

McKenzie Lakes



Happenings

August 2009

Minutes from MLA Annual Meeting—June 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Lisa Kiener-Barnett. There were 20 members present. The sign up sheet for Booya donations was passed around. Secretary Chris Conroy was not in attendance, but had provided several extra copies of the newsletter with minutes from the last meeting. Treasurer Mark Hoffman was not in attendance; therefore, there was no treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Lisa reported that the conservation department has been out assessing the purple loosestrife on both Big and Middle McKenzie. They are planning to spray in a few spots on Big McKenzie, in the creek, and on the island on Middle McKenzie. We continue to have success with controlling the growth of purple loosestrife on the lakes.

Sandy Swanson and Fred Kruger worked on the Lakeshore Homeowner's manual to update information and add new material. It was decided that the best way to get the new information to members was to pass it out at the Booya and then mail out the rest to those who are not at the Booya. Since

there was cost involved, the project could not be approved financially until the next meeting when we have a new budget approved. *Reminder: Please pay your membership dues if you have not done so already. There were membership brochures available if needed.*

July 4th boat parades will be on Saturday on both lakes.

There were no further updates on the progress of the website.

Aquatic Plan Survey: Lisa met with Dave Ferris and Brad Morris from the Conservation Department regarding the Aquatic Plant Survey. The biggest threats to the lakes are Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed. The survey will identify and quantify each and every plant in the lakes and then put together a plan of action telling us what to do when we get these invasive plants in our lakes. We would also need to put together a citizens group that would help monitor the plants in the lakes. We have currently designated \$5000.00 towards this project. The entire project for both lakes will be approx.

\$20,000. The Conservation Department has a grant in place which will provide us with half that amount. We need to add an additional \$5000.00 to fund this project. There are additional grants available but it would delay the start of the project by at least another year or two to wait for the grants to be approved. The McKenzie Lakes have been designated as the next two to have the survey done. The Conservation Department is very appreciative of the proactive approach the MLA is taking to combat the potential problems that will be caused if/when invasive species enter our lakes. After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to add the additional \$5000 to the fund. The motion passed unanimously. Lisa will contact Brad Morris and make sure that we are on schedule to begin this project next spring.

New Business:

There is an Aquatic Invasive Species on July 10th in Siren. Lisa will be attending and gathering further information.

There have been many changes in legislation that

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2009 Calendar

8/1/2009 August Meeting
 8/8/2009 Booya
 9/5/2009 September Meeting

2010 Calendar

4/17/2010 Roadside Clean Up
 5/29/2010 May Meeting
 6/26/2010 Annual Meeting
 7/4/2010 Boat Parade
 7/31/2010 August Meeting
 8/14/2010 Booya
 9/4/2010 September

Membership Form (Please check your membership status on your mailing label)

Please complete the form and return it with a check of \$20.00 payable to "McKenzie Lakes Association". Send form and dues to: Mark Hoffman, 525 Jonquil Lane, Plymouth, MN 55441

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City, State Zip _____

Lake Address:

Street: _____

Lake Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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2009 Middle McKenzie Boat Parade

July 4th brought fishing, water fun, campfires, fireworks and the Annual Middle McKenzie Boat Parade! Once again, we had many



well-decorated participants and were blessed with a beautiful day. Since the Simko family took 1st Place last year, they were the Judges Boat this year. They donned their boat with huge "JUDGE" signs that they have bequeathed to this year's 1st place winner. Our 1st and 2nd place traveling trophies, plus a 3rd Place honorable mention, were awarded by the Simko's after a fun trek of shouting and waving at our neighbors around the lake who chose to be spectators.



We hope these spectators choose to join the parade next year. They have a year to dream up

their boat décor and to envision the coveted traveling trophy donning their mantle!

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will help improve the quality of our lakes:

- The AIS transport bill will help prevent the spread of invasives from lake to lake by imposing fines on those who do not clean off their boats and transport plants and live bait from lake to lake.
- The slow no wake bill within 100 feet of shorelines has been passed.
- The no phosphorus bill has also been passed. You are no longer allowed to use lawn fertilizer that contains phosphorus. This may also eventually be extended to dishwashing/laundry detergent. Please consider using more household products that do not contain phosphorus. The Green Works brand is one such product.

BOOYA: Debbie Campe and Lisa had sign up sheets

that were passed around during the meeting. If you were not at the meeting and would like to donate items or volunteer your time to help that day, please contact Debbie or Lisa. Tickets will be mailed out to the membership for advance purchase.

The proposed budget will be presented at the next meeting.

The following proposed calendar for next year was presented and passed: (See Calendar)

-There were three board seats up for re-election. Mark Hoffman, Sandy Swanson and Swany Swanson were unanimously re-elected.

Other Business:

Swany Swanson proposed that MLA participate in the Adopt A Highway program. The road from Little Bass

Lake road to the public landing on County Road E will be the designated area for us to keep free of trash. The state provides us with a sign and orange vests for clean up days. Thanks to Swany for heading up this project.

Eiler Anderson reported that there is one baby loon on the lake in the bay near McKenzie Landing. Please steer clear of this loon family when out on the lake. Next meeting is August 1st. Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

BOOYA , August 8th...

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The annual Booya is rapidly approaching and if you haven't already contacted Debbie Campe or Lisa Kiener with a contribution or an offer to help.

Now is the time....

Helpers for tent set up and tear down, cooking brats etc... would be greatly appreciated...

If you have already volunteered and/or contributed . . .

THANKYOU....

The McKenzie Lakes Booya is an annual event that has fun for everyone

Come to McKenzie Landing on the 8th of August to join in the fun.....

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The Cook's Corner

Broiled Bass with Hot Melted Butter

- 1 1/2 lb. white or yellow bass fillets
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. prepared mustard
- 2 tb. chili sauce
- 2 drops Tabasco sauce
- 4 tsp. lemon juice

• Melt butter and stir in the last six ingredients. Pour enough of the butter mix into the bottom of a large glass baking dish and swirl around to coat the dish. Place the fish fillets in a single layer in the dish, then pour the remaining butter mix ovetop. Broil, 4 to 6 inches beneath the heat source, for 10 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily with a fork.

