

Christmas Lake Annual Association Meeting
Excelsior Elementary Auditorium
Tuesday - May 3rd, 2011
Called to order at 7:00 PM

- Joe Schneider was introduced as the new president of the association for the next 3 years. Gregg Elliott will be the secretary. Thanks to Ron Mason for his service the last 3 years and to Janice Mason for the great chocolate chip cookies!
- Jack Fess will leave the board and Bill Cole will take his place. We are still looking for at least one new board member, any volunteers? Thanks Jack for your many years of service.
- New residents present:
 - Tom and Sheila Hays (Bruno's former property)
 - Carol and Ian Friendly
- Christmas Lake History Book
 - Peter Brown gave a presentation detailing the content of the book and some historic stories meant to entice everyone to buy a copy of the book. Books will be released sometime this summer. Thanks to Maureen Bruce, Peter and Sherry Brown for spearheading this project. Sponsorships are still available with printed credits in the book.
- Boat Safety Courses will be offered two weekends in May dates still to be determined. Check the website tab for further details. Thanks to the the Peg and Dave Schultz for their continued support for this project and to Debbie Kelly for conducting the course and producing the DVD.
- Milfoil control procedures for the lake will remain the same as last year. The association will not sponsor harvesting or pulling so individual homeowners will need to make their own arrangements.
- Weevils Program (Bill Cole presented)
 - Pilot scale for this year sponsored by Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. There is no cost to the association.
 - These weevils are native to the lake but the project involves boosting their numbers by transplanting from Otter Lake into small pens on Christmas Lake.
 - Weevils are specific to milfoil and self regulate.
 - Adults eat milfoil and also lay eggs on top of plant. The eggs hatch and larvae burrow into plant killing the upper portion.
- Zebra Muscles (Joe Schneider presented)
 - Purpose: Prevent Zebra Muscles (ZM) from spreading to Christmas Lake from infested lakes. Minnetonka now has ZM.
 - DNR is sponsoring this project and funding some of the costs.
 - Controlled access was proposed where a 'home lake pass' and 'visitor pass' system would be started. Home lake boats for residents don't move from Christmas. Visitor pass are granted only

after inspection of their boat at the Lake Minnewashta DNR inspection station is completed.

- Needs include:
 - Final DNR approval
 - Boat access upgrades with signs, striping and gates
 - Staffing procedures and cost assessment
 - Define the rules and enforcement

- Christmas Lake assessment (Steve McComas, Blue Water Science presented)
 - Overall good water quality, second best in metro's 177 lakes
 - Low phosphorus, robust plant life, abundance of fish species, small watershed, 20+ feet of clarity
 - Endorsed weevil and Zebra muscle projects and answered many questions from the audience

- Treasurer's Report (Harley Feldman presented)
 - \$41,266 in account at the beginning of 2011
 - The dues for 2011 have been set at \$200. The most significant expenditures for 2011 are described below, and include: an investment to complete the Christmas Lake history book, continuing water quality consulting services from Steve McComas of Blue Water Science, and building a reserve for possible actions yet this year to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to Christmas Lake.

- 4th of July Theme will be "Famous Families". Further details of the 4th of July events will be forthcoming. Watch the website.

- The Memorial Day Fun Run will be held in memory of Dennis Jabs this year. A 9:00 start at the end of Christmas Lake Road as usual. Proceeds will go to the Multiple Myeloma Society.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

- Submitted by Gregg Elliott, Secretary.