

# Minutes from Christmas Lake Homeowner's meeting

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Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Attendees:     Bill Cole                     Steve Midthun  
                     Kerry Hawk                     Joe Shneider  
                     Greg Swirtz                     Dan Fields  
                     Gregg Elliott                     Todd Erickson

- The minutes from the last meeting September 11th, 2012 were presented. Dan moved approval, Bill seconded and a vote approved them.
- Weevils: reported by Bill Cole
  - Courtney Marquart who ran the weevil project was in town recently and talked to Bill
  - 2012 plan was for 42,000 weevils to be stocked in 6 sites on Christmas Lake also some on Minnetonka but only 13,000 were produced due to unfavorable warm spring weather conditions.
  - Steve McComas did the final evaluation and found that where the weevils were placed there was a 22% decrease in milfoil stem density, also a 9% decrease in adjacent areas but a 48% increase in control (non-weevil) areas. So weevils seem to have a positive impact.
  - Plan for 2013 is to continue project funded again by the Watershed district. Perhaps expansion of the number of planting sites and number of weevils can occur.
- AIS Prevention:
  - We must do incoming inspections to prevent AIS from entering our lake!
  - Two scenarios possible
    - ONE
      - Multi-lake inspection program with Minnewashta, Christmas, Wasserman, Bavaria and Pierson Lakes
      - A 100% inspection program would cost \$75,000 to be divided between lake associations.
      - Obstacles to getting this done would be the Carver County approval (looks good) and the DNR allowing gates to control DNR landings.
    - TWO
      - Perform inspections like we did last year as the Christmas Lake Assoc. only
      - Cost is \$46,000/year less \$10,000 funded by the Watershed District.
- Coalitions:
  - The Watershed district added \$250,000 more to their budget for AIS prevention for 2013 bringing the total to between \$400,000 to \$500,000. Christmas Lake Assoc. would like to go after as much of this as possible to help with in the inspection programs.
  - Long term the DNR is hoping to license all boat operators with an AIR prevention sticker to aid education and fund inspections.

- The storm water runoff pollution problem will be their next big issue.
- Minnehaha Creek Waters Coalition will be made up of 14 smaller lake areas around the state with lobbyists lined up to drive legislation for 2013 session.
- MSRPO (Minnesota Seasonal Recreational Property Owners) coalition is asking for members to further the causes of lakeshore property owners around Minnesota. The Christmas Lake Association would like to join for the \$150 annual fee. Steve moved, Greg S. seconded and a vote approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Gregg Elliott, Secretary