

WICOLA ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 7th 2008
SILVER RAPIDS LODGE

PRESENT: About 50 people including guest speaker Teddy Strombeck, Master Gardener.

- 1) The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Board member Larry Squillace introduced Teddy Strombeck as the guest speaker. Strombeck spoke and answered questions for approximately 1 hour in reference to sustainable gardening in this area.
- 2) President Mason introduced Dr. Thomas Clifford, Lake Co. Commissioner. Dr. Clifford answered a few questions from the membership.
- 3) President Mason called the business meeting to order. Michelle Moschel moved to approve the minutes, Larry Squillace seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Fiscal Report 2007 was presented by Don Ortley. Nancy Powers moved to approve the report, Ray Theobald seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- 4) President Mason asked the membership for any new board member volunteers. There were no further nominees for board positions. Peg Pinckney moved to close the nominations, Pat Doran seconded, nominations were closed.
- 5) Nominations for 2009-2011
President-Charlene Mason
Vice President-Peter Davis
Garden Lake Rep.- Teresa Sagen
White Iron Rep.- Ken Wichman
Secretary through 2009- Paul Haraldson
Connie Okane moved to accept the nominations, Lisa Squillace seconded, nominations accepted.
- 6) President Mason presented her annual message in a handout. The message included thanks to the volunteers for water testing and other activities associated with WICOLA. It was pointed out that the association is celebrating its 15th year.
- 7) Board member Ray Doran presented information regarding the number of WICOLA members and how the membership could assist in gaining new members. Ray also gave information regarding grant monies that the association has obtained including grants from Lake Co., Morse Township, MN. Dept of Natural Resources.
- 8) Annual Meeting Discussion

The meeting discussion revolved around WICOLA's involvement in creating a mining forum. Board member Ken Wichman and volunteer Carla Arneson presented their work on furthering an educational forum to the membership and citizens. This forum would include mining company personnel and people representing environmental interests. The forum would be held to educate people on both sides of the issue. The Eagles Nest Lake Assoc. has donated \$150 for the forum with WICOLA possibly adding the additional money that may total at a combined \$500. Ken Wichman also advised that volunteers would be needed to help with the forum. The board made the motion to forward the forum project, Delores Delaney seconded, motioned passed by membership. Nancy Powers submitted a resolution to the motion. The resolution stated that after the forum was held, the WICOLA board draw up a plan to address mining issues and submit it to the membership for approval. The resolution was approved by voice vote.

- 9) Member Jim Okane gave a brief statement regarding fire suppression grants and efforts on Sunset Rd. to acquire these grants.
- 10) Dr. Clifford spoke briefly regarding the views of the Lake County Commissioners Board regarding the mining issues. Dr. Clifford invited all interested parties to address their concerns ref. mining issues at the upcoming commissioners meeting at the Fall Lake Township Hall on June 17th.

At 12:15 pm Bob Robinette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.