

**Christmas Lake Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 7, 2011**

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Attendees:	Bill Cole	Steve Midthun
	Ron Mason	Tom Kelly
	Todd Novacek	Harley Feldman
	Greg Swirtz	Joe Shneider
	Gregg Elliott	Dan Fields (remote)

1. The meeting of the Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association was called to order at 7:45 PM November 7, 2011. Joe Shneider, President lead the meeting.
2. The committee needs to complete the roster of lake residents' contact information. There are 70 contacts missing. The committee divided up the list and will report back before the next meeting.
3. Sherri West and friends did a great job on the Christmas Lake history book. \$19,999 revenues have been collected so far including donations. There are 50 books remaining in inventory. Original resolution approved \$13,500 advance for the project. With total costs of \$27,924.03, we are at \$8430.21 remaining so we're on budget to recover the advance. The kickoff event was nicely done. Overall there was positive feed back from everyone.
4. AIS (aquatic invasive species) update:
  - The gate is operational today.
  - Lake hours established are 6AM to 10PM. The arm is off for the winter returning in May.
  - CLH association outlay is \$18,145 so far.
  - All roads lead to the DNR for approval to establish gate use. DNR doesn't want to deal with Lake Associations in general so Watershed District is helping as a government entity. They do have the power to require inspection for AIS. DNR is afraid of getting sued so they plan to go to legislature to get a statute change to enable inspections. The process starts with the governor's office then to the legislature then to a bill. Timing would be May 2012?
  - Watershed District is very supportive and wants to use Christmas Lake as a pilot for AIS inspections. They will only act if a majority of surrounding cities support inspections.
  - What can Christmas Lake Association do? (see attached AIS planner) A motion for **Option C** was made by Tom Kelly and seconded by Harley Feldman, then approved by a vote.
5. Capital Campaign:
  - The board sees a need for a capital campaign to raise funds for AIS and other lake projects. A board member is needed to lead.
  - A PR firm was suggested to professionally coordinate the campaign.
  - Each board member gets 5 lake contacts to call to communicate.
  - Motion to establish campaign made by Harley Feldman and seconded by Dan Fields, approved by vote.
  - Motion to authorize Tom Kelly and Todd Novacek to craft a campaign message was made by Harley Feldman, seconded by Ron Mason and passed by a vote.

6. Board Composition:

- Board should optimally be at 11 members (including President, Secretary and Treasurer)
- We are currently at 12 members.
- Two new candidates, Kelly Hawk (water use MBA) and Todd Erickson (legal)
- Miles Lord, Todd Novacek and Ron Mason have volunteered to retire from board. Thank you all for your years of service and dedication to our association and guardians of this great lake.
- Motion to accept 3 resignations and add 2 new members was made by Tom Kelly and seconded by Harley Feldman, passed with a vote.

7. Open Forum:

- Dan Fields proposed a video presentation to be set up at landing to educate users about AIS.
- Vandalism alert due to several property damage incidents which include graffiti, tree cutting at multiple points around the lake.
- A proposal was made to start video monitoring the lake access area. Perhaps with a deer monitoring camera.
- A proposal was made to realign the gate pipe location at the new gate because it was too narrow for some vehicles. Joe Shneider will check it out further.
- The snowmobile used for grooming is tuned up and ready for the winter. Thanks to Steve Midthun for providing this service to residents! More funds may be needed next year to support this effort.

8. Motion to adjourn from Ron Mason and seconded by Todd Novacek. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregg Elliott, Secretary