



DCLA Board Meeting

August 10, 2022

Douglas County Public Works Bldg.

Speaker: Daryl Gohl, a MAISRC and UM Genomics Center researcher, discussed the current state of Zebra Mussel Gnome technology. He stated that they have identified the ZM Gnome sequencing. Now they are tackling how to identify weaknesses and exploit those weaknesses. A double-stranded RNA is showing promise, possibly as a way to kill zebra mussels.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Henry at 5:00 pm.

Attendees:

See list.

Agenda:

Rose/Quitmeyer motion to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed.**

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were approved following the August 3 meeting by the DCLA Executive Council. Johnson/Rose motion to accept the minutes, with a correction regarding that stream flow testing will NOT be continued on Lake Lobster nor on Lake Mary. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was approved following the August 3 meeting by the DCLA Executive Council. Swanson/Kettler motion to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion passed.** Weber-Brown mentioned that reminders will be sent to unpaid members.

Committee Reports:

Water Quality Legacy Fund: Rose reported that they will be going to the DC Commissioners to ask for more funding, in the amount of \$50000. Henry added that some of the projects that were previously approved for match are now coming in much higher with actual cost, therefore a higher match is required.

Website: Rose reported that he, along with Barbara Benson and Jackie Bloom Hogshire have formed a committee which is trying to improve the website. A survey asked members about desired changes to the current website, and how often, if ever, they use it. Members commented that --
~ it was critical that the information on the website was always up to date and accurate, or people would stop using it,
~ links to other sites, like DNR, are extremely useful, and
~ requested if minutes could include both Executive Council and the Full Board minutes.

DCSWCD: Full report will be emailed on 8/11/22. Jessica's highlights included that
~ the 2023 Clean Water Legacy Fund application period is open, and SWCD will be applying for the Stowe Lake area, no further details at this point. Deadline to submit grant is August 22, and
~ cooler pick up – please grab the proper cooler for stream sampling, these will be clearly labeled.

DCLR: Justin Swart reported:

~ Starry Trek is on Saturday, 8/20

~ AIS treatment update includes Grant Lake for Flowering Rush, Lakes LeHommeDieu and Geneva for Eurasian Milfoil, Lake Victoria – tbd, Lake Carlos found no AIS.

Membership: Quitmeyer reported no success in new member calls.

Fisheries/walleye: Johnson said he will get his committee meeting starting this fall.

Communication: Henry stated that he will continue to handle the communications once he is no longer president. This month, Water Talks hosted Peg Furshong of CURE, who presented at the Legacy of Lakes on August 8. Also, Open Line is August 11 at 9am and will feature Daryl Gohl from the UM Genomics Center.

Old Business:

Stream Water Testing Rod Johnson reported that RMB Labs has been very slow in getting us the results. Steve Henry said they had expanded their service area, and were overwhelmed with the work load. Henry stated that he wants to keep involved in this area as he is very passionate about the importance of stream flow testing.

U of M Prop Thrust Funding Henry stated he felt it was a worthwhile investment. Discussion took place regarding large motors, wake board boats and pontoons.

Nominating Committee Henry and Rose stated that we are looking for nominations for President and Vice President, and they felt it was a great advantage to find two people who work well together as a team. Rose would consider moving from VP to President for a one-year term, but felt it would be better to elect both new officers. Treasurer and Secretary are willing to continue for one more year, but would welcome nominations for those as well. Get nominations to the Executive Council.

Annual Meeting Monday, September 19 at 5:00. Social hour first, then official meeting. Must finish by 6:30 to set up for the Water Talks at 7:00.

New Business:

These agenda items were discussed under Communications above.

Henry asked for any reports from lakes. Mike Kettler from Lake Irene reported that the Curly Pond Leaf treatment that they have been doing for two years (in a five year plan) has reduced Curly Pond Leaf from 72% to 14%.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Weber-Brown, DCLA Treasurer

Draft of Minutes: to be approved 9/6/22 by the DCLA Executive Council.