



# Mitchell Lake Association

**Annual Meeting**

Thursday, September 22, 2016



# Agenda

- Introductions of Current MLA Board
- MLA Background Information
- Citizen/MLA roles and results
- Order of Business
  - Election of New Board Members
- Other Business – WSD Rulemaking



# MLA Board Members

- John Tyler, President
- Michael Casanova, V. President
- Frank Spahn, Treasurer
- CoCo Duckstad, Secretary
- Dave Jackett
- Dan Dorst
- Pete Iversen (running again)
- Bob Shurson (running again)
- Kevin Persinger
- Cheri Nehl – Webmaster. Non-Board member.



# MLA Board Opportunities

- 2 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 10 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 - 10th 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>)



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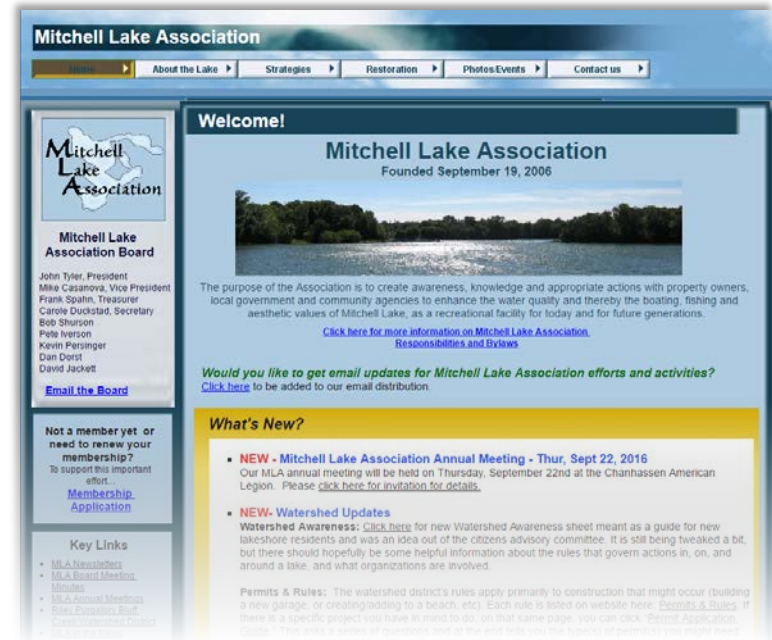
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March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Dear Neighbors and Mitchell Lake Association Members,

On behalf of myself and your Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your continuing commitment to this association and to our combined efforts on behalf of Mitchell Lake. Our goal remains the same - to be the best stewards possible of this beautiful natural resource we call home. Enhanced water quality and shoreline naturalization and beautification remain our main focus. We are not alone in this, as the City of Eden Prairie and the local Riley, Purgatory, Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) remain our partners in this effort. Last year we saw this partnership combine a weed harvesting and herbicide treatment that greatly reduced the weed level in the lake. It was much easier to navigate the lake and I think much improved aesthetics were the result. Last year MLA committed \$3,000 toward the cost of this harvesting effort but the second weed harvesting of the year and was not deemed necessary, so the donation was not needed nor made. We will see what is needed this year. We have just learned that both the weed harvesting and herbicide treatments will happen again this year. So we will hope for the same good results. Your MLA Board has approved a \$75 reimbursement for harvesting your shoreline instead of the previous \$50. You need to provide a paid receipt please for this.

Many of you may recall that over 150 individuals from the several lake associations contained within the RPBCWD watershed came together at city hall to voice our concerns over the proposed rules and rule making authority over the 4th of July weekend, 2014. Severe shoreline management rules that would supersede Eden Prairie city ordinances already in place, and also compete with the other two Eden Prairie Watershed's rules were addressed. As a result of that session, the South West Metro Lakes Coalition (SWMLC) was formed, of which Mitchell Lake Association was part. We have had numerous meetings with the Eden Prairie City Council members and made formal presentations to the EP City Council. The issue of the lake at hand was who had legal precedence. Watershed



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**Welcome!**

**Mitchell Lake Association**  
Founded September 19, 2006

The purpose of the Association is to create awareness, knowledge and appropriate actions with property owners, local government and community agencies to enhance the water quality and thereby the boating, fishing and aesthetic values of Mitchell Lake, as a recreational facility for today and for future generations.

[Click here for more information on Mitchell Lake Association, Responsibilities and Bylaws](#)

**Would you like to get email updates for Mitchell Lake Association efforts and activities?**  
[Click here](#) to be added to our email distribution.

**What's New?**

- **NEW - Mitchell Lake Association Annual Meeting - Thur, Sept 22, 2016**  
Our MLA annual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at the Chanhassen American Legion. Please [click here for invitation for details](#).
- **NEW- Watershed Updates**  
**Watershed Awareness:** [Click here](#) for new Watershed Awareness sheet meant as a guide for new lakeshore residents and was an idea out of the citizens advisory committee. It is still being tweaked a bit, but there should hopefully be some helpful information about the rules that govern actions in, on, and around a lake, and what organizations are involved.

Permits & Rules: The watershed district's rules apply primarily to construction that might occur (building a new garage, or creating/adding to a beach, etc). Each rule is listed on website here: [Permits & Rules](#). If there is a specific project you have in mind to do, on that same page, you can click "Permit Application Guide". There will be a series of questions and at the end help you the types of permits you might need.

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[Email the Board](#)

**Not a member yet or need to renew your membership?**  
To support this important effort,  
[Membership Application](#)

**Key Links**

- [MLA Newsletters](#)
- [MLA Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- [MLA Annual Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District](#)
- [RPBCWD](#)




# Accomplishments

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Boat Inspections began this on area lakes including Mitchell Lake in 2013:

- \$s for Mitchell Lake a direct result of Mitchell Lake Association initiative
- \$12.5K for part time inspection to continue in 2017 from City of EP
- Annual Herbicide Treatments expected to continue
- Possible weed harvesting as needed





Introducing:  
Michelle Jordan &  
Seth Ristow from the RPBCWD



# 2017 Objectives- Summary

- Host 11th 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 and SWMLC
- Weed Harvesting
- Push /research for reclassification
- Continued AIS Inspections



# Election of Members

- There are 2 board seats available and two are running again. New board members encouraged!
- Treasurers Report – Frank Spahn
- Our thanks to Cheri Nehl – our webmaster and communications source.



# Overview of the Watershed Rule Cost Share Program – Michelle and Seth.



# The Last Word- reflections

- Many Hands
- Results
- New Friends
- The Board
- Follow the money – your \$35/year dues count!
- SWMLC involvement helps!





PLEASE Volunteer

**WITHOUT  
VOLUNTEERS WE  
CAN NOT BE  
EFFECTIVE**

Sign up sheets are located at the exit