

## **LAKE ALEXANDER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Scandia Valley Town Hall with approximately 105 members and 3 guests in attendance. Chairman Dr. Bill Faber called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M, and asked for a moment of silence for deceased association members including Sylvia Wiczek, Dave Schwark and others named in our hearts.

Board Members present were Dr. Bill Faber, Gene Champeau, Doug Cook, Jim McGonigle, Darline Molde, Cade Roberts, Alice Sunde, and Matt Skjonsby. Guests that were introduced included Deputy Sheriff Jason Worlie, Fisheries Manager Eric Altena, and Mike LeMeiur, Morrison County Commissioner.

### **Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made by Jim Girtz, seconded by Scott Beatty, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2021 Annual Meeting as printed and mailed to all association members. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer, Alice Sunde, handed out a printout of transactions from August 13, 2021 to August 12, 2022. Receipts, which include paid dues, totaled \$6,611.39 and expenses totaling \$5,608.11, gave the checking account a balance of \$14,038.14. Investments, of which include Certificates of Deposits, total \$18,981.68 giving our association a grand total of \$32,236.83. A motion was made by Lynn Bushinger, seconded by Bill Kroll, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

Paid membership for the 2022 fiscal year to date now stands at 290.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Water Level:**

Excessive precipitation, snow and rain, has resulted in significantly higher levels of lake waters than was reported in 2021, and readings show the lake level at present is at a fairly normal range. Much of the loss of lake water is due to evaporation.

### **Water Quality/Secchi Disc Monitoring:**

Gene Champeau, Steve Sunde, and Dale Ness continue to take secchi disc readings in the east, central, and west areas of the lake. A reading taken in May, 2022, at 28 feet off Soldiers Island, recorded 28 feet of water clarity; in June, the same area readings were 19 feet clarity.

Chemical monitoring is done for the run-off waters going into the lake from an adjacent farm field; most importantly monitored when potatoes are raised every four years, due to the usage of toxic chemicals.

### **Fisheries:**

Eric Altena, DNR Fisheries Manager gave a most impressive and informative slide presentation of graphs showing numbers of species from past to present. Twelve trap nets were put on the lake from May 5-20, and results showed the natural reproduction was occurring in most species of fish.

2.5 Million Walleye fry are stocked annually with a 2-3% survival rate for the fry.

Reports of 54 inch long muskies are present in the waters.

More information will be shared in the Fall Newsletter and on the DNR Fisheries web site.

### **Pine Bluff Development:**

Reports are that three lots have been sold; however, there is nothing further that has been recorded as to the development of the remaining property.

### **Shoreline Restoration:**

This program began four years ago under the leadership of Doug Cook, with the goal to improve lake water quality by reducing shoreline erosion and using native plants. Doug stated that Lake Alex is in partnership with Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, and if any lake shore owner has an interest in shoreline conservation, fill out a questionnaire and Doug will visit and help with restoring and retaining shoreline issues.

A Shoreline Guide to Lake Stewardship will be available to those interested. Contact Doug (507-276-5214) for more information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Report of Clean-Up Day-September 18, 2021:**

Jim McGonigle reported that the community service project had a great response from Scandia Valley residents, with the cost to the association treasury of approximately \$600. Requests were received for the project to be repeated every two to three years.

### **Veliger Testing:**

Morrison County provided the testing supplies to determine the numbers and locations of the veligers, a zebra mussel larvae. Gene Champeau and Doug Cook took water samples on three different areas of the lake in July. The results are pending.

### **Election of Board Members:**

Cade Roberts, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that two Board Members Jerrid Sandstrom and Matt Skjonsby, have submitted their resignation.

Cade Roberts put in the following names in nomination for Board Positions: Dr. Bill Faber, Bob Andersen, and Glen Hansmann to serve a three year term. There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Matt Simpson, seconded by Mike Simonet, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion carried. A big Thank You was extended to Matt Skjonsby for his 12 years of service on the Board and also to Jerrid Sandstrom for his 8 years of service!

### **Concerns:**

Property owners are concerned about shoreline erosion and asked if a no wake zone could be posted on the west end of the lake, near the west public landing. The DNR, along with the MC Sheriff's Department, will be contacted to determine the feasibility of adding signage...

### **Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Cielito Kroll to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:13.

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Alexander Lake Improvement District immediately followed the adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darline Molde, Secretary

