

# 2017 LLIA Annual Meeting Minutes

## 4/18/2017

### Status of Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and Funding – Rich and Caroline Beckman

Rich – Rich and Caroline Beckman spearheaded funding initiatives that with support from the City Mayor, Val Johnson. Rich introduces Mayor, Val Johnson:

Mayor Johnson communicated that we have the City's support to control AIS and they agreed to \$15K grant for one year to assist with mitigation. The lake is the jurisdiction of the County and they own half the lake, so hoping to see them contribute. She encouraged us to continue to voice our concerns with the County. Mayor Johnson was able to work with county representatives to get a meeting with the Legacy Amendment through the House of Reps. City council members don't want milfoil to take over Long Lake on their watch. Senator Carrie Laine also helped to get Mayor Johnson in front of the senate where the Mayor presented to them multiple times. Mayor Johnson introduced Representative Connie Bernardy who was in attendance and helped get us in front of the House of Representatives.

Representative Connie Bernardy – Voiced her support of protecting Long Lake and spoke about legislation that she is pushing for to help with mitigation. She's also working with the City to see what grant options are available. Connie has authored a bill requesting \$900K to address remediation on the state's lakes.

Mayor Val Johnson recommended calling County and DNR. From a county standpoint, they can put money in eradication, but not remediation. In the park, they are removing invasives and restoring it with oak savannah. All clearing has been done. They're doing prescribed burns now and will be replanting it with native species.

Rich – There are lots of moving parts and it's been an education. It's more about who you know than what you know and it took a lot of networking to get in front of the right people. It took a lot of time and commitment to get them to fund the \$15K.

Rich on the Weed Remediation:

- We have selected a company, Lake Restoration.
- We're working with RCWD to get a revised weed map made. The map will be provided to Lake Restoration for permitting request with the MN DNR.
- Lake Restoration will be in contact with lakeshore owners regarding permits this spring. The Chemical is for 2,4-D which is used for dandelions.

Mary Jo McGuire (Ramsey county commissioner) - Voiced support and appreciation from LLIA going after weed remediation. Expressed that better communication can be provided in the future to the City about clear cutting in the park. Question: Would you start charging a usage fee that could be used for resource needs, such as AIS. There is a charge for Pavilion rental.

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### Lake Monitoring and Safety:

- We'll continue with the same funding and coverage as prior years
- NO WAKE on Sat/Sun/Holidays before noon and after 6:00 PM
- Something to report? Call Ramsey County Non Emergency line at 651-767-0640
- Noise (loud music) from boats.
- Lake rules are posted on our website

### Website Update – John Broghammer:

#### 1. Public Facing Site

- We have a site: [lianewbrighton.org](http://lianewbrighton.org) or you should be able to easily find us on google.
- Thanks to the 25% of lake owners registered at this point. All we've done is send a communication via the email distribution groups and word of mouth. No door knocking at this point.
- It's easy to register – you can even do it on your phone
- This is the first release of the site and it will continue to evolve. Please share any ideas or otherwise to the [lianewbrighton@gmail.com](mailto:lianewbrighton@gmail.com), which is our primary email for the association.

From a website presence, this helps us communicate news and information to members and general public. It also helps us look like a legit operation when we're asking the City and County to partner with us on management of invasive species.

#### 2. Member Management Capabilities – Member Management System powered by a software product called Wild Apricot that we pay a monthly fee to use.

- Member Enablement
  - The site allows owners to self register – no more placing your email address in a spreadsheet.
  - Allows contributions annually from your registration date
    - This can be done electronically via credit card (90% of owners have chosen this), which are deposited into our checking account.
    - Or you can request to be invoiced and send a check manually.
    - Reminders are annual sent automatically through the site.
  - There's a forum that you can contribute to with topics – it's better to create a forum topic rather than emails because it's then searchable and available to other owners.
- Member Engagement
  - Right now we focus on lake owners, but what about Easement Owners that also have a stake in the lake? With that, we've made an easement holder membership.
  - Broader community, such as Sportmens club, Rice Creek Canoe Club, or general citizens that use the lake?
- Operational efficiency
  - Email blasts & event notifications to registered users. Please RSVP.
  - No more manual invoices sent, manual collection of checks reduced

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- Automatic reminders are sent to owners regarding their annual contributions
  - Member management tools – Reports on who has contributed and where they want their funds to go.
3. Next steps: 20 of Lake Owners isn't where we want to be.
- Once we have our weed control direction, we'll begin a door knocking campaign to contact every lake and easement holder. I have four people that have volunteered to assist with this in each neighborhood. Leon requested that we bring the rules of the lake when we do that.
  - Once we inform members of the site and need to register, we can retire distributions lists and send communications to those registered. Thanks for your patience if receiving multiple emails on the same topic.

### **Discussion of possibly setting up a Board of Directors**

We'll get the Articles of Incorporation posted on the site and will distribute an email with the info and desire to form a Board of Directors.

### **Recommended annual dues increase to \$100**

We had no pushback on this at the meeting

### **Date for Clean Up Day**

This will likely be late May. We'll setup the event and notify everyone.

### **Financials Review**

LLIA Checking Account balance was reviewed.

### **Summer Lake Party**

Is anyone interested in volunteering for this? Dates? Ideas?

### **Other topics:**

- Carp – Poor ice and torn nets resulted in no carp being caught. RCWD is looking at carp abatement on upper Rice Creek.
- Salt – The following article was discussed: [Star Tribune: Rising salt levels threaten Twin Cities lakes by 2050](#). Rich communicated that a test a few years ago found that 75% of lake nutrients are from road salt.
- New, updated signs will be going in at the boat launch