

# FLLA Annual Meeting-March 30, 2010:

Meeting was opened with a welcome from Blake Roberts, President, who introduced the current Board Members. Over 75 people attended. At least 1/3 of the attendees were non members who had responded to a special invitation to learn more about the FLLA . Fourteen new members were signed up at the meeting.

## 2009 Year in review:

Blake reported that the FLLA had a very successful year.

The weed harvester (to clear Lake channels and provide bay access to deeper water) was operated from June 18 to August 21 by city trained FLLA volunteers. The harvested weeds were hauled away and composted by city trucks/labor. 21 loads of weeds were harvested compared to 35 loads in 2008 with a city budget of \$66,000. The Association also contributed \$1500 to the city for maintenance on the harvester.

The herbicide treatment program, to control the invasive weed species curly leaf pondweed(CLP), was expanded from 15 acres (Lake 2)to 110 acres in 2009.The \$20,000 cost was funded by the city. 37 acres were treated on Lake 2 and 67 acres were treated on Lake 3. Curly leaf pondweed crowds out native species and is a nuisance because its surface, mat like structure ,dies and floats to shore at the end of June /early July clogging shorelines. Many positive comments were received from shoreline owners on the improved weed control resulting from herbicide treatment.

A DNR point intercept survey of Forest Lake was completed, with assistance from the CL FL watershed district, in June 2009. The purpose of the survey was to identify the presence of invasive weed species such as curly leaf pondweed. The results showed that at 97 sites surveyed, 51 sites or 54% had curly leaf pondweed. Of the 51 sites that had CLP four were abundant(75-100%) and 14 were common(50-75%) and are candidates for future herbicide treatment.

FLLA membership increased from 100 to 223 in 2009.

A wine tasting event with a silent auction (spring) and a boat carpet cleaning activity(fall) were successful fund raisers held by the Association. In addition, the Association had a booth at the weekly city sponsored Arts in the Park on Tuesday nights during the summer. This activity raised money(lake association

merchandise sales) and contributed to many new memberships. Blake requested volunteers to staff the booth on one or more Tuesday evenings. Please contact Gayle Hove at 651-464-7272.

Completed the 4<sup>th</sup> annual lake winter cleanup in March 2010.

Blake introduced and explained the role of our new administrative assistant, Shawn Augustine.

#### Treasurer Report-Donna Kohs:

Gave current bank balances, and amounts given to the City. Talked about fundraising opportunities this year.

#### Speakers

##### Randy Anhorn, Comfort Lake/Forest Lake Watershed District-

Discussed the areas the watershed district covers, went over handouts, which are now on the website and discussed lake levels. Topics directly related to improving the water quality of Forest Lake included:

Cattle exclusion project on Lake 3. Working with a small cattle raising farm to develop buffer zones to reduce an estimated 200-500 pounds of phosphorus from entering the lake.

The Watershed District offers up to \$3000 cost share matching grants for shoreline restoration/rain garden plantings to reduce direct water runoff into the lake. To date this program has funded 10 programs on FL resulting in 606 ft of shoreline upgrades and 26,000 sq ft of plantings. Shoreline restoration is the number one way we can improve the water quality of FL.

Continue the monitoring of FL water quality using volunteers. Ten years of FL water quality data is available on your Association website.

##### Mike O'Connell/Dan Udem, Lake Management-

Discussed last years herbicide treatment work, plans for the coming year and explained some of the specifics about the different types of applications used to control Curly Leaf Pond Weed. Provided us with a treatment map, which is now on the website.

#### Looking forward to 2010:

Introduction of the new Board Member Blake Dalbec and incoming President Steve Schmaltz. Steve thanked Blake Roberts for his years of service with FLLA as President and recognized and thanked Chris Hoyt for his three years of Board member service.

Steve stressed the importance of increasing our membership to strengthen both our financial position and our working partnership with the city in addressing issues impacting the lake.

Members can contribute to the Association by signing up one of your neighbors as a new member (we only have 223 of 1100 households as members), pay your 2010 \$40 dues, and volunteer /participate in Association events.

The focus for 2010 includes:

Continue to develop a strong and positive working partnership with the city through the city sponsored Lake Improvement Committee.

Maintain the weed harvesting program with the city to keep lake channels and bay access open.

Expand the herbicide treatment program to 150 acres by including 40 acres on Lake 1 in addition to the acreage treated last year on Lakes 2 & 3.

Expand membership from 223 to 400 and increase the percent of dues collected.

Begin to develop a “proactive prevention program” strategy with the Lake Improvement Committee to better manage the risk of other invasive species (zebra mussels and milfoil) from entering Forest Lake.

Continue to support the Watershed District lake quality monitoring program by providing FLLA volunteers.

Hallberg Family Foundation Donation:

A member of the Hallberg Family, Dana Hallberg then presented the FLLA with a check for \$1200. A special thanks to the Hallberg family for their continued support.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Steve Schmaltz