

Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association

2010 Annual Meeting

April 19, 2010

Steve Gunther

Agenda

- Welcome
- Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association
- How to address invasive aquatic species and preserve lake quality
 - Brittany Hummel (Dept of Natural Resources)
- Questions and Answers

The Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association

A New Beginning

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- This meeting is intended to
 - inform you, our stakeholders
 - Lake shore residents and owners
 - Lake users
 - Watershed neighbors
 - invite your involvement
 - secure your input.

Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association

- Is a registered 501c3 nonprofit.
- formed in 1994.
- Articles of Association and Bylaws exist.
- Primary recent focus has been on
 - collecting donations and grant money
 - applying them to treat Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pond Weed in the high traffic areas of the lake.

Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association

- Residents of several neighborhoods met
 - to discuss and develop a common vision.
 - to endorse a carefully expanding role for the Association.
- Several residents volunteered to address our immediate needs including
 - Aquatic Invasive Species treatment
 - Website creation
 - Communication.

Our Thoughts

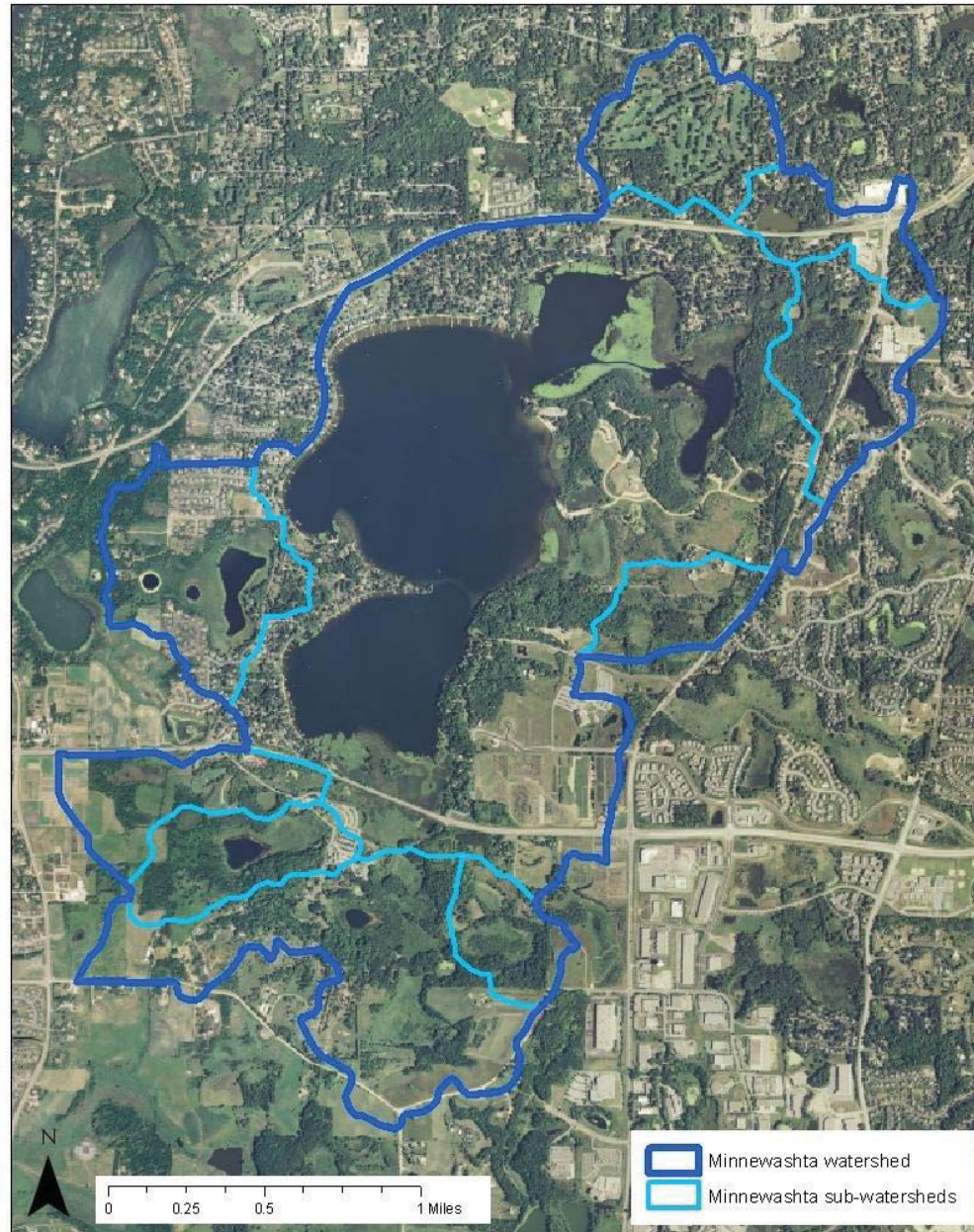
We want:

A cohesive group that is representative of the whole lake community.

