

General Meeting July 8, 2006

Mike Rancour called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 A.M.

Board members in attendance were Mike Rancour, Mike Flynn, Loyal Meech, Arnie Berg, Kathy Royce, and Bob Mattson, Absent were George Chuba and Paul Dorweiler. Attendance was 42.

New members Jeff and Lindsay Balmer were introduced

Arnie Berg gave the treasurer's report which was approved:

GENERAL FUND \$1,482.49

EMERGENCY FUND \$3,461.56

WALTER ISRAEL FUND \$3,522.94

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report.

Loyal Meech read the minutes of the September 10, 2005 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as read.

The Association is looking for new board members for the September election of officers:

Co-chair on Goodrich: Mike Rancour is willing to run again.

Treasurer: Arnie Berg has decided not to run, Dan Radunz volunteered.

Board Member O'Brien: George Chuba will be asked if he is willing to run again

Potluck for Saturday, September 2, 2006

Congratulations was extended to Julie Middlestadt for best dish for the last two years. Julie shared her recipes which we will post on the Web site

Members whose last name begins with: A – G should bring a dessert

H – Q should bring a hot or cold entrée

R – Z should bring a salad

A discussion on guest speakers ensued:

Today Alden Hardwick on the new Crosslake Library.

At the September 2nd meeting a request will be made for the highest ranking DNR official available to discuss the Shoreline Management Act. The DNR is considering recommending it for Crow Wing and Cass counties and possibly part of Hubbard and Morrison

Water Testing

Marty Peterson on O'Brien June water clarity 21.5 feet

Miles Johnson on Goodrich June water clarity 16 to 16.5 feet

Paul Kruger on O'Brien will go next month with Marty and Arnie to test

Fish Stocking

The Association will sponsor the stocking of walleye finger lengths this year. We are still taking donations to the Walter Israel Fund. Doug Svihel has coordinated this event in the past and has volunteered again this year.

O'Brien Boat Launch site

There were 10 – 13 boats launched at the old site this spring. The board will approach Fairfield Township about opening the old site without an officer present as recommended by the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department. The tentative date is Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 noon. As many as possible should attend the Tuesday, August 1, 2006 Fairfield Town Board Meeting to support this effort. The meeting starts at 6:00 P.M. The status of a new boat launch was discussed. Bryon Schwartz of the DNR

informed us that the current offer from a private party to sell land to the DNR has been withdrawn. Several other private citizens have expressed an interest in selling to the DNR. The DNR is again looking at the State Trust Land. Paul Krueger and Mary Peterson have received a letter from the DNR about selling land.

Stocking the lakes with walleyes

There was a discussion about why the DNR was unwilling to stock the lakes.

Water quality for our lakes

We have been approached by the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) to join with them in a study concerning exotic weed species and zebra mussels which are invading the area lakes. WAPOA would fund the first year and then our Association would take over financial responsibility. Estimated costs are \$500 to \$600 for the second year and would include two sessions on both lakes. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimous approval given for the board to use money from the Emergency Fund to pursue this issue.

New Business:

Marv Souba discussed a problem with the use of the sand bar on Lake O'Brien. The owners of the property near the sand bar claim to have an order from the Brainerd Sheriff's Department limiting the use of the lake extending fifty (50) feet from the shoreline. The Boy Scouts were asked to leave the area just last week. It was suggested that the property owners be ignored until documentation which substantiates the claim is researched and provided.

Miles Johnson suggested that members of the Association combine to participate in a Garage Sale on August 11th and 12th Information should be provided by July 22nd so the add can be placed in local newspapers. A flyer was distributed with information on who to contact if interested.

Guest Speaker

Alden Hardwick presented the dream of seven (7) years ago to build a library in Crosslake. In two (2) days the City Counsel will be presented a building proposal by Norson. If approved, the library will become a reality in the next six (6) months. The effort has been accomplished with all volunteers and \$430,000 has been raised. The committee has already gathered 8,000 donated books but is still looking for more. There will be a book sale on August 11th – 13th at the Community Center. Volunteers are needed to help cover the books. Contact Mary Hardwick 692-4476. All donations are tax deductible. Hennepin County has donated eight (8) computers. V The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Loyal Meech