



Mitchell Lake Association

Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012



Agenda

- Introductions of Current MLA Board
- MLA Background Information
- Citizen/MLA roles and results
- Claire Bleser: District Administrator
 - WD overview and 10 year plan update
- 2013 Objectives- Summarized
- Order of Business
 - Election of New Board Members
- Other Business



MLA Board Members

- Jim Nehl, President (thru 2013)
- John Tyler, Vice President (thru 2012*)
- Frank Spahn, Treasurer (thru 2012*)
- Carole Duckstad, Secretary (thru 2014)
- Bob Becker (thru 2014)
- Ben Ernsberger (thru 2012*)
- Dallas Burns (thru 2013)
- Bob Shurson (thru 2013)
- Kevin Persinger (thru 2014)

* We will be electing board members to fill open positions later this evening.



MLA Board Opportunities

- 3 Open Board Member Positions
 - *If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, give your name to Carol Duckstad before 8:00 tonight.*
- Board member roles:
 - 3 year term, 4 meetings min /year
 - Support MLA activities
 - Interface with partners (EP/WD District)
 - Good opportunity to get involved



Background Information

- Steering Committee had its first meeting in March, 2006 and the association was officially founded in September, 2006.
- MLA is now 6 years old with 108 members
- Formed partnerships with:
 - Citizens/property owners (Lakeshore Res, etc)
 - Watershed District (Citizens Advisor Committee- Main \$ Source)
 - City of Eden Prairie (Education/Rain Gardens)
 - Dept. of Nat Res (Grants/Reclassification)



Background Information

- Set an overall goal to achieve a grade level of B from a current grade of D+ as determined by the Met Council in ten years
- Key components that determines the grade:
 - Levels of Phosphorous
 - Levels of Chlorophyll
 - Sechie Disk (water clarity)

Accomplishments

- Sponsored 6th annual Lakeshore Cleanup & Picnic in April
- Another great turnout – Thanks to all Volunteers!



Accomplishments

- DNR Grant of \$33,000 awarded for lakeshore restoration: fifth and final project completed:
 - ~1,000 feet of lakeshore restored
 - Zero cost to Mitchell Lake and the Watershed District



Accomplishments

- Communication:
 - Annual newsletters created and distributed
 - Annual meeting (tonight)
 - Website maintained (<http://www.mitchelllake.org>)





Accomplishments

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
Inspection began this on area lakes
including Mitchell:

- \$s for Mitchell a direct result of Lake Association initiative
- \$12.5K for part time inspection
- To continue in 2013





Introducing:
Claire Bleser
District Administrator
Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek
Watershed District

- Watershed District Overview



2013 Objectives- Summary

- Host 7th annual lake cleanup
- Assist in Continued Education for Lakeshore Restoration, rain gardens and barrels (Property Owner Initiatives)
- Continue to actively participate with the Watershed District as Citizen Advisors
- Weed Harvesting? or Snow Shading
- Push /research for reclassification
- Continued AIS Inspections



Meeting Business

- **Current Financials: Frank Spahn**
(Reference Hand Out- see Frank for questions)
- **Identification of Board Candidates**
- **Vote**



Election of At Large Officers

- There are 3 board seats available and we have several candidates identified:



Voting



The Last Word- reflections

- Many Hands
- Results
- New Friends
- The Board
- Follow the money



Volunteer

**WITHOUT
VOLUNTEERS WE
CAN NOT BE
EFFECTIVE**

Sign up sheets are located at the exit