

## Big Chip Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2010

President Sara Wolf called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were Frank Starke, Wayne Carstens, Dick Gulbranson, Jen Lanners, Joe Beste and Cheryl Pennington.

Old Business: The Board discussed updating the Lake Association Directory. It was decided that most lake owners would like a printed copy. 8 lake shore owners from varied locations on the lake have been asked to update names, addresses and phone numbers of their neighbors. Cheryl will contact them and ask that the information be turned in to Sara by the end of August. A motion was made and seconded that Sara contact Karen Otto, Jeanne Gillespie and Marilyn Nelson, who've worked on the Directory previously, to help with the Directory project. Motion passed unanimously. Bonnie Petty may have the previous information on a computer chip. A motion was made and passed that the Directories will not be mailed due to postage costs. If completed this fall, it will be made available at the next Annual Meeting and possibly through neighborhood contacts.

The Annual Meeting of 6/12/10 was reviewed. Suggestions were made to get more people to attend and become involved in the Lake Association. It was moved and seconded that Jen will check with Woods about possibly holding the Lake Association meeting at the Westwood Beach Resort next year. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about the costs the Association will incur for the Directory, improved communication with members and future costs (including worm spraying). Ideas from other Lake Associations were described. A motion was made and seconded that Joe will contact several businesses to see if they would be interested in advertising on Big Chip Lake's website and to research possible revenue through advertising fees. The motion was passed unanimously. Joe will contact Paul Maack about printing costs.

The Board discussed worm spraying. Spraying for tent caterpillars costs approximately \$4,000.00 per year. The history of previous years' spraying was reviewed. Because the Benson Air bill was overdue and there wasn't enough money in the general fund to pay for the 2009 worm spraying, money from the fish stocking fund was temporarily used to cover the check. It was replaced as soon as money from annual dues came in. This transfer of money was done out of necessity and the Board discussed ways to keep the Lake Association solvent in the future.

Frank showed the contract from Benson Air, which can be renewed annually. They like to do the spraying by June 1<sup>st</sup> and would prefer to make one trip to Big Chip (done prior to 2010) rather than be contracted by different neighborhood groups, which was done this year. Wayne Carstens clarified information that each lake shore owner got 1 acre of land

sprayed for \$36.00, which was to be paid in addition to annual dues. One problem is that many shore owners don't pay for worm spraying and the plane cannot target individual properties. Nearby property owners have not been included in the spraying, but can pay extra and be included in the spraying. The issue of liability for chemical spraying of worms and spraying property without permission was discussed.

After a lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded that for 2011, the Lake Association will not contract for tent worm spraying and leave it up to individual areas to organize and spray. Future worm spraying can be arranged through Benson Air (320) 843-4300.

New Business: A recent newspaper article was cited describing recent issues with Minnesota Counties approving lake shore variances. There was a brief discussion of agricultural run off. The current financial status of the Big Chip Lake Association is on our website: [www.chippewalake.org](http://www.chippewalake.org) As of August 15, 2010 there are 78 paid members out of a possible 168 membership. .

The following people were nominated and voted unanimously to serve as officers for 2010-2011:

President: Jen Lanners

Vice President: Wayne Carstens

Treasurer: Sara Wolf

Secretary: Cheryl Pennington

Cheryl will contact the Minnesota Secretary of State to update information and continue our non-profit corporation status with the State. Dick described County meetings that he attends. They are informational on topics such as septic systems and zebra mussels. Wayne will start the application process for approval from the DNR for future lake stocking.

The next Board meeting will be on Saturday, September 4 at Starke's. At that meeting we will firm up plans for updating the Directory and gather information for a letter in the spring about the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Frank Starke made a motion to thank the old Board members for their efforts and service on behalf of the Big Chip Lake Association. Seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Cheryl Pennington