



Mission: "To promote the protection and enhancement of Detroit Lake."

Lake Detroiters Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Notes

4:00 PM September 14, 2017  
Essentia Health St. Mary's  
North Campus Conference Room

**Present:** Sue Disse, Linda Wiedmann, Barb Halbakken Fischburg, Paul Bursik, Lois Solheim, Judie Cherry, Sandy Sprafka

**Absent:** Lief Rogstad, Dick Hecock, Laurie Olson, DeWayne Streyle, Brad Wimmer

**Guests:** Dennis Fuhrman (Audit Committee)

### **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by President, Barb Halbakken Fischburg
- Quorum established- Agenda items added: 2018 Annual Meeting Payment, Drone Aerial Photography Update, AIS, Houseboat Mooring. Updated agenda approved.

### **Secretary Report**

- August 10, 2017 Board minutes were read and amended as follows: Brad and Deb Wimmer (Pelican Outlet Beach Neighborhood) are chairing the 2018 Annual Meeting. Sue Disse corrected her name spelling. Minutes were approved.
- Dennis Fuhrman, past Board member, welcomed.

### **Treasurer Report (attached)**

- As of August 31, 2017: Checking: \$18,991.60, Bremer PayPal Account: \$3,415.98, PayPal: \$166.70, CD: \$4,104.17
- Treasurer, Linda Wiedmann will deposit 5 more memberships for 395 total.
- Pavilion 2018 rental increased from \$200 to \$700 plus \$600 damage deposit.
- Dennis recommended that \$600 be logged as an account receivable item in order to better track recovery of deposit.
- Audit Committee (DeWayne Streyle, Dennis Fuhrman, Paul Bursik, Ginny Klein) report present by Dennis Fuhrman. (attached)
- Audit included 2016 calendar year of cash and bank statements of transactions \$100 and greater.
- Cash audits included Bremer checking, PayPal, Bremer Debit, Bremer CD were reconciled.
- Recommendation that guidelines be established for levels of approvals for purchases e.g. President, Treasurer, Board.
- Recommended to use PayPal more and list their fee as an expense.
- The template for monthly cash accounts is a 5-column reconciliation form including annual and monthly totals.
- Dennis will work with Treasurer to review an EXCEL template and improved reporting
- Recommend that expenses are paid from an original invoice rather than a statement.
- Suggested to close out the Bremer PayPal checking account and deposit directly from PayPal to checking account.
- Sweatshirt and memberships revenue from SQUARE should be deposited in Bremer checking account.

### **Committee Updates**

- Lake Protection and Use: Sandy Sprafka; Chair
  - Dock privileges for people not living on the lake. Discussion pertaining to homeowners renting boat slips. Discussion pertaining to marina dock rentals. All watercraft launched needs to be inspected to provide adequate protection.
  - Discussion regarding Detroit Lake publicized in a recent newspaper article as a popular muskie lake in MN.
  - Weed and algae control: 2,500 sq ft can be treated for weeds by homeowner. No more cutting of curlyleaf pondweed by Pelican River Watershed District. Treatment began in 2017.
  - Low lake level discussion and suggestion to possibly invite a speaker on this topic for annual meeting.
  - Other lake use items discussed: Garbage from winter anglers, too many marinas, preservation of walleye and pan fish, too many muskies, mystery snail infestation from DNR stocking program.
  - Houseboats on lake are monitored by Becker County Sheriff Water Safety Program and MN DNR for no human waste discharge in lake.
  - MN judge recently ruled against MN DNR for not protecting White Bear Lake public waters and contributing to low water levels. At question is: Did MN DNR follow the MN Environmental Rights Act (MERA) and the Public Trust Doctrine which protects the use of some natural resources for public use.
  - Recommended that Board members take Governor Dayton's 25% by 2025 water survey.

- Marketing and Outreach: Laurie Olson and Judie Cherry; Co-Chairs
  - Ice Harvest Festival: Engage sponsors to determine Lake Detroiters contribution.
  - Welcome packet for new lake property owners.
- AIS: Paul Bursik; Chair
  - Wright County Ordinance: Anticipated that MN DNR will approve a centralized AIS pilot inspection program including four Wright County lakes. Pilot funded in part by Lessard Sams funding designated for AIS. All watercraft would be inspected at a centralized inspection area at no cost to boat owner. Pilot flaw indicates there are no provisions for inspecting outbound watercraft. Some anglers have unfavorable comments about the pilot program.
  - Floyd Lake Association presented a similar proposal for a centralized AIS inspection program in 2015 but the MN DNR refused to cooperate and explore improved inspection effectiveness and economical efficiencies.
- Operations: Sue Disse and Paul Bursik; Co-Chairs
  - Board member term limits discussed relative to bylaws and state statute
- Government and Community Relations: Brad Wimmer; Chair
  - Options to control garbage and latrine use by boaters on Cox's point discussed.
  - Swimmers itch at public beach remains a concern
- Shoreland Protection: Vacant; Chair
  - Priority: LDA Policy on variances

#### **Old Business**

- South Shore Water Access: DNR Parks & Trails has been contacted to improve shoreline. DNR provided no shoreline restoration as part of the access expansion project. Recommended to DNR to incorporate DNR shoreline guidelines for property owners. Dave Schotzko, MN DNR Parks & Trails St. Paul, has committed to making improvements yet this fall.
- Several Detroit Lake property owners have taken advantage of Becker County Soil & Water Conservation District and Pelican River Watershed District shoreline restoration grants which pay up to 75% and property owner pays 25%.

#### **Detroit Lake Aerial Drone Video**

- Drone photography completed August 29<sup>th</sup> for future use.
- Barb provided raw video for viewing
- Need music and photos for photographer to finalize video

Meeting adjourned at 5; 35 PM Next Meeting 4PM October 12, 2017 at Essentia Health North Campus Conference Room

Respectfully submitted for Secretary,

Judie Cherry