

February 11th 2017

Little Rock Lake Association Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Kellie Gallagher at 10:00 AM.

Guests:

Kathy Hagen with KL Hagen & Associates,
kathy@klhagen.com
Eric Altena with DNR Fisheries
eric.altena@state.mn.us

Minutes:

The January minutes were not approved due to updates that need to be made.

Treasurers report:

Maureen recapped the monthly financial statement.

Frank Hard made a motion to approve the report, it was second by Duane Cekalla, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Maureen will pay the Rice Chamber of Commerce dues of \$ 30.

Jim Hovda reported on the last Rice Chamber of Commerce.

Governor's Fishing Opener Weekend, to be held Thurs-Sat weekend of May 13, 2017:

Craig Gondeck, Watab Township Supervisor updated the membership on the Governor's Fishing Opener events. It is the weekend of May 11th, 12th and 13th. Thursday will be a day to honor the volunteers. Friday there is a banquet and a picnic at Lake George. Craig indicated non-profit organizations can request a free booth Craig highly recommended we set up a booth. On Saturday many volunteers are needed to take the media and the Governor around by boat. Looking for LRLA members to volunteer their boats for the tours

Action item: Mary Kivi will coordinate boats for the fishing opener

Action Item: Ginny will head up the booth for the fishing opener.

Drawdown:

Kellie introduced Kathy Hagen, a consultant from KL Hagen and Assoc's. Kathy is an expert in Knowledge Management and Organizational Change Management and has volunteered her time to help our organization with a communication strategy for the draw down. She explained the importance of a consistent message when we are discussing the lake issues with the public, and other members.

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Kellie, Eric and Jim Newberger (15B State Representative) are meeting with Eagle Creek Energy, (the Company who runs the Sartell dam) on 2-14-17 to discuss the cost of shutting down the dam for the draw down period. If we have enough funds to cover it, will they commit to shutting down the dam? Those are the two questions Kellie would like to have answered.

Kellie reported on Jim Newberger and the bills he is working on in the MN Legislature.

Mary gave report from the AIS meeting, AIS Task force is looking for an additional member of the LRLA to be on the task force. There was a discussion about who is on the AIS task force and who is on the Benton County Water Committee.

Membership:

Membership is up to 40 percent, 140 members.

Mary reviewed the membership drive set for March, Maureen suggested we use post cards during the drive to drop at the door.

Additional action items:

Kellie will meet with Wendell Timmer. He heads up a group of river residents who are opposed to the draw down.

It was suggested we develop a map of all community /boards or group stakeholders.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am, next meeting March 11th 2017

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly Gallagher

LRLA Secretary