

Prairie Lake Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes May 26, 2013

Fine Lakes Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 1:35PM by President, Merritt Linzie. Attendance was about 30.

The Officers & Directors were introduced. The Minutes of the September 2, 2012 meeting will be posted on the association web site, <http://www.prairelake.org>.

Treasurer, Sandy Fontaine reported the financial status since 8/30/2012; attached. Income of \$533 and expenses of \$517 resulted in a balance of \$3727.65. Membership to date is 65. Big Sandy Area Lakes Watershed did not have any funds to pay for this spring newsletter, about \$180.

M/S/P The Treasures report was accepted, attached.

M/S/P Donate \$25 to the Department of Natural Resources, Non-game Wildlife Fund to support loon monitoring programs.

M/S/P Renew the Certificate of Deposit, \$2720.30 for a 1 year term.

Scott Moncur placed 7 buoys. So far there has been no response to the newsletter request for a lake shore owner to place, remove and maintain the buoys. Further discussion indicated a need for two or more buoys. It was suggested that the buoy issue be further discussed at the Labor Day weekend meeting. Possibly the buoys could be managed by a small group of lake shore volunteers.

Ken Hallberg reported there is one egg in his loon nest.

Ken also reported that Prairie Lake water clarity has improved from 2-2.5 feet in 2012 to 4.5 feet in May 2013. May 17, 2013 testing indicated phosphorus levels of 44 ppb and chlorophyll-a level of 7. Ken displayed charts of past testing results for clarity, phosphorus and chlorophyll-a. Hasty Brook inlet and Prairie River outlet (7 miles downstream) both had clarity levels approaching or exceeding 100cm.

M/S/P Prairie Lake Improvement Association will pay for the laboratory cost for 5 lake test samples (including the May 17, 2013 test) estimated at \$180.

Kelli Rae Theiss will monitor and report lake water levels that was previously done by Roger Hill.

It was reported that St. Louis County, environmental office does not have the staff or budget to review existing waste water systems.

There was some disagreement about the adequacy of roadway culvert sizes.

It was reported that 40 acres abutting the west shore of Prairie Lake has been transferred to an heir. About 20 acres north of Prairie River probably will be held and about 20 acres south of the river may be sold.

The Prairie Lake Directory indicated 6 ownership changes, 2 family transfers and one new building. Volunteered e-mail addresses will be included in the directory next year.

The association contributed \$100 to Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates in February 2013.

M/S/P Re-elect President, Merritt Linzie, Treasurer, Sandy Fontaine and Secretary, Bob Sanft for 1 year terms.

M/S/P Elect Richard Collman to a 3 year term as Director.

M/S/P Elect Scott Moncur as the Vice President for a 1 year term.

M/S/P Adjorn, 3:10PM

Next meeting; September 1, 2013, 1:30PM, Fine Lakes Town Hall.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Merritt Linzie".

Merritt Linzie, Acting Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT
 Prairie Lake Improvement Association
 May 24, 2013

Previous balance (8-30-12):			3,712.34
Income:			
Dues		515.00	
Dividends		18.18	
	Total		<u>533.18</u>
Total funds:			4,245.52
Expenses:			
Merritt Linzie (sign posts, printing, & mailing)		245.87	
Era Laboratories (water testing)		72.00	
Eric Collman (removal of buoys)		100.00	
MN Lakes & Rivers (membership)		100.00	
	Total		517.87
Current balance (5-24-13):			
Checking Account		981.45	
Certificate of Deposit		2,720.30	
Membership Share		25.90	
	Total		3,727.65

Notes:

1. Certificate of Deposit: Issued 6-20-12; term of one year; annual yield of 0.85%.
2. Membership: 2012---65 units; 2013 ---44 units (so far).