

**LRIA Annual Meeting
April 27, 2015**

Call to order by President Bob Adomaitis

Speaker Leslie Stovring, City of EP

- Handout - stormwater rules update. The city was required to have new rules in place for projects with land disturbance of greater than or equal to 1 acre, that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale. The city's rules must meet or exceed State MPCA requirements. Going to EP City council with recommendations 2nd meeting in May.
- No wake rules- Now put in place for Riley, Staring, Bryant. If lake level gets above 100 yr flood elevation, no wake provisions will go into force. Will come off once the lake level is below that mark for 3 days.
- No wake signs will be posted at the boat landing and posted on website. We asked Leslie to please notify the LRIA to let us know if it goes into effect.
- Rebate program for EP Residents - Please remember that there are funds for rain gardens, shoreline gardens. For other projects as well. Chanhassen and Watershed District have certain rebate programs as well.
- AIS inspections - grant from Hennepin County, will have more staffing for inspections.

Weekends, and during the week, beginning middle of May until Labor Day weekend.
CORRECTION FROM LESLIE 4/28/15: I should have clarified last night about the No-Wake Ordinance. The ordinance went to City Council for first reading and it was approved to submit the information required to the DNR for review and approval. We are currently in the process of filling out all the required paperwork, I have hired Wenck to help with this. Once that is done the DNR has up to 90 days to review the information and approve or deny the request or request additional information. Once it is approved by the DNR it will go back to the City Council for second reading and adoption. So, it might be a while before it is actually in place.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept - seconded - approved

Introduction of new attendees.

Introduction of board.

Brief history of the LRIA.

The lake was 54 degrees today, with 25 ft of clarity.

Treasurer's Report from Shelly Manning

Balance as of 4-27-15		\$12,631.55
General fund	\$8,991.55	
Fish Stocking fund	\$3,640.00	
2014 Dollars Received:		\$2,885.00
Dues (71 members)	\$1,420.00	
Fish fund (39 members)	\$1,465.00	
2014 Expense Items		\$511.25
Fish Stocking	\$ 0.00	
Postage '14	\$ 98.00	
Envelope/Labels	\$ 57.41	
FedEx Copying	\$ 22.08	
Bank Stamp	\$ 24.95	

Meal for John Jaka	\$ 8.81
Meeting Room	\$ 0.00
SWMLC	\$300.00

Membership forms are available here tonight.

No fish stocking funds will be solicited this year until the fish committee has a chance to review our options.

Motion to accept treasurer's report- seconded - approved.

President's Report - State of the Lake from Bob Adomaitis

Recap of RPBCWD Rule-making

In the mid 2000s the Watershed Board decided to get out of the rule-making business. The City of EP and Chanhassen already have rules. When the watershed board changed, they exercised their right to make rules and pursued reinstatement. Last summer we became involved. Many of us came to meetings, gave our feedback. Many proposed rules were changed, reflecting citizen input. City of Chan and EP rules supersede watershed rules, and over the next couple of years will be deciding how to and whether adopt the new watershed rules. Due to our close collaboration, the Southwest Metro Lakes Coalition (SWMLC) was born during that time.

SWMLC - Southwest Metro Lakes Coalition (Red Rock Mitchell, Riley, Lotus, Lucy)

The group is now incorporated as a non-profit, with meetings every month. There is a \$300 annual membership fee, which our board voted to approve. Working on adopting bylaws. Want to be more proactive and continue the collaboration of lake associations in this district.

Proposed LRIA Outreach

There are 2 more lake associations that would be worth joining. Membership gives access to the information they provide.

Coalition of Lake Associations (www.mncola.org) - \$50/year

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (www.mnlakesandrivers.org) \$100- 150/yr

Motion to join the above groups - seconded - approved

RPBCWD Update: CAC

Bob Adomaitis and Laurie Hable are now on the watershed Citizen Action Committee

2 manager positions (1 Carver County, 1 Hennepin County) in 2015

If anyone interested in applying for a Watershed Board Manager position, please let us know.

Managers are appointed by the county commissioners

LRIA District Reps

Primary roles: encouraging membership, and keeping up on census of the households on the lake.

District 1 - John Bushey

District 2 - David Florenzano

District 3 - Dick Chadwick

District 4 - Mike Domke

District 5 - Eldon Berkland

Fish Fund.

There is \$3640 in the fund. Bob proposes we don't collect for fish stocking at this time until we learn more about whether we should continue. We still have questions for last year's fish committee. The perch we stocked have not had time to reach full size yet. This is a better lake for perch than walleye - they should reproduce. Want fish committee to reach some kind of recommendation for the future of fish stocking. Should also contact Peter Sorenson and Przemek (U. of M.) with questions. Greg Hastings will chair.

