

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
August Annual Meeting
Ida Township Hall
August 24, 2013**

President Dian Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The officers and directors present were introduced.

President's Update

- **Newsletter error.** Dian reported there was an error in the newsletter. Leaf Valley Sportsmen put in the cement slabs at the north access, not the Viking Sportsmen.
- **Lake Charlie Dam.** Dian said the dam repair at the Lake Charlie Dam is coming along slowly. The DNR has been out and plugged up the large holes in the dam. The water is too high and there is too much sand that could wash down stream. The new boards will have to be put in when the water level drops this fall.
- **Ditch 23.** Glenn Van Amber explained that there is a 6 mile tile system to the west that drains into Ditch 23, then into the sediment pond and then to an open ditch before going into Lake Ida. Tim James of the MN Pollution Control Agency will give more of an update during his presentation. There is still a problem with the sediment pond.
- **Fishing Committee.** Jeff Johnson is doing a great job with the fishing committee.

Secretary's Report

Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2013 meeting as read by Secretary Barb Kilgore. Don Erstad seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Peterson gave the Treasurer's report. He reported a balance of overall total assets of \$78,811.85 and a membership total of 343 as of August 21, 2013.

Director Elections

The odd number directors were up for election this year, plus district 4 and district 10.

District 1 – Jerry Mc Clure/Wes Smith

District 10-Taryn Flolid/Darrell Lorsung

District 3 – Greg Holl

District 11- Don Erstad/Mike Shaughnessy

District 4 – Rob Everson

District 13-David Josephs/Paul Lombard

District 5- Dan Berke/Wayne Orn

District 15-Michael Elias/Dan Peterson

District 7- Dick and Suzanne Sudmeier

District 17-Jean Challeen/Betty Chicy-Anderson

District 9-Andy Lopez/Paul Moquist

Fish Committee

Jeff Johnson said that there isn't much news since last spring. The stocking is done in the fall. Fishing is improving this summer. Last fall a total of 1800 lbs. of walleye were put in last fall and the goal of the Fish committee is to put in 3000 lbs. for the next three years, but it is expensive. The committee is looking at slot limits for the future.

Water Monitoring

Jerry McClure stated that he and Wes Smith have tested three sites, five times throughout the summer. The samples are sent to the RND in Detroit Lakes for testing. The mean clarity reading of the lake is 13.1 feet. Phosphorus is below the expected range, Chlorophyll is below the expected range and Secchi disc clarity reading is above the expected range.

Fourth of July Boat Parade

Mary Saarion volunteered to take over the planning of the boat parade. Candace and Dave Ellis will also help her with the parade.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

- **Lake Monitoring.** Greg Holl reported that there was a state grant received of about \$7,000, plus a couple of thousand from the ILA. The AIS committee has hired 6 people for an average of 50-60 hours a week to monitor the lake access to check boats and educate boaters about the dangers of AIS to the lake.
- **Zebra Mussels.** Dian Lopez reported that nothing has been found in Lake Ida yet.
- **Curly-leaf Pondweed.** The DNR treated the area in Little Ida this year. Wes Smith and Jerry McClure will keep track of it. It may need to be treated again next year. There is a grant available from the DNR to fund the treatment.

Next Year Priority

- **Leaf Removal.** Taryn Flolid said that the people who hire their leaf removal done need to make sure that they remove the leaves properly and not blow them into the lake. The people who do their own leaf removal should be reminded not to blow them into the lake or burn too close to the lake.
- **Newsletter.** Todd Achterkinch suggested emailing out the newsletter to save on postage and a lot of people prefer getting the newsletter that way.
- **Training for Directors.** Dian will make a list of duties for the newly elected directors.
- **Membership Drive.** Greg Holl suggested a membership drive. Dian will send out postcards to the people who have not participated.
- **Meeting Dates.** Mary Saarion suggested having an evening meeting instead of all morning meetings.
- **Nitrogen testing.** Cliff Drenttel asked if we tested for nitrogen in the lake. Dian Lopez will talk to Steve Henry about testing for nitrogen.

Tim James - MN Pollution Control Agency

Tim James works at the State of MN Pollution Control in Detroit Lakes, his email is timjames@state.mn.us. He said that Lake Ida has the same issues as most of the lakes in Minnesota. He reported on the discharge from the City of Garfield. They are in compliance. They typically discharge in April, October and November when there is the least potential to have an effect on the lake.

Phosphorus is one of the biggest issues with the lake. The phosphorus that is not used by algae stays in the sediment and is stirred up by boat traffic.

Overall Lake Ida is 4400 acres and is in the top 10% in size of Minnesota Lakes. The Secchi disc tests have overall maintained their clarity readings. The lake is very healthy and high quality. We need to be in protection mode and think ahead. One of the most important issues is water runoff. We need to keep the water on the land as long as possible before it enters the lake. Developed property increases the phosphorus runoff 15 times over a typical underdeveloped property. The sewer from around Lake Ida is treated by ALASD and pumped into Lake Winona and eventually the Long Prairie River.

Election of Officers

Dian Lopez nominated Jeff Johnson for President. There were no other nominations for President. Vote taken. Jeff Johnson was unanimously elected President for a two year term.

Dian Lopez nominated Barb Kilgore for Secretary. There were no other nominations for Secretary. Vote taken. Barb Kilgore was unanimously elected Secretary for a two year term.

Betty Chicy-Anderson made the motion to adjourn. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Kilgore, Secretary