

Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association
Board of Director's Meeting

Monday, February 19, 2007 - Dunn Brother's Coffee Shop, Excelsior

Meeting brought to order at 7:15 pm by Harley Feldman

Attending: Miles Lord, Dan Fields, Jack Fess, Greg Swirtz, Ron Mason, Jon Joseph, Harley Feldman. Guest: Dick Osgood

Dick Osgood went through a review of the current status of the Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP).

There was discussion of the DNR position that EWM growth was having a negative impact on the Christmas Lake native plants. If EWM growth continued unabated, the decline of native plants would likely continue. If EWM could be abated, the frequency of native plants would likely occur. DNR believes that fluridone, 2-4D or triclopyr would be the only alternative to mitigate ecological damage. DNR took no position on whether herbicides would be permitted.

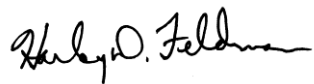
The Board agreed to re-adopt the goals set by the Board in the mid-1990s:

- 1) Restore the lake condition as closely as possible to its natural chemical make-up, and promote a diverse native plant and animal community
- 2) Educate citizens about the lake's ecology and lake management techniques
- 3) Encourage a monitoring program to help evaluate the lake over time

There was much discussion concerning the use of herbicides in Christmas Lake. Data was presented from 27 lakes in Michigan who reported safe use of fluridone. The three Lake Minnetonka herbicide tests were discussed. Several Board members brought up the fact that some residents were using herbicides already either with or without permits. Board agreed that an approach to individual EWM problems and the lake-wide problem would likely take different approaches. Consensus of Board was to not use herbicides due to the potential risk to the lake and the lack of evidence from Minnesota lakes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Harley D. Feldman, Secretary