



**Big Pine Lake Association (BPLA) Annual Meeting
August 20, 2012 at 10:00 am
Crosslake Community Picnic Shelter**

We ate first before our speakers arrived. Our guest speakers were Ron and Michelle Duy and their business is Central Minnesota Aquatics, Inc. He has been licensed applicator since 1985.

Ron gave us some information on Eurasian watermilfoil and zebra mussels. In 1987 Lake Minnetonka noticed milfoil problems and the means of spreading are – live wells, bait buckets, trailers, anchors, boats and water birds. One tiny node (single stem segment) can transport easily. The best means of stopping milfoil is be observant and treat early if found.

Zebra Mussels start as tiny larva that float, they attach to a hard surface. A single larva can survive in one drop of water. They lay a million eggs a year. It takes 120 degrees of steam washing to kill the larva which the DNR recommends.

Ron told us about his company – He comes out twice a year usually 3rd week of June and the third week of July when the seeds germinate and applies organic herbicides. After the treatment 99% of the plants decay or decompose. Ron provides the permit and sends out information in January so permits are ready to go since it takes a while for the DNR to process and the permits are required annually. This permit is also for application for swimmers itch and algae. Swimmers itch is a parasite which comes from snails, which migrate. This is a free swimming – free flowing parasite. The best thing to do is to towel off within a half of an hour out of the water. People have trouble also with muck. The best thing is to keep activity (motion of water) around the area. He has done experiments with bacteria to clean up the muck and it did work in this situation.

Terri Rammer (secretary) read the minutes from 2010

Jean Jackson - 1st motioned

Marrion - 2nd motioned

Dave Rudberg (treasurer) read the treasurers report - beginning balance for 2011 \$5,246.97 the expenses were \$10,394.68. Some of the expenses were \$250.00 DNR permit and \$50.00 to the City of Crosslake for the updated name sign. The income was \$10,434.03 as of 8-20-11 the balance is \$5,286.32. Dave also heard many complimentary comments on the Big Pine Lake sign.

Carol Veeninga - 1st motioned

Pam O'Brien - 2nd motioned

Old Business

Mosquito Spraying - Wet Spring. Lot of people not happy especially Maggie Mortenson when they found out they were not getting sprayed but their neighbors were instead sprayed twice. It is straightened out now and Clarke made it right for them. Comments – good job

There is a company (Mosquito Squad) that has a franchise in the area, Nancy will check into it and see how competitive they are to Clarke. They use the same chemical but do not spray as often. Clarke has kept the same pricing for the 4 or 5th year straight; Nancy thought that was pretty good during the economic challenges.

See Richard Rammer if you want your name on the sign, the cost is \$15.00. If you should move let us know and we will take it down for you and you can take it with you, since you paid for it. We will make sure that the names are rearranged so there are no big gaps like Horseshoe Lake. Someone from the north side of the lake asked if they can get their name on it. If you want it on there just see Richard.

Old Business – Questions? None at this time

New Business

Speeding on Big Pine Trail - Yes, there is a problem but the guilty parties don't come to the meetings. The police do want to know, so call them.

Trash at the dam – We took the smashed garbage can away last year and it seemed that everyone was picking up their trash until a new can appeared at the dam this year with no liner in it and no one is emptying it. It is a mess! Nancy e-mailed County Eng. Tim Bray about our problem. Bray is on military leave for a year, so the response was from acting Engineer Rob Hall. His response was that the property is owned by the State not the County. Rob Hall copied Paul Thiede and Tim Houle on the e-mail. Hall questioned where is the garbage being left and said he didn't want to be nit-picky and draw lines in the sand but he didn't want to create a situation and have our highway maintenance personnel picking up garbage. County owns it and the lake association is responsible for the maintenance. If the garbage is being left along the shoreline and the property (in general the 50 acres west) belongs to the state of MN. Other words it's not our problem.

Question is should we remove the garbage can? Unanimously YES! Also getting in contact with the police and letting them know. Any idea who left the can down there? It might have been the canoe/kayak business. We can stop and ask them if they did. There are signs down there NO DUMPING that Steve Rozek put up years ago.

Any idea for speakers for next years meeting? John suggested maybe getting the DNR speak about boat safety and other things. Shoreline restoration. Did everybody like having a speaker, any other topic and there is a husband/wife team DNR. Questions.... No leash law in the City of Crosslake, control of your dog city ordinance.

Trimming a tree without a permit

Pam stray dogs – call the police. More calls to the police the better on stray dogs

Carol V. Hwy 3 turn lane. \$\$\$ 2012 County & City have to coordinate

Fish Report – How did the stocking do? How are the (fish) the crappies doing? People have seen more crappies. Stocked 3-4 years ago. Worth doing again. We need to get a permit. If anyone would be interested in supporting this again, see Steve and it's not that expensive and you can do it every year. A gentleman was transferring crappies to our lake from another that lives here; he thought he was doing us a favor. It is against the law and that's a good way to transfer unwanted plants and diseases to our lake

Another question was, has anybody asked the DNR about the ice racing, does it disturb the fish???

Probably not. How did they come to use our lake?? The races were moved from Trout Lake to Lake Mille Lacs, but some of the local people wanted to keep the racing up here and our lake seemed best suited for this. Nancy received numerous phones calls about the races and she investigated it. She found out they have to get a permit from the sheriff. They have to use special fluids and limited amount of gas, they have to provide portable toilets and garbage cans and all permits were filed. Jon and Dave went down to check the track and it was left in pristine state, could not even find a cigarette butt, no pop cans. They run 3 hours one day a week. It brings business to the Cedar Chest, anything to help the economy.

Steve Rozek brought up about the dirt bike course and they are out there for hours and it is very noisy during the weekends. Is there a noise ordinance, maybe they could do it during the week?

The car/ boat with the bright lights at 10:30p.m.at night. It might be an amphibious car and they are spearing carp (red horse).

Elections of officers – This year up for re-election there are 3 people Nancy, Jon, and Terri. The other 3 board members are up for re-election next year. We have shown an interest of staying on. No one would like to run for any of these.

Tom Veeninga - 1st motioned

Carol Veeninga - 2nd motioned

Meeting adjourn 12:13pm