

2011 LBLA Annual Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by President Pete Linsner at 9 AM on Sat., June 11, 2011 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grey Eagle, MN.

President Linsner welcomed everyone and summarized what officers and directors do during the year and especially thanked Dennis Wessel for all that he has done and continues to do.

Secretary Sam Schnell read minutes of 2010 annual mtg. Harry Weidner moved to accept minutes. Pete Wilson second motion. Motion passed.

DNR Officer Keith Bertram talked about

- Fishing was great from opener weekend until about a week ago.
- New Law-must pull all drain plugs when leaving lakes to help stop the spread of Milfoil and Zebra mussels. Bring water(ice) from home.
Don't have to throw away bait.
- New boating sticker coming out, that must be on boat but they have not been printed yet
- This is an education time for DNR and fisherman regarding new laws

Heather from Sauk River Watershed talked about

- Water quality is good-testing inlets and outlets
- Recommends we should continue to test for phosphorous, solids, and ecoli at least 10 times per year. Prairie Creek samples have been at or above accepted levels of ecoli.

2010 Highlights – Mike Schlicht talked about the annual golf outing. Had 31 golfers at a best ball tourney. Dinner & social hour followed golf. Golf this year 2011 will be \$25 for a meal, 9 holes and a cart on Aug. 12, 2011 at 5PM.

- 2010 Fall dinner party was at Vanhavermetts in Ward Springs.

Pres. Linsner talked about fishing event. Had about 30 people and a good time with plenty of fish caught and eaten. 2011 event will be Sept 10. at 7 AM. Pres. Linsner also reported that a pair of loons nested by Dr. Hellers resulting in one chick. Five or six chicks have hatched. Loons all came back.

Tres. Mike Schlicht reported membership summary

2009 – 217 members

\$7500 income from members

14 sponsors - \$700

Hograost - \$2000

2010 – 222 pd members

\$12300 income from members

16 sponsors - \$1050

MN Darkhouse \$500

Picnic \$2000

2011 – 185 pd members YTD

\$10775 income fro members

14 sponsors - \$650

\$500 matching donations from mastercard

Net worth \$35000 - \$38000

Director Steve Gudgell summarized

- what directors all do for the lake
- milfoil our biggest concern
- weather has been an issue for us being able to gps or treat milfoil
- new permit will allow us to treat 30 acres
- Options – stop the fight against milfoil, continue to try to contain.
 - will never get rid of milfoil.
 - will have to raise more funds.

Pete Wilson made motion to continue to treat milfoil. Lois Weidner seconded. Motion passed. There were lots of questions.

Pres. Linsner reported that DNR Eric Altna sent fish report stating that Little Birch has good fish population and carp is not a concern.

Pres. Linsner also reported that the kids fishing derby will happen again this summer and is need of pontoons. Anyone interested in helping should contact Pres. Linsner. Kids have a great time.

Comment from membership was that it was a great job on the maps. Dennis Wessel was recognized for that.

Election of Directors by VP Todd Bussmann- Dennis Wessel, Gene Sullivan, Jon Brophy and Gene Sullivan terms were up for re-election. All chose to run for director positions again. There were no nominees from the floor. Lois Weidner moved to cast an unanimous ballot for four candidates. Pete Wilson second. Motion passed.

Dennis Wessel reported that the Dinner Dance will be at Shipwrex on Sept. 10, 2011. Tickets are \$25 per ticket. Anyone buying a ticket today at the annual meeting will go in a drawing for \$100.

It was suggested that we do something on Little Birch Lake for the kids like maybe a ski day or something. Will continue to work on that idea.

Chris Lundeen the grandson of Doris Sackett reported that he will be doing a survey around Little Birch Lake this summer. The survey will ask how people feel about the water quality of the lake and different things that can be done to improve it.

Gary Toenyan moved to adjourn

Pete Wilson second. Motion passed. Lunch followed meeting provided by the Double R.

Respectfully submitted
Sam Schnell, Secretary

