

Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association
Board of Director's Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2008 – Miles Lord Law Office

Meeting brought to order at 7:10 pm by Harley Feldman

Attending: Dan Fields, Jack Fess, Steve Midthun, Greg Swirtz, Todd Novaczyk, Joe Shneider, Jon Joseph, Ron Mason, Miles Lord, and Harley Feldman. Ed Szalapski attended as ex-President and Guest Board Member.

The first order of business was to tally the ballots from the membership on what to do with future milfoil treatments. 74 ballots were received representing 51% of the association membership. Below is the tally of the ballots:

Ballot issue	Number votes	Percent of total votes
Do nothing	21	28%
Harvest as in previous years	25	34%
Harvest channels only	9	12%
Treat whole lake with fluridone	15	20%
North/West bay treatment w/triclopyr	7	10%
No herbicides without more evidence	17	23%
Never use herbicides	17	23%
Do more research	46	62%
Have another communication meeting	35	47%

The Board reached several conclusions looking at the ballot summary. First, the residents prefer less harvesting (Do nothing + Harvest channels only). Second, that the lake association should do more research on milfoil treatments. Third, that another communication meeting should provide an update on the milfoil situation and possible treatments.

Harley Feldman proposed that a technical advisory committee be formed to review the literature and other data about the use of herbicides to treat milfoil in lakes. The Board agreed to create a Technical Advisory Committee initially consisting of Ron Mason, Jon Joseph, Ed Szalapski, and Greg Elliott.

Dan Fields moved and Steve Midthun seconded the following motion:

“Whereas the CLHA wishes to limit the spread of EWM while affording the residents of the lake clear access to the deeper navigable waters; Be it resolved that the CLHA apply for a permit and a grant from the DNR to harvest EWM with 20 foot wide channels 150 feet from the homeowners shoreline in EWM infested bays and encourage homeowners to pull EWM out by the root for their own access to these channels. If the homeowners choose to cut EWM they should not travel with EWM across the lake to the public access but dispose of the milfoil on their own property using it as mulch as the MN Landscape

arboretum recommends. The CLHA wants to avoid spreading any EWM seedlings to any other parts of the lake.”

The vote was 2 votes for, 9 against. The motion failed.

Jack Fess moved and Ed Szalapski seconded the following motion:

“Christmas Lake will be mechanically harvested as has been done in prior years.”

The vote was 4 votes for, 7 against. The motion failed.

Dan Fields moved and Steve Midthun seconded the following motion:

“A motion is made to have the lake consider the use of a Clean-Flo Oxygenation Aeration System as a natural method for controlling milfoil and reducing muck accumulation in Christmas Lake. The Clean-Flo System is designed to enhance the lake's natural ability to control the nutrients milfoil needs to grow including Phosphorus, Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide and reduce muck through enhanced biological decomposition of organic sediment. Lake Savers/Clean-Flo will develop a design and quote for the Christmas Lake at no charge to the association.”

The vote was 10 votes for, 1 against. The motion carried.

Doug Punke moved and Ed Szalapski seconded the following motion:

“For the 2008 summer season, the milfoil management decisions will be left to the individual homeowner. The Board will strongly discourage the individual use of herbicides, will coordinate the availability of a mechanical harvesting company and will offer other thoughts of stewardship in a letter to the membership.”

The vote was 8 votes for, 3 against.

Harley Feldman has been unsuccessful in attempting to talk to Ann Ware about the Curry Creek problem of run-off into Christmas Lake. There is no progress to report on this subject.

There has been a vacancy on the Board. Two association members, Greg Elliott and Tom Kelly, have applied for the position. Jon Joseph agreed to resign from the Board leaving two openings to fill. Greg Elliot and Tom Kelly were elected to the Board.

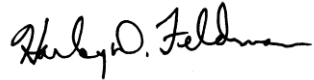
Dan Fields volunteered to put together the Winter Party next year.

A 2007 financial summary was presented to the Board by Doug Punke. The financial details will be presented at the annual meeting.

Since the current term of the executives of the Board has expired, the Board nominated and voted unanimously for the following new executives: Ron Mason, President; Joe Shneider, Secretary; Harley Feldman, Treasurer (interim). The new terms begin immediately.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harley D. Feldman".

Harley D. Feldman, Secretary