



# Lake Orono Improvement Association INC.

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## Annual Meeting MINUTES February 23, 1995

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President Ed Buttweiler.
2. Guests were introduced:
  - a. Hank Duitsman, mayor, & wife  
Hank said that the City was pursuing the quality & water depth issue, and hopefully will have a meeting with the City and the County. He said it was important to maintain the lake, and the City is committed to meet with us.
  - b. Sherburne County Sheriff Bruce Anderson  
Sheriff Anderson invited us to let his department help us whenever needed for concerns about lake use. Gerry Palmer asked about how to direct a call about a violation on the lake; Sheriff Anderson said the contacting the Communications Center would be quickest. He plans to have a patrol out on a regular basis, particularly on weekends. Jim Raivala voiced his concerns about a bad accident on Hwy. 10, whereby someone got hit from behind while waiting turning from West 10 onto Simonet Drive, and then got pushed into the oncoming traffic and got hit there as well. Anderson said that that issue has been discussed with the State Patrol. Hank Duitsman said that MNDOT should be notified of the problem; he will ask the City Engineer about possibly redirecting Simonet.
  - c. Dale Ebil, Conservation Department, Water Patrol  
Dale brought brochures, including one on jet skis. He encouraged us that if we see a violation, to get a description of the person, and a number off the machine, and if possible use a camcorder; they can charge the violator. Patrick Plant asked about dealerships using the lake as a showroom; Dale said the same rules apply. Gerry Palmer voiced his concern over poor fishing; Dale said that there's been no reproduction at all, as the silt covers the eggs. A commercial venture can come in & net the rough fish, but their nets may get torn in the shallow lake. It was mentioned that there was a new water hydrologist for our area. Karl Mortenson asked if there was any legal hunting on the Mississippi, the answer was no.

2. The minutes of the last meeting on February 24, 1994 were read. They were moved to approve and seconded; minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report was read by Ed Buttweiler; they were moved to approve and seconded; treasurer's report was approved. It was mentioned that there was no need to second a motion for these reports.
4. No new members were present.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

1. It was noted that we hadn't carried through on a \$200 donation to the City for a baseline reading of the lake.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Gerry Palmer asked Sheriff Anderson about who was responsible for the control of the water level, as it appeared that the dam was opened & closed on the previous sheriff's word. Dale Ebil said that the ordinary water level should be determined first; have the DNR water hydrologist set the appropriate level. Hank Duitsman stated that when he was on the Utilities Commission, they were in control of the dam. Karl Mortenson said the previously Phil Hals agreed to let the Association know that the lake was going to be lowered. Dale Ebil said that he understood that you needed a permit to lower the water level. Patrick Plant reiterated that if maintenance need to be done on the bridge or whatever, we are to be notified.
2. There was a moment of silence for Vern Lindberg who had passed away this past year.
3. Information about SCCOLA (Sherburne County Coalition of Lake Associations). Ed Buttweiler said he had passed around information about this group at the Wild Game dinner. He was now proposing that we vote to have a permanent rep attend SCCOLA meetings. Ed recounted the history of the SCCOLA: the Brainerd area had first started a coalition of lake associations, and that it worked well; members shared experiences, problems, things that work or don't work, and have a better chance of obtaining grant money to do things. There are almost 1,000 people in the Brainerd COLA. The Julia-Briggs, and Tri-Lakes groups developed a charter for the Sherburne County COLA, which Ed passed out at the Game Dinner. He said it's a chance to share ideas; for example, Julia-Briggs has a reweeding program, whereby they take bullrushes from ditches and transplant them into the lake to improve water quality. There was a motion to establish a permanent rep to SCCOLA; motion seconded, passed. Ed said that he would keep us infomed of the actions of the SCCOLA.
4. Dates were approved for '94-'95 events:
  - a. Smelt Fry – May 24, 1995
  - b. Wild Game Dinner – 3rd Thursday in November (11/16/95)
  - c. Annual Meeting – 4th Thursday in February (2/22/96)
5. Budget proposal for '95 -'96:

Donation for baseline reading to City .....	\$200.00
Printing costs for Shorelines .....	165.00
Photocopying costs for event flyers .....	15.00

Mailing costs for Shorelines.....	195.00
Safety deposit box rental .....	25.00
Total	<u>\$600.00</u>

6. Election of Officers/Reps.

Patrick Plant will be President, Barb Kreuser Vice President

Nominations:

District 1 Rep: Linda Turner

District 1 Alternate: Karen Dehrer

All nominees approved/voted into office. Bonnie Rule would like to retire as District 5 rep; new board will appoint rep & alternate.

7. Committee reports:

a. Water Level & Flow Control: Vance said he'd make sure the water level doesn't drop

b. Safety Committee: no one is on this committee

c. Pollution: It was mentioned that septic systems have to be updated; Brian Bensen is a good county resource for information on that subject. A brochure is available about proper fertilization of your lawn.

d. Communications: no report

e. Silting Task Force: hope to have some information by the Smelt Fry

f. Sherburne County Water Quality: It was reported that Miles Knutsen did attend their meeting; but he was not present tonight to report.

8. Other New Business: Vance Zehringer said that he will have milfoil brochures available at the next meeting; he advised to keep an eye out for milfoil, if you suspect any let him know. Dale Ebil said the Legislature has appropriated funds to enforce checking of boats for milfoil.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.