

Muskellunge Lake Association  
 Board of Directors  
 Eagle River Airport  
 Meeting Minutes-January 30, 2016



**Call to Order and Welcome: President, Mike Newmeister**

Present ✓

President Mike Newmeister	✓	Director John Kurhajec	✓
Vice President Bob Petersen	✓	Director Bill Raboin	✓
Treasurer Roger Johnston	✓	Director Dennis Rydzewski	
Secretary Kathleen Pallardy	✓	Director Bob (Huddy) Hodkiewicz	✓
Web Master Jeff Rappold	✓	Director Tom Cerull	✓

Also present was lake resident Lillis Raboin

The minutes of the August, 2015 minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report (Roger Johnston):** Balances are as follows:

The funds will be due shortly for the Clean Boats Clean Water Grant. We are still waiting to receive the rebate which was submitted after the purchase of the new buoys last summer. 2016 memberships are in and standing at 77 of the approximately 100 property owners on the lake. This is pretty close to where membership was last year. There was discussion about contacting non-members to encourage membership and the promotion of lake preservation activities..

**2015 Financial Summary**

**Operational Funds**

Lake Improvement Fund	\$ 3,024.11
Operational Fund	\$ 2,233.95
MLA Fundraising/Socials	\$ 2,732.99
Savings Accounts-Balance	\$ 36.58

**Sub Total Operational Funds**

**Investment Certificates**

Certificate #441	\$ 2,714.46
Certificate # 072	\$ 2,767.09
Certificate # 073	\$ 2,833.48
Certificate # 440	\$ 2,699.30

**Total All Funds/Investments** **\$19,041.96**

**Lake Study Fund\*** \$0

\* Fund has been closed.

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It was noted that one of the CD's will be maturing in July.

A motion was made to accept the financial report. Motion carried

### Committee Reports

**Webmaster Report (Jeff Rappold):** The activity on the website has been typical with the dashboard showing approximately 10 unique visitors per week accessing the website. The website was down for a couple of days while it was moved to a new server. There was discussion about having an app for the website for access by tablets and smartphones. However this would entail an investment to build and support the application. The two year bill for the website hosting is coming due this summer.

**Boat Landing Report (John Kurhajec):** The Grant cost is the same as last year \$ 15.10 per hour and is due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Committee (Mimi Johnston):**

The 2016 Winter Social will be held this evening Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Eagle River Inn. 37 people have signed up to attend.

**Aerator Report (Bob Hodkiewicz, Huddy)** This year there was a good strong showing of home owners helping to install the aerator. 13 volunteers came out to assist Huddy. This is the most we ever had! Thank you to all! The email reminder seemed to help! The ice conditions for installation were good with 9 to 10 inches of ice, no slush and were easy to travel on. The aerator is running well, no issues.

Huddy shared that he has the original taped video that Gary Cooper created when the aeration was originally installed in 1993. The purpose of the video was to document the process. It includes a step by step overview of the installation process, and the trial and errors the original installers ran into. There is also a log book. Huddy suggested trying to transfer the video to the website for historical purposes. One of the problems noted that they had at the time of original installation had been a lot of back pressure. More holes were added to the piping to relieve pressure.

There was discussion that over the year's sand may have plugged up some of the holes and about clearing them out. The holes right now are about every 4 feet.

Jeff suggested he will scan the log book, PDF the files and post to the web for references. The video will be posted to YouTube with a link added to the website.

**Water Quality (Jeff Rappold):** 5 water samples were taken last year. This year we will want to take a sample right after ice out. The average shows the lake is very eutrophic. The readings from early spring last year were never clearer but by late summer/fall they were back to normal reading levels. The average clarity is about two feet which indicates the lake is not really changing much.

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**Fish Committee Report:** 2015 numbers have not yet been posted. The DNR should have posted them last fall. Mike will follow up on this.

**Old Business:**

Buoys- One of the new buoys have been installed. Having difficulty finding a rock to secure the other buoy, tried three times to mark the rock spot. Orange protecting buoy. Working well. Looking at some cones to put on top of them, after-market. Mike will investigate this. Funnel that will slide down over it.

**New Business:**

**New neighbor/membership policy-** Mike-worked on the welcome packet. There was discussion about maintenance of the membership list. Roger has a the master membership list which has been posted to the website. This master is updated once per year. The spreadsheet includes members' contact information, length of time they have lived on the lake and whether or not current association fees are current. Lillis-spent time sharing with new residents and other non members what the focus of the lake association is, raising awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting the lake. The importance of the aerator is an example.

There was discussion on the best way to manage the membership and mailing lists to make certain we have a current inventory of property owners. Jeff will check the current master file on the website, make certain it has all of the current information and send to Roger. Jeff will send out the master list to the board members as it is today. Discussion will continue as to the best way to maintain it.

**Boat Parade-** There was discussion about having one again this year. Tom Cerull indicated Ruth would be involved again. Jeff noted that when people turned in votes last summer after the parade several mentioned that it would have been nice to have a gathering spot to gather for a picnic afterwards. Perhaps this summer a few pontoon boats could be hooked up together for a brief picnic and the formal transfer of the winner's flag.

**Vilas County Lakes and River Association-** Motion made and carried to rejoin.

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Eagle River Airport.

**Meeting Adjournment**