



# Mitchell Lake Association

**Annual Meeting**

Thursday, September 18, 2014



# Agenda

- Introductions of Current MLA Board
- MLA Background Information
- Citizen/MLA roles and results
- Leslie Stovring -Weed Management Plan Overview
- Order of Business
  - Election of New Board Members
- Other Business – WS Rulemaking



# MLA Board Members

- John Tyler, President
- Jim Nehl, Vice President
- Frank Spahn, Treasurer
- CoCo Duckstad, Secretary (running again)
- Bob Becker (Not running again)
- Dennis Seeger
- Pete Iversen
- Bob Shurson
- Kevin Persinger (running again)

\* 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 8 years old with 100+ members
- Formed partnerships with:
  - Citizens/property owners (Lakeshore Res, etc)
  - Watershed District
  - City of Eden Prairie (Education/Rain Gardens)



# 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 1 - 8th annual Lakeshore Cleanup & Picnics in April
- Great turnouts all! – 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>)



The image shows the cover of the Mitchell Lake Association Spring 2012 newsletter. It features a decorative border and a central photograph of a lake with trees in the background. The text on the cover includes the website URL, the title 'Mitchell Lake Association Spring 2012', and a section titled 'Letter from the President: March 18, 2012'.

[www.mitchelllake.org](http://www.mitchelllake.org)

## Mitchell Lake Association Spring 2012

Letter from the President: March 18, 2012

Welcome to summer! At the time of this writing, the ice has left Mitchell Lake all except for the very south bay. I do not yet have a good source for ice out dates for our lake, but I am guessing this is a record along with the many record high temperatures that have been broken in the past week. And with the lack of snow over the past winter, I wonder if I will be able to launch my pontoon given the low water level. Looking back at 2011, we once again had a very good turnout at our 5th annual association meeting last September at the Chanhasen Legion with a presentation by CH2M Hill VP of Engineering Mark Enoch. Mark further detailed the issues with our lakes and provided options for improving the water quality. His presentation is posted on the M.L.A. website. Weed harvesting was once again scheduled for Mitchell but was cancelled due to the government shut down and the prevention of obtaining the necessary permits.



The image is a screenshot of the Mitchell Lake Association website. The header includes the organization's name and a navigation menu with links for Home, About the Lake, Strategies, Photo Album, and Events. The main content area features a 'Welcome!' message, a 'What's New?' section with three news items, and a list of the Association Board members. At the bottom, there is a 'Email the Board' button and a mission statement.

## The Mitchell Lake Association

Home | About the Lake | Strategies | Photo Album | Events

Link to...  
[Mitchell Lake Association Newsletters](#)

Welcome!

### What's New?

- ▶ **Mitchell Lake made a "splash" in local news in 2008-09**  
[Click here for news articles, videos, slideshows](#)
- ▶ **Mitchell Lake Awarded Shoreland Restoration Grant**  
[Click here for more information and application](#)
- ▶ **Check out updated [Photo Album](#) and [Events](#) pages**

## The Mitchell Lake Association

Founded September 19, 2006

The Association was formed to create an effective organization to achieve the goal of improving the water quality of Mitchell Lake.

The Mitchell Lake Association is dedicated to improving this natural resource as stated in our Mission Statement:

Cheri Nehl, Webmaster

[Email the Board](#)



# 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:

Leslie Stovring

Environmental Coordinator City  
of Eden Prairie Vegetation Mgmt  
Plan for Mitchell Lake



# 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
- Weed Harvesting
- Push /research for reclassification
- Continued AIS Inspections



# Election of At Large Officers

- There are 3 board seats available and two are running again. We have one candidate to fill Bob Becker's place identified: Michael Casanova –former Watershed manager and Chair.



# Overview of the Watershed Rule Making Authority discussion.



# 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