

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Mission Of The Big Chip Lake Association Shall Be To Promote The Interests Of The Lakeshore Owner; To Serve As A Resource On Issues Of Individual And Common Concern; And To Promote Education, Public Awareness And Advocacy Of Lake And Lakeshore Issues.**

## BIG CHIP LAKE ASSOCIATION Minutes of Annual Meeting

The Third Annual Meeting of the Big Chip Lake Association was held on July 23, 1994 in the school auditorium. It was attended by about 60 people. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Beattie. The minutes of our 1993 Annual Meeting and the minutes of our board meeting were read. Treasurer report was also read. Both were approved as read.

Motion was made and seconded to pay all outstanding bills.

Bob Beattie reported about a lake directory. He apologized for not getting much done on that. He requested that everyone there put their name on a lake map.

John Gilson reported on what has been done with lake water clarity. He has been taking readings for clarity of the lake with a secchi disk. He takes these readings on several spots on the lake so we have an idea of the clarity of the lake.

President Beattie read an article about the Douglas County Lake Association, the purpose of it, etc. It is to support lake associations and to keep us informed as to exotic species and things we should be aware of in our lakes.

It was mentioned that milfoil was found in Sauk Lake and that we should be on the look-out in our own lakes.

The fishing "Club" Tournaments were discussed. There is nothing we can do to stop them - it is a public lake.

It was reported that there will possibly be a

mercury test in our lake in the next few months.

One lakeshore owner called the president about the size of the boats on the lake. They have gotten bigger and faster this past year. Jet-skis and sea-doo's were also discussed. Some were driving quite reckless. They are to stay 100 ft. away from shore or another boat. If you see anyone abusing that law, you should call the sheriff.

A lakeshore owner brought up about sewage problems on our lake. He mentioned there is much sewage from sewers going into our lake. You are to call board members if you know of anyone being guilty of this. We are all concerned.

Ray Lanners, a representative of the Sportsman's Club approached the association about taking over the carp trap and removing carp between Big Chip & Devil's Lake. Discussion was held and motion was made and seconded to work together with the Club. Devils Lake & Little Chip will be contacted. Monies used for this project were discussed but was tabled until they know how much money is involved. The following people kindly volunteered to help in the taking of carp out of the trap. Hoyt Hansen, Greg Slatten, Lowell Zwiers and John Gilson.

9 Board Members were elected. They are John Gilson, Tom McLeod, Bob Beattie, Dave Bednarz, Virgil Linn, Lon Burgess, Evie Lanners, Lowell Zwiers and Hoyt Hansen.

The meeting was adjourned. Coffee and donuts were served and enjoyed.

*Evelyn Lanner, Secretary-Treasurer*

An informal board meeting was held after the annual meeting. Officers were elected: President - Bob Beattie; Vice President - Tom McLeod; Secretary-Treasurer - Evie Lanners. Next board meeting - August 20, 1994, 9:30 AM. Bring ideas - Lake Directory - Newsletter - Water Quality - Fish Count.

**BIG CHIP LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

An informal board meeting was held at Bob Beatties house on August 20th.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) How to get more shore owners to join and become involved in our lake association.
- 2) The MN Lakes Association annual meeting - at the meeting they will discuss exotic species and lake issues, property taxes and milfoil. It will be on October 27-29.
- 3) Family membership - tabled till annual meeting.
- 4) Thickness of weeds in the lake at the north end - a weed roller was mentioned which can be purchased at Alex Marine.
- 5) Carp Trap - DNR says there isn't enough to bother removing. John Gilson was to check with the fisheries in St. Paul. Some of the board members felt we should consider it anyway. That has to be done in the spring.
- 6) A newsletter would be written up by Bob Beattie and Tom McLeod.
- 7) The mission and goal of our lake association - to channel information from lake shore owners to board members and vice versa. To serve as a resource to lake shore owners about individual and common concerns.

- 8) The gypsy moth from Southern U.S. - only a matter of time; they strip the trees, trees die.
- 9) County inspection of sewers - eventually all lakes will be done; some lakes are already done.
- 10) Harvey Bolins bay passageway - to dredge or not to dredge.
- 11) Goose and duck nests and loon nests - votes were no on goose and duck nests; yes on the loon nests.

Meeting Adjourned.

Delicious muffins were served by hostess Cheryl Beattie and we thank her for that.

*Evelyn Lanners, Secretary-Treasurer*