

June 8, 2023 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

The First meeting with the new Board Members attending: Becky, Birdie, Perry, Pat, Tami(minutes) (absent: Tim, secretary). Total attendance: 16

Welcome and Introduction : President Becky Ridge shared a bit of history. The Lake George Conservation Club was started in 1938 by William Ridge as part of his Eagle Scout Jamboree project inviting all residents around Lake George to join. The purpose was to help keep the lake clean and preserve fishing and nearby hunting quality. By 1962, the LGCC was well established as the "Voice of Lake George" In that year there were 108 residents mostly seasonal. Reading the Mission statement from 1981 A) "creating a friendly and co-operative atmosphere among residents and property owners surrounding Lake George B) to maintain good contact with DNR and other state and local agencies with a view toward maintaining and improving the environment of Lake George, C) Maintaining the lake at its authorized level, D) Monitoring the restocking of the lake with fish and maintain a proper balance of species, E). Monitor and maintain a program of weed control, F). To provide environmental education and safety programs, and G). To co-operate with the County in the maintenance and activities of the County Park.

The LGCC in the past has sponsored and supported a variety of Service projects including, Oak Grove's Acorn days, triathlon, fishing contests, Paintathons, Helped in monitoring the development of the County Park, Co-ordinated with the county to excavate and clear the ditch feeding the lake, Promoted and encouraged the new dam for County Ditch 19, sponsored swimming lessons, sponsored gun safety training and given scholarships to students in biology and environmental science to at St. Francis High School. Each year we have sponsor an annual picnic.

Recognition of New Board: attached bios* Each board member gave an interesting background and their purpose to serve on the board.

Treasurer's Report: Please find it in the May newsletter. Tim has announced he will resign at the end of term in May 2024. We are already looking for a candidate who'd be willing to take on this role. Thanks

Lake Conditions/ Tami Isaacson's report: Rainfall May .64", Lake Level down over 7 inches since high on April 23, Lake temp 78, Lake clarity 13 ft.

LGID news /Juanita reported that at the meeting May 16 they have designated policies for each chair, Jay Edwardson is making a revision of LGID By-laws. At the April meeting they met with scuba divers who clean lake bottoms and clean weeds, So far no decision on whether they will do this next spring. They suggested that this group would be good as a speaker for LGCC. As for LGID 's involvement with Anoka County Day camp they have reviewed their policies and it does not include this kind of involvement to assist with day camp Their Policies must enhance lake. Milfoil and Lake care: ACD survey proposed treatment They found no curly leaf pondweed and they attribute this to the treatment of Diquat!, However we do have Eurasian Milfoil . They have treated 39 acres (3 areas) 27A on SE, 5.11 A & 7.25A between Ridge Park and Beach. They were able to treat all 39acres. Diquat used at cost of \$11,000+. The membership was reassured that not only was this the most effective chemical but also the safest for humans and all plant and fish species in the lake. The Next meeting of LGID is June 13. 118 landowners/taxpayers around lake and they would like to see some of us at their meetings to give input, after all its our tax dollars at work.

Website Preparation/Perry: Bad news - no more Newsletter! John will no longer be preparing his excellent newsletter. However, there is **Good** news – We now have a domain of a website. www.lakegeorgemn.org Perry's son-in law has created a website for us that will have both news of the club, minutes, photos, loon information, flyers on picnics and events, as well as able to send out Blasts of information to get new info out to all landowners. Perry mentioned that there is a nominal cost to maintain the website on a yearly basis. Dick Werner made a motion that the LGCC support this with \$100 /per annum maintain the domain name, Pat seconds. Passed. There

was a discussion as to what else could be on the Website, e.g a lake directory? Becky described the names printed in an old lake directory that describe the various sections around the lake. They are “ Indian Ridge Road, Greenwald Island, South Bay, Shady Oaks, Cattail Cove, Beaver Shores, and Paradise Alley”. After considering what would be safest and how not to reveal too much information for solicitation to homeowners. We decided that we would simply include the locations and house numbers of each area. Sometime later this year we will try to get membership permission for next year (or sooner) to include info on a new directory. This could be addresses without names or we could also consider names but with each homeowner’s permission. There is a public record already of homeowners and their addresses, but this would also become a public record. We need to address this carefully regarding misuse with solicitation. The suggestions were to put developments with only addresses (no names) so safer. A motion was made (Dick): We create a new directory with map of each section and addresses only. Birdie second. Passed. Pat has said he’ll work with John Vilandre on this later this month. To be continued...

Proposal Support Anoka County Park: Discussion about how we can support Anoka County parks Day Camp. We can support environmental safety/ youth group by specifically applying \$500 to life jackets and first aid equip. Noted that YMCA Guy Robinson camp has closed out. Anoka County Park will sponsor programming at Lake George Reg Park. Stipulate that funds go to this purpose. Motion: Vickie \$500 for life jackets and first aid kits, Juanita seconds. Passed.

Picnic/Birdie: Picnic will be held on Saturday July 22, Once again catered by Casa Rio of Anoka, includes Taco and Enchilada bar, adult and children’s raffle, please give raffle donation to Birdie by July 12. There will be some games, corn husk was discussed.

Parade/Becky: The Theme for boat decoration -***America the Beautiful***. To be held on July 4; to meet at Ridge/Stitt dock 11:15, parade starts

11:30. Judges: Ella and Jerry (their final parade 😊) Please process in front of judges and give your name and boat name also.

Loons/Perry: 2 baby chicks hatched Mon and Tues June 5 and 6

Door Prize Drawing/Winner: Kent Anderson

A short survey was given to those attending with questions followed by small group discussion. The results were:

***Ideas for future meetings/speakers: and more information on conservation.**

Suggestions were:

Lone wolf / Larry Golyer /Eco friendly lawn weed killers/ fertilizers
Scuba clean up, Cattails education, how to be proactive with climatic changes, DNR fish stalking, waterfowl migration, Master gardener

***Topics of interest:** Wake, boat and loud music restrictions on the lake.

***Club sponsored activities,**(Let us be mindful as Dick reminded us that there could be liability for certain activities)

Golf Tournament, Triathlon, Progressive dinner/snack/ charcuterie evenings,

Cornhole tournament

Progressive: dinners, snack, charcuterie, margaritas

Garden tour (late August)

Sailboats races

Field trip Cedar Creek nature center.

*** Community service projects**

sponsor dog waste cleanup bags at the park, Scuba Divers cleanup of lake

Finally suggested that at the First meeting in April, to not have a speaker?

Group endorsed sitting-in-the-round. New table arrangement

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

