



**Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association
Spring Meeting
Saturday, June 11, 2011
9:30 AM.**

Vergas Community Center

The Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association Spring Members Meeting opened with registration, coffee, juice and rolls. The first speaker was Jim Peterick, Manager of J & K Marine, of Vergas, who outlined the plethora of services and products that J & K have to offer. He provided a narrative of the history of J & K, and invited all the attending members to visit their facility on the west end of Long Lake at the intersection of Highway 4 and 228. They have boats, motors and all the accessories that are needed on display. He thanked the audience for their continued patronage and hopes to see us soon.

The second speaker was Shawn Day, local Vergas Councilman, who spoke about the need to build relationships between the lake community and the town businesses. He outlined the need for a cooperative attitude and expressed how important it was for the City of Vergas to reach "across the table" and welcome the lake residence to the many goods and services that the City has to offer. Shawn, also spoke to the impending "Tin Can Alley" initiative and express that there were not any current plans on the table that would be addressed in the near future. At this point it was not seen as something that would be considered this year, and that the lake community would most assuredly be asked to be involved at such time as further actions are being considered.

Our next speaker was Martha Lippert, a local representative from Lake Region Electric Cooperative who spoke at length about the conservation efforts of LREC. Martha went into depth through her slide presentation outlining the various efforts that LREC takes in insuring that that nature is being preserved as they continue to provide utilities to their vast area of coverage. She spoke of program initiatives and AIS issues that they continue to monitor on an ongoing basis.

The last speaker was Amanda Homelvig, LLVLA conservationist. She provided a concise narrative and slide presentation as to the need to insure that our lake shorelines are being treated with respect. Amanda is also the representative to the DNR for the Loon Watchers program and reminded us to enjoy the Loon population on the lake, but also to insure the Loon maintained a safe environment. Being respectful of our lakes beauty and continued existence needs to be insured.

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Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Rich McCrady, President of LLVLA. A motion to accept the agenda as provided was made by Gary Hansen with unanimous approval. The minutes of the August 28, 2010 had been distributed and a motion to accept the minutes without reading was made by Tom Kaluza with unanimous approval. Rich McCrady provided a financial report as to the state of liquidity of the association with potential pending expenses and further possible income. A motion by Wally Hegg to accept the financial report as provided was made and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Tin Can Alley Update

Rich McCrady provided a brief discuss regarding meeting being held by the Vergas City Council and their

intention of taking over the development and management of the area. Shawn Day, guest speaker from the City Council, outlined further that there were no definite plans and that it was in discussion stages as no plans have been accepted by the Otter Tail Highway Department. The need to monitor the development of this plan is needed to insure that the preservation of the lake is maintained.

High Water and Highway 36 Update

Rich McCrady outlined that Hobart Township Supervisors have hired an engineer, full time, to develop strategies and handle needed concerns of the township. They are taking this issue under advisement and will render a decision in the future. The culvert on Highway 36 is under the jurisdiction of the Otter Tail Highway Department and it is the intention of the Township to work with them to correct and problems.

Tent Caterpillar Spraying

There seemed to be a positive reaction by members and non members on Long Lake as to the success of the FTC spraying done in the past week. Billing is going out this next week for spraying as requested by lake shore owners.

Speed in Straight and Narrows—Update

A brief discussion took place as to the high water that is existent on the lake and the need to be respectful to what wake damage can do to the shore line, lily pad and areas of foliage by the shore line and to peoples dock areas. It is not the intention of the Association to be a “policing” entity, but to only continue to inform the lake “users” of the need for safety, security and maintaining vigilance in insuring that our lake is kept safe and clean. Various members commented on not wanting restrictions on the lake and one comment that they wanted speed in the straight to clear out the “lily pads”. The conversation concluded that everyone is responsible for what happens on the lake, and to be observant and therefore, considerate of one’s neighbors and friends.

Directory Update

The directory development is underway with determinations as to the proper venue for its presentation and availability. If anyone has any input, please forward your comments to Brooke Hamann -haman058@umn.edu

Website Update

Website is up and running and being progressively updated. Check out www.longlakeatvergas.com for information on the lake activities.

NEW BUSINESS

A thank you to the BOD/Beach Captains for their diligence and time spent on the spraying initiative and further other planning for the association.

A further thank you to the Kaluza family for their Fall pickup last year on our stretch of Highway 228 that we pick up for debris. Tom Kaluza spearheads this endeavor and will advise when the Fall pickup will take place for this year.

Board of Directors/Beach Captains open positions were discussed. The following nominations were provided for the noted positions with a motion by Craig Seydel to close the nominations was made and passed unanimously.

Vice President—Still Open

Secretary—Still Open

Treasurer— Pat Greenwood

Membership Liaison—Still Open

Beach Captain—Northwest Beach

Beach Captain—North Central Beach

Beach Captain—North Beach

Beach Captain—Southeast Beach - Steve A Gerszewski

Beach Captain-South Central Beach—Jack Seitz

Their nominations passed unanimously. We thank them for their volunteering spirit.

A request was provided by the City of Vergas to participate in the purchasing of a new dock that will allow for lake users to dock their boats at the Loon Park and walk along the trail to downtown for shopping and/or dining.

After further discussion, Doug Halverson made a motion to provide \$2000 for the purchase of said dock. After additional discussion and an amendment to the original motion, it was voted upon that \$2000 would be provided to the City of Vergas for said dock, with \$1000 paid immediately and the second \$1000 paid after the dock was in or by the end of the summer. The motion passed unanimously.

Kind words were expressed for Rich McCrady for his work on the growth and organization of the Lake Association.

The Annual Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association meeting will be held on August 28, 2011. More information will be sent out latter.

The meeting was adjourned followed by door prizes.