

# Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association Board Meeting

April 2, 2013

Members present:     Harley Feldman     Todd Erickson  
                                 Kerri Hawk             Joe Shneider  
                                 Gregg Elliott         Dan Fields

- The meeting was called to order by President Joe Shneider at 7:00 at his home.
- The minutes from the last meeting (December 12, 2012) were submitted by Gregg Elliott, Secretary, Harley Feldman moved to accept and Kerri Hawk seconded. A vote followed with approval.
- Treasurer's report:
  - 2012 wrap up
    - \$2931 in History book sales continued into the current year
    - A \$400 contribution from the Lotus Lake Association was received
  - The possibility of a legacy fund was discussed for future discussion as a way for families to leave money for future lake preservation in someone's name.
  - Annual dues for 2012 are still coming in, about a 74% participation rate among residents
- Taxes
  - Taxes were much more involved this year due to new attention given to non-profits
  - The IRS forms were examined and discussed. Gregg Elliott moved that Harley Feldman and Joe Shneider, representing the Association, should sign the returns. Kerri Hawk seconded and a vote approved the process.
- Annual Meeting
  - The meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Excelsior Elementary School
  - The agenda will include treasurer's report, Weevil project status, AIS Inspections and various other housekeeping topics
- Fun Run
  - Harley Feldman will again lead the Memorial Day Fun Run to be held May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Gregg Elliott moved that the requested \$750 seed money be approved to get the event underway. Shirts which need to be pre- ordered and food account for most of the funds.
- Weevils
  - Enviroscience will once again run the project with Courtney Marquart leading
  - There is no charge to the CLHA with the Minnetonka Watershed District picking up the tab.
  - We are hoping for a more normal summer enabling more weevils to be harvested and planted in Christmas Lake. Even last year's light harvest had positive results.
- AIS Inspection
  - Carver County officials agreed unanimously to move forward to consider a regional inspection program. They are targeting mid-summer 2013 for a start date. The CLHA will start inspections as last year for the beginning of the summer with hopes of a transition by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Shorewood has asked the Watershed district to pay half of the inspection costs (\$22,050.00) so our bill will be less than last year in theory.
  - Christmas Lake will be the only lake participating this year.

- A cellular phone connection needs to be made from Minnewashta to Christmas Lake landings.
- Decontamination, if required after inspection, will take place at MN Inboard Motorsports
- State Activities
  - CMCW (Coalition of Minnehaha Creek Waters)
    - This group survived as most of other state level ideas got shut down
    - Carver County is stepping up to support this group
    - They focus on AIS and storm water runoff.
  - MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates
    - Lobbyist Henry Erdman is their lobbyist who is trying to get the MN legislation introduced that would require a boat decal system to raise money for AIS prevention.
- “Lakescaping “
  - There was some discussion about an education program for lake residents to encourage lakescaping to preserve the natural lake shoreline
  - It was suggested as a topic for the fall and will be advertised in a flyer or on the website.
- Geese Control
  - Ron Zenk, who managed the program, is no longer residents so we are looking for a volunteer(s) to coordinate this program. It was suggested that an announcement be made at the annual meeting.
- Dan Fields:
  - Dan will leave the board as soon as a replacement can be found. His migration to southern climes for a good part of the year makes attendance at the meetings difficult.
  - Thank you, Dan, for your many years of service to our Christmas Lake community. You have contributed mightily to our success as a board.

Harley Feldman moved to adjourn and Kerri Hawk seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregg Elliott  
Secretary