Our Mission:

To organize and focus the efforts of our residents to develop an ongoing, long term community spirit, with planning and action to keep Lake Minnewashta beautiful and to preserve its water quality.

Lake Minnewashta Watershed



Our Objectives

1. Lake Stewardship
2. Communication
3. Social connections within the community
4. Education
5. Legislative contacts
6. Securing Financial Resources

Our Objectives

Lake Stewardship

- A commitment to the entire lake ecosystem
- Including water quality monitoring and aquatic invasive species control
- Using the best practices developed by the experts

Communication

- Among residents, associations from other lakes, nonprofit and government entities
- Website to allow easy access to important information of common interest
- Newsletter and emails to inform and educate

The LMPA Online Presence

- Our website is <http://lakeminnewashta.org>
 - Created and administered by Keith Paap (keith@paap.net)
 - Please register there!
 - Content and ideas are welcome!
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter
 - Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association

Our Objectives

Social connections within the community

- Organize and integrate events
- Including events like National Night Out, boat parades, clean up days, garage sales, fireworks, etc.

Education

- For residents and surrounding neighbors within the watershed
- Including lake quality preservation, best practices, lawn maintenance, shoreline erosion, safety, etc
- Including uncovering and maintaining the history of and on the lake

Our Objectives

Legislative contacts

- Representing our interests to our government representatives at all levels
- Leveraging our association with that from other lakes.

Securing Financial Resources

- From residents, watershed neighbors, lake users, the city, county, state and federal agencies,
- To be used in a fashion where the benefits outweigh the costs.

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Secure candidates to be on the Association board
 - Elect officers to the board to one year terms
 - Form committees to address the Associations goals and projects
 - Update the bylaws, mission and vision statement as needed
- Propose a budget
 - Institute a membership dues structure
 - Secure dues-paying members
 - Secure outside funding where possible
 - e.g. Minnesota Waters Membership Match Fund Program
 - e.g. Department of Natural Resources Grants

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Work on projects to meet the goals and mission
 - Short term focus on developing 2010 weed treatment plans with the members and the DNR
- Communicate & educate the Association members
 - Leverage website and Facebook and start a newsletter

LMPA Board Officer Positions

President

keeps the group on track, leads meetings, energizes and empowers members.

Vice President

helps with the duties of the president, provides a leadership transition, keeps records and history.

Secretary

takes notes, creates meeting agendas, distributes meeting reminders and updates member roster.

Treasurer

keeps track of funding, expenditures and organizational documentation and manages the budget.

LMPA Budget: Income and Spending

- Income
 - Donations from residents
 - LMPA Dues
 - Grants from government sources
 - Other?
- Spending
 - Invasive Aquatic Species mitigation
 - July 4th Fireworks (KABOOM)
 - Communications
 - Other?

Preliminary 2010 LMPA Event Calendar

- April 1st Ice Out!
- April 19th Annual LMPA Meeting
- **April 24th** **Earth Day Clean Up at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park**
- May 10th LMPA Surveys/Officer Nominations due
- May 24th LMPA Officer Elections
- May/June Lake-wide Garage Sale (?)
- June/July Common Area Weed Treatments
- July 4th Water Ski Show, Boat Parade, Fireworks
- August 3rd National Night Out
- September Fall Pot Luck Picnic (?)

Earth Day 40th Anniversary Park Clean-up

April 24th, 2010

Lake Minnewashta Regional Park

On TH 41 between TH 5 and TH 7

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Lunch to Follow

Spend a few hours working on special projects helping to rejuvenate Lake Minnewashta Regional Park for the busy summer months. Volunteers are encouraged to wear work clothes, supportive footwear and work gloves. We will gather between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Large Picnic Pavilion

FREE Lunch and Rain Garden Program from 11:30- Noon.
For additional information or to register for the event please contact the Parks office at 952-466-5250.