**Daryl Ellison, West Metro Area Fisheries, Shakopee 952-496-4141 x222,
-daryl.ellison@state.mn.us**

**LT. Jackie Glaser, District 13 West Metro Supervisor, MN DNR Division of
Enforcement, 612-559-8750, -jacqueline.glaser@state.mn.us**

Illegal spearing. Some evidence of illegal spearing during the winter. Can the fish committee form a way to stop it with DNR? Have the discussion now, before ice fishing season. Can we use some of our money to augment enforcement? Budget cuts prevent the DNR from doing as much enforcement as we'd like, plus laws for spearing are getting more permissive. Would signage help at boat launch? Important to develop relationships to work on this problem.

Website

Anne is working on a website.

Social Events

July 4 Boat Parade - Beth will get the fire department to come with the fire boat. As always, will start at 12 noon in the bay. Will be starting a traveling trophy for boat decoration!

Additional social events/ picnic? Volunteers to organize - September might be a good time. Jeanne, Laurie, Joan, and Beth will organize.

Stand up paddle board group?

Any paddle boarding information can be put in the June LRIA newsletter.

Member Open Forum

There were no items brought up.

Guest Speakers:

Claire Bleser, Administrator, RPDCWD

- Several projects planned for Lake Riley. (handouts: Annual Communication, Water Quality Report for Lake Riley)
- Water quality project for Lake Lucy - headwaters of the chain.
- Lake Susan will be doing a curly leaf pondweed treatment, and spent lime treatment, and the district will be working to capture water and clean it on Lake Susan pond.
- Rice Marsh Lake aeration system: Rice Marsh is key in keeping the carp in check in the whole chain of lakes. Will continue to monitor to make sure we don't re-develop a carp problem.
- Lake Riley - Curly leaf pondweed treatment will be **this Wednesday, April 29**. Milfoil treatment is also in store this year (probably beginning of June.)
- The district has metal plates available to monitor for zebra mussels (to try to detect any population that might become established.) There are more available if you're willing to help out with a plate by your dock. The district is putting out water level sensors - same as last year. They're also looking at phosphorus in sediment of Riley, to figure out alum possibility for this fall, with possible follow-up treatment next fall. The treatment could work for 20 - 25 years, but the correct dose is critical. The district is trying to determine how much alum would be necessary, and then will be looking at the feasibility again. The district will continue to look at what to do to attain better water quality.
- District is spending \$25,000 to contribute to AIS inspection.
- Looking at creeks for erosion, water quality etc. to prioritize creek restoration projects. In June the district will sponsor a workshop on shoreline maintenance: when some years we have high water levels, and some years low water levels - how to best manage your shoreline?

Question: If the district is spraying for curly leaf and milfoil, what should we do for our own weed spraying? Claire: Specific areas will be treated (about 16 acres.) In June the district will go back and look at concentrations of milfoil, and may be treating some of the same areas again.

Question: Should lake owners still not treat themselves? Answer: You may be duplicating efforts if the district is treating near you for milfoil. They would encourage us not to treat; not to put

more chemicals in the lake. Lake Restoration will be doing the watershed district treatments, and Claire doesn't know if they will also issue permits to residents to treat their shoreline, depending on where they will be treating for the district.

Question: Was last year's curly leaf treatment successful? Answer: Susan was more successful than Riley last year. So many factors, not sure why. Was more successful for us 2 years ago. We can check on the watershed district website rpbcwd.org towards the bottom, under "NEWS" - check the links for lake treatments. Curly leaf pondweed is growing now, milfoil has started to grow, and filamentous algae has also begun to grow.

- You are all invited to an Evening with the Watershed May 7, 7 p.m. at the Chanhassen American Legion. There will be 3 speakers: Carver County Groundwater Initiative - Paul Moline. Master Water Stewards Program - Peggy Knapp. Creek Restoration Prioritization - Josh Maxwell.

Speakers from Lets Go Fishing!

Let's Go Fishing has been in existence for 13 years - has taken out 130,000 guests. It is a volunteer organization that brings nature and healing to seniors, veterans and youth. All rides are complimentary to the guests. They go out Monday - Thursdays, sometimes 3 trips/day. All fishing is catch and release. Love doing outings on Lake Riley and thanked us so much for welcoming them to our lake. The seniors who get the chance to get out on the lake have so much gratitude about getting out. Have brought an introduction to lakes and fishing to many children, also. Always looking for volunteers. Contact them for training 612-743-9989 or go to lgfedenprairie.com. And wave to them when you see them!

Motion to donate \$500 to lets go fishing - seconded - approved.

Adjourned at 8:54 p.m.