

DEAD LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
Thursday August 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm. All members were present except Kay Helm who was ill. Meeting minutes were assigned to Jim Wherley. Board of Directors contact list was passed out.

Secretary's minutes from 7/8 were approved. Hanselman/Prososki.

Treasurers report- June's report was updated to include \$166,059.39 balance, with \$99,197.83 in general accounts, \$66,821.56 in endowment accounts, and \$40 petty cash. \$17,500 in the account is the 2014 grant. July balance is \$162,385.40 after expenses of \$2,784.08 and deposits of \$170. Of the balance \$96,244.96 is in general accounts, \$66,100.44 is in endowment accounts, and \$40 petty cash.

Release of SWCD remaining 2012 funds (\$8,259.14) was electronically approved on 8/15/14. Need to request \$740.86 to finish the 2012 grant was approved-West/Hanselman. Treasurers report was approved Prososki/Wherley.

SWCD Community Partners Grants for 2015 has \$25,000 available. Proposed projects include Bosch/Gackle, Trupka, Kruple, Prososki. Discussion was had on the desire to generate more projects so that all funds are utilized and not having to return them. It was discussed to have a tour of the lake in an attempt to view areas of potential projects.

Recap of ice cream social. 43 attendees. Discussion was had whether to have another in 2015 and it was determined to put it on the calendar for now.

Committee Reports:

Lake Environment-lake levels are being reported on DNR website. TSI report for July was high at 49. This could be due to massive runoff from fields due to heavy spring rains.

Education/Communication-Summer Newsletter is to go out next week. Welcome packet is ready and Phyllis showed it to group. Tim took packets to the first group to hand out.

Membership and data base. Joci Kerr was a guest presenter on the membership database and discussed the need of keeping the database up to date and current. Currently, Kay is handling the database and Joci is assisting, and in the past there were actually two databases in use which caused confusion. Joci mentioned the need to find someone with database or Quickbooks (or another software application) skill to keep the database up to date. It was discussed that the maintenance of the database should be separate from the Secretary duties as it is a heavy load to manage. Discussion was had on the need of a job description for the membership/database role. Phyllis was to ask Doug Martin if he could write such a description. Reviewed and discussed the member/non-member renewal letter which is to go out in the near future. We need a list of property owners within 1000 feet of the lake to send letters to. Joci mentioned such a list could be gotten from the county.

Introduction of Muskies into Otter Tail County lakes. Board was in favor of sending a response that we oppose the introduction of Muskie into Dead Lake as it is currently a good fishing lake and we do not want to introduce anything foreign into the environment. Sullivan/Wherley with Halvorsen abstaining. Phyllis to send response.

Goal Setting-Healthy Lakes and Rivers Association has funds available to assist in writing a new lake management plan. Phyllis sent in application form communicating DLA interest in the program as we are overdue to an update to our current plan.

COLA Meeting-Task force for AIS-\$750,000 in funding available to assist in defending against AIS. Discussion was had on how to utilize some of the funding on Dead Lake. Discussion was had on having Deputy Sheriff's monitoring the lake at launches and ticketing as well as additional research.

Property Owner Survey-Prososki/Freeman were to get together and possibly formulate a survey monkey survey to allow it to be sent out as discussion was had on whether people would respond better to an e mail survey or hard copy letter and it was felt e mail might get a better response. For those members the board does not have an e mail for they would receive a mailed copy of the survey. Sample hard copy survey was reviewed, and it was recommended to place the respondents name/address line on the survey so it was known who responded.

CUPS/Variance-"triggers" are still pending. Prososki's dropped tier 1 density issue and trail from their proposed variance now asking for 12 sites versus 15. (Meeting was held between board meetings to discuss with interested parties.)

Goal setting was discussed and the need to develop short and long term goals for the association.

Next meeting-Monday 9/8 7pm at Freeman's house.

Meeting adjourned-Prososki/Halvorson