What we'd like from you

- Visit and register on our website
<http://lakeminnewashta.org>
- Fill out our stakeholder survey by **May 10th** (website)
- Nominate candidates to serve as officers of the Board (by **May 10th**) and participate in the election (**by May 24th**)
- Volunteer to serve on a committee
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How To Address Invasive Aquatic Species And Preserve Lake Quality

Brittany Hummel
MN Department of Natural Resources
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Invasive Species – Weed Treatment

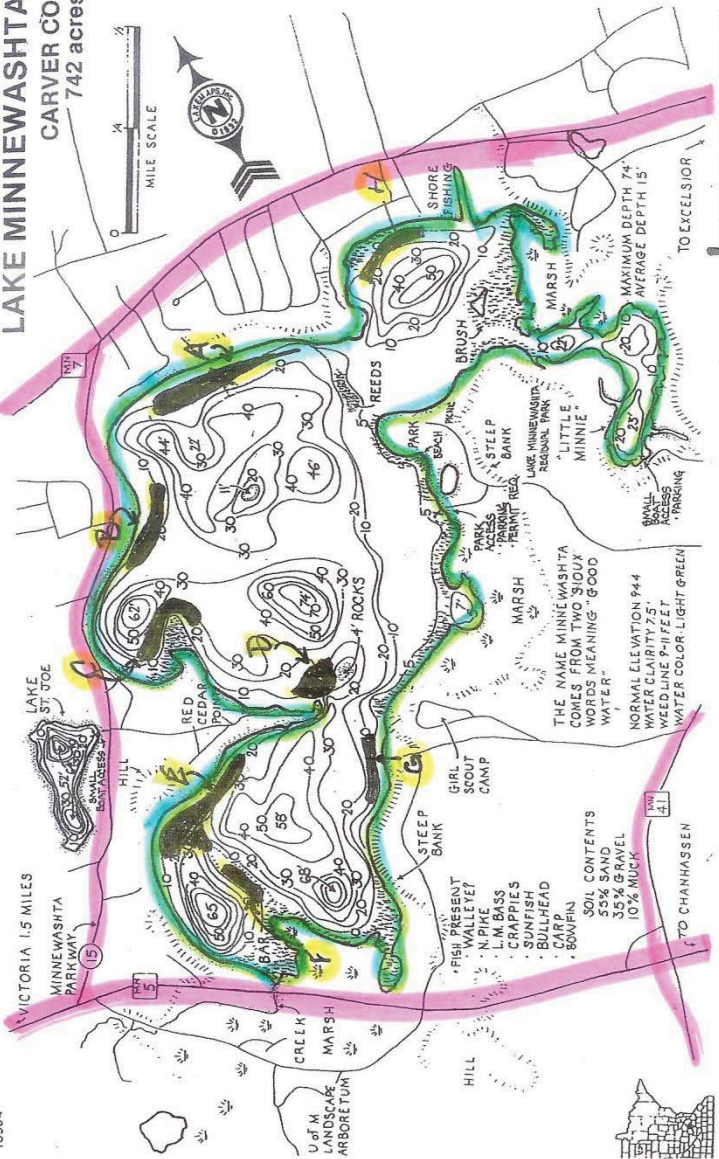
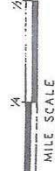
- Our predominant Invasive Species weeds
 - Eurasian Water milfoil
 - Curly Leaf Pond Weed
- Two weed mitigation practices are in use
 - Chemical treatment using herbicide 2,4-d, as recommended by lake ecosystem experts
 - Mechanical harvesting and removal
- Amount of treatment limited by funding and DNR allowances

Invasive Species – Weed Mitigation

- The DNR allows approximately 56 of the 700 total acres to be treated on our lake.
 - The LMPA is allowed to treat whatever is left after deducting acreage treated by individual homeowners.
 - Typically, the DNR allocates up to 28 acres to the LMPA for common area treatment
- The DNR requires that LMPA treatment areas benefit the lake community, not an individual homeowner.
 - The LMPA treatments are further from shore (150 feet and beyond) than an individual may treat.
 - We apply our DNR-permitted acreage to the high traffic, recreational areas commonly traveled by boaters that use our lake.

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LAKE MINNEWASHTA CARVER CO. 742 acres



THE NAME MINNEWASHTA
COMES FROM TWO SIOUX
WORDS MEANING "GOOD
WATER"
NORMAL ELEVATION 944
WATER CLARITY 2E
WEED LINE P-HIELET
WATER COLOR LIGHT GREEN

SOIL CONTENTS
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35% GRAVEL
10% MUCK

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H - curly/leaf only



2009 Weed Treatment Income and Spending

Income

Contributions	7,850.00
DNR Grant	5,626.00
Interest Income	7.73

Total Income 13,483.73

Expense

Lake Treatment	11,667.00
Postage/Delivery	221.63
Bank Charges	50.00

Total Expense 11,938.63

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Grand Total 1,545.10 Carryover for 2010

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