

Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association

August, 28, 2010

"The McCrady's"

5:45 pm

Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2009

Approval of Financial Report

Old Business

- **Town's access of "Tin Can Alley and long/short term vision – Volunteered LLVLA involvement**
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New Business

- **Quick evaluation of LLVLA organization**
- **Establishment of action committees**

Communication Committee

Directory

The Long View

Entertainment Committee

Fund Raisers

Looney Days

Fourth of July

Insect Committee

Adopt a Highway Committee

- How to handle inappropriate activities and/or actions on the lake
 - Strait discussion
 - Speed
 - Wake
 - "Wrong side of the road"
- How many meetings to hold during the year
- DNR interface
 - Stocking
 - Beds
 - Loons
- High Water Discussions
 - Highway 36 culvert
 - Safety Issues
- Increasing dues for 2011 + season
- Meeting dates

Other Business

Adjourn

LONG LAKE @ VERGAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

Saturday Aug. 28, 2010

4:45 Pm

Annual Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 4:45 PM-
Request For Additions To The Agenda-
Approval of Agenda as Provided-
Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2009-
Approval of Financial Report-
Old Business

Richard McCrady Sr
None provided
Motion by Roger Johnson Second by Bruce Stoddard
Motion by Chris Odden Second by Roger Johnson
Motion by Rick Kirsch Second by Tom Kaluza

Rich reported that the Vergas City Council has tabled the issue of developing a marina adjacent to the city park. Further, J&K Marine have delayed any action that they wish to take regarding their involvement in the project. It was suggested by various members that we keep the city advised of our concern over this possibility.

New Business

New Bylaws and Mission Statement

Rich McCrady provided an overview of where the association began and the need to upgrade the articles of incorporation and bylaws and mission statement. It was suggested that the enclosed bylaws be adopted to strengthen our framework that can be used to take advantage of future opportunities. After brief discussion a motion was made by Bruce Nereson and seconded by Lloyd Schulz to accept the new bylaws. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

New Due Structure

Wally Hegg addressed the need to increase our dues structure from \$15 per year to \$40 per calendar year. It was noted that this amount is not out of line with other local lake associations and would allow the opportunity to work towards some additional initiatives around the Long Lake area. After further discussion, the motion was made by Wally Hegg and seconded by Tom Kaluza to raise the dues to \$40 per calendar year effective January 1, 2011. The new dues statement will go out with the end of the year, "The Long View". The vote was taken and passed unanimously.

New Action Committees

It was recommended that we try and develop smaller committees that would have specific responsibilities that involve the lake and activities around the lake. This would eliminate the entire burden falling on but a few.

- *Communications Committee*

The Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association newsletter is now named "The Long View". This name was offered by Rodney Hanson of Vergas. Our thanks to Rodney for his "vision".

The establishment of a "Lake Directory" committee was discussed. Dennis Mathiason and Doug Halverson and Brooke Hamann have offered to help and develop the information about the lake.

Rich McCrady informed the membership that the Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association was up and running and that everyone was welcome to send in articles for The Long View and the web site, and pictures to be used for the web site. www.longlakeatvergas.com.

- *Entertainment Committee*

Amanda Homelvig offered to "help" get volunteers to work towards various fundraising ventures as well as entertainment opportunities. Opportunities exist at no less than a spring get together, possibly at the community center; Looney Daze, 4th of July, etc. Amanda further emphasized the need to get support from the City of Vergas and its businesses.

- *Insect Committee*

Much discussion ensued about the "invasion" of the tent worms this year and the need to spray for such insects. Some members have indicated that they don't wish to spray due to the uncertainty of the product. Rich McCrady and Bruce Nereson will work towards getting some information available by the end of the first quarter, so the beach captains can approach their residents in their area about the opportunity to spray. The spraying would take place during April/May. Rich will contact Larson Helicopter to get information on the program. This way we can educate the residents of the nature and safety of the spraying.

- *Adopt A Highway Committee*

Rich advised that a contract has been signed with the State of Minnesota Highway Department to sponsor a two mile stretch of 228, on the north side of Long Lake. Tom and Steve Kaluza has indicated that they will chair and organize the committee to handle this cleanup initiative on behalf of the lake association.

- *Lake Safety and Responsible Behavior*

It has been discussed at length amongst various members about the need to monitor the behavior of some boaters on the lake. Complaints have been registered about people who appear to be somewhat careless and are somewhat disrespectful about the safety of others that are using the lake. Some of the dialogue centered on the possible excessive speed and handling of boats in the "narrows" of the lake. Discussion about buoys, wake signs or the like could be used. Rich McCrady will meet with the Otter Tail Sheriff's department as well as the DNR to see what other lakes have done to insure that safety and being responsible towards other people's property, but not curbing the excitement of boating on the lake. There were various opinions from those on the lake as to whether they wanted any restrictions or not as to the "speed" going through the narrows. More discussion will take place at committee and the executive committee level before bringing to the membership.

- *Lake Association Meetings*

Pam Kirsch recommended that the association hold a spring meeting in late April or early/mid May as well as the end of the year meeting. After further discussion, Pam Kirsch made the motion and Wally Hegg seconded which then carried with a unanimous vote.

- *High Water issues and Highway 36 Culvert Safety Issues.*

With the significant moisture experienced this year, and the 29,000 +/- acres of watershed that Long Lake covers, the water level of the lake is incredibly high. Gary Hanson identified

that the calculations that he has established show that the culvert is not capable to eliminating the amount of water that flows into Long Lake and that something larger is required. Dennis Mathiason indicated that he would offer to work with others to address the issue with the County Engineer. After further discussion, it was also noted that the culvert area is not one of safety, as many fisherman fish off of the embankment and that the water flow has no "guarded" area to keep someone from being sucked into the culvert. Some have indicated that they know of dogs that have been sucked through the culvert to come out the other side. This, too, shall be addressed with the DNR and highway departments, respectfully. Possibly caution signs could be put up by the association. No motion was made and it will be taken under further advisement.

Other Business

Joan Bohlig inquired as to whether there has been any dialogue from other lakes about spraying for mosquitos. Rich indicated that he had not heard of any, but would check into it. Because of the vast number of lakes and water areas, it probably is not foreseeable.

There were 64 total members in attendance.

A prize give away was provided as well as a ham/beef dinner. The members provided over 250 pounds of canned goods that was transported to the Perham Food Shelter. (Thanks to everyone that donated!)

With no further business, Rich McCrady Sr. adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pam Lewis, Acting Secretary

Those in attendance:

Members:

Pam and Rick Lewis	Mary and Rich McCrady Sr	Pam and Rick Kirsh
Maxine and Wally Hegg	Kris and Jerry Whalen	Chuck Ponti
Kathy and Chuck Hillstrom	Janice and Bruce Nereson	Tom Kaluza
Steve Kaluza	Judy and Lloyd Schulz	Ardis and Ed Orman
Rod Helland	Karen and Dennis Mathiason	Sandi and Harold Mickelson
Al Houdek	Marion Dahlgren	Rudy Matzke and Brooke Hamann
Mary and Wayne Eckhoff	Linnea and JC Chrest	Barb and Don Anderson
Karen and Chris Odden	Jan and Gary Hanson	Lila and Rich Huebner
Ellie and Roger Johnson	Janine and Brad Nelson	Craig Seydel
Dick and Judy Applegate	Joan and George Bohlig	Amanda and Chad Homelvig
Wayne and Pat Greenwood	Marlene and Warren Keefe	Bruce Stoddard
Terry and Dennis Pausch	Glenn Rogers	Sue and Doug Halverson

Guests:

Rod Smith - Pelican Lake