June 20th. Prizes are the same as last year. Parade details can be found in our Spring 2013 Newsletter.

Fund Raiser: Our annual fundraiser will take place August 17th from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Leaf Valley Town Hall. Tickets for this event will be available at the door and for a reduced price from Lake Miliona Association Area Directors during the summer.

Clothing Report: Steve DeSutter reported that our online apparel ordering form that accompanied our dues letter yielded about \$2000 sales. He said some items are available at our meeting today and some will also be available at our August fundraiser.

Lake Management: Gene Rose reviewed the Lake Management report in our May 2013 Newsletter. He reported that the joint project with the Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District (Douglas SWCD) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to work with a local farmer to develop and implement a plan to keep cattle from entering the lake has been completed and payment for the project June 22, 2013 Lake Miliona Association Membership Annual Meeting

have been authorized. DCS&W managed this project and obtained a grant that provided three-fourths of the cost of the project and the Lake Miltona Association contributed the remaining one-fourth of the cost.

Our two-year water quality-monitoring project was completed in 2012. It was also a joint project with DCS&W as part of the Long Prairie Watershed monitoring program. The Lake Miltona part of this program was to monitor the water quality of the four major streams coming into Lake Miltona. The DCS&W obtained a grant to monitor the inlet from Lake Irene at MN Highway 29 and to monitor Dittberner's Creek at Dittberner's Creek Road. The Lake Miltona Association covered the expenses to monitor the inlet from Spring Lake at Spring Lake Road and to monitor the inlet from Lake Vermont at the East entrance to Tamarac Circle. Two positive conclusions were possible from these data. First, we do not have any major inorganic (nitrogen or phosphorus) loading into the lake. Second, we do not have any adverse nutrient contribution to our lake from the old Miltona City sewage lagoon that had an outlet into the wetlands through which the inlet from Lake Irene flows. However, we did see high concentration of E. Coli at all sites in late August and early September at all of our sampling sites. This seasonal trend is somewhat to be expected. However, the concentration of E. Coli at the Tamarac Circle site was high enough that the Douglas SWCD is investigating the cause of this contamination. The concentrations at the Dittberner's Creek site were sufficiently high that Dittberner's Creek will be listed on the 2013 Impaired Waters List and a state developed bacterial reduction plan will be requested. Also, based on the high concentrations of E. Coli the inlet from Irene to Miltona is recommended "non support" for aquatic recreation and due to low dissolved oxygen it appears to be "non supporting" for aquatic life.

One of the other lake management concerns is the control of invasive species. Unfortunately, we have not been able to prevent the invasion of zebra mussels, but we are continuing to sponsor an invasive species inspection program in cooperation with the MN DNR at our boat landing sites and we have posted informational invasive species signing to help achieve the objective of preventing further contamination of our lake by invasive species. We plan to work with the DNR to explore possible programs to address our zebra mussel invasion.

Smokey Timbers: Jack Anderson reported on activities at Smokey Timbers. He said that they have received a lot of reservations for use of the facilities, so it looks like a good year. He also reported that an invitation will be sent to the Lake Miltona Association members to attend their August 10th fish fry. Our May 2013 Newsletter provides more details on the Smokey Timbers activities. Jack noted that the June 20th windstorm downed many trees at Smokey Timbers. Volunteers to clear them would be appreciated.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. **Parkers Prairie Sportsmen Donation:** Jerry Haggemiller reported that the Parkers Prairie Sportsmen donated \$5000 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.
2. **Dick Kuehn Announcement:** Dick Kuehn told us that after being President of the Lake Miltona Association for 10 years, he would like to retire from this position at the end of this term. Gratitude for his service to the Lake Miltona Association was acknowledged.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business for the meeting Ed McKay moved for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Gene Rose, Secretary.