



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
LAKES ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

Douglas County Public Works Building

Speaker: Alex Letvin; DNR Glenwood Fisheries Supervisor. Letvin explained the Fishery staff are kept busy all seasons. Chief among duties are; Raising and stocking walleye fry and fingerlings, surveys of fish population in four counties, commercial fish stocking permits, habitat restoration, easement management and public outreach. Interested persons may request DNR newsletter, Fish Outlook publication and Lake survey results. To be on the mailing list or FMI: Google Glenwood DNR Fisheries

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Henry at 4:00 pm.

Attendees: Steve Henry-LHD, Gene Rose-Miltona, Mike Kittler-Irene, Dian Lopez-Ida, Andy Lopez-Ida, Rod Johnson-Lobster, Kevin Weisel-Lobster, Hardy Heuttl-Lobster, John Richards-CTSU, Linda Dokken-McFann-Mary, Vesla Hoeschen-LHD, Bruce Luehnemann-Latoka, Chad Swanson-Latoka, Graig Glieden-Latoka, Carol Weber-Brown-LHD, Jessica Albertson-DCSWCD, Barbara Benson-CTSU

Agenda: Rose/Weber-Brown motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Passed

Secretaries Report:

Minutes were approved following the June 8 meeting by the DCLA Executive Council. Rose/Kettler motion to accept the minutes. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report: Weber-Brown. 13 of the 23 current member lake associations have returned their membership and water testing payments. See attached Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

- **Water Quality Legacy Fund:** DCWQLF will have an Advisory Committee meeting July 10. Attached is an updated summary of the fund projects.
- **DCSWCD: Report was emailed on July 11, 2022.** Albertsen needs 75 more volunteers for the Youth Outdoor Activity Day scheduled for August 28, 10am-4pm This free event with 45 activities for kids and includes lunch is held at the Alexandria Shooting Park. Contact the DCSWCD to volunteer. FMI Contact: dean.krebs@anteagroup.com **Motion:** made by Dokken-McFann/R.Johnson for DCLA to donate \$500 to Youth Outdoor Activity Day. **Motion Passed**
- **DCLA: Report was emailed on July 11.** Justin Swart needs volunteers for training and conducting the August 20 survey of area lakes for starry stoneware and other invasive species. Contact Swart at DCLR office; JustinS@co.douglas.mn.us
- **Fisheries/walleye stocking:** Johnson reported he has sent communication to 23 lake association contacts that participate in fish stocking on their lakes. He reported conversations with 13 members who responded. His intention is to have a gathering of those interested in sharing information regarding methods and success of the fish stocking effort. FMI: Contact Johnson at <lobsterrod67@gmail.com>

- **Website:** Rose reported on efforts to update the DCLA website. Members of the DCLA will be surveyed regarding use of the site. Cybersprout is currently hosting the website.
- **One Water Shed One Plan:** Comments on the proposed Long Prairie River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan must be submitted no later than July 19, 2022. Comments and questions can be submitted to adam.ossefoort@co.todd.mn.us The plan can be found at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us/documents/2022/05/60-day-review-lp-water-plan.pdf/>
- **Communication:** Next DCLA/Legacy of the Lakes Museum **Water Talks:** Value of Water in Communities to be held, Monday, August 8, 5-7pm on Free

Old Business:

- **Stream Testing:** Johnson coordinated the flow rate testing that occurred at six sites. DCLA will use the flow rate information to calculate the phosphorus load when RMBLab's report on the Water Quality tests performed at the sites are available. DCLA has since purchased equipment and provided training for those continuing a monthly test of flow rate and WQ tests at the six testing sites: Lobster Lake at Mill Lake inlet, Lake Mary at Little Mary outlet, Lake Le'Homme Dieu South and #1 storm water, Latoka outlet and Nelson Lake inlet, Union at CR22 culvert inlet, Lake Victoria at Lake Jessie inlet and Lake Bergen inlet.
- **Nominating Committee:** No members volunteered for the nominating committee. The Executive Board seeks nominations for the position of DCLA President.

New Business:

- **We are Water MN:** The We Are Water MN exhibit will be on display at the Legacy of the Lakes museum through-August 15. The exhibit tells the story of Minnesota's water, state wide and locally, with the aim to strengthen our relationships with and responsibilities to water. The museum is offering free admission on Tuesday nights from 5:00-7:00 PM.
- **Shoreline Restoration and Management Class,** August 9, 5:15-6:15pm \$8, Reg: Community Ed. This in-person course at the Legacy of the Lakes Museum Boathouse, learn how to improve water quality, reduce erosion and beautify your property using native plants, simple installation techniques and smart planning for easier long-term maintenance. Class is taught by Adam Hjelm, the Education Coordinator for Sauk River Watershed District. There will be a wide variety of information and brochures for participants, as well as several gift packages given as door prizes.
- **University of MN** Henry learned of a request for funding from Lake Associations for a UMN study of the effect of wake boat prop wash on our lakes. **Motion:** made by Dokken-McFann / Weber-Brown for DCLA Executive Council to research and determine a DCLA donation of up to \$500 to the *UMN Prop Thrust Study*. **Motion Passed**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Benson, DCLA Secretary

Minutes are a draft until approved by the Executive Council.