

Muskellunge Lake Association
Board of Directors
Eagle River Airport
Meeting Minutes-May 13, 2017



Call to Order and Welcome: President, Mike Newmeister

Present ✓

President Mike Newmeister	✓	Director John Kurhajec	
Vice President Bill Raboin	✓	Director Mark Fouts	✓
Treasurer Roger Johnston	✓	Director Tony Mattson	✓
Secretary Kathleen Pallardy	✓	Director Tom Cerull	✓
Web Master Jeff Rappold			

Also present were Lillis Raboin, Bob (Huddy) Hodkiewicz, Joe Pallardy, Emmons and Oliver and Cathy Higley, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 28, 2017 meeting approved as written.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report (Roger Johnston): Balances are as follows: Membership is at 76 households. Final 2016 Funds were as followed:

Operational Funds

Lake Improvement Fund	\$2,042.21
Operational Fund	\$2,950.80
MLA Fundraising/Socials	2,747.64
Savings Accounts-Balance	\$36.58

Sub Total Operational Funds **\$7,777.23**

Investment Certificates

Certificate #441	\$2,757.35
Certificate # 072	\$2,811.01
Certificate # 073	\$2,878.49
Certificate # 440	\$2,755.66

Total All Funds/Investments **\$18,979.74**

Membership for the MLA stands at 83.

Motion made to approve Treasurer's report. Motion seconded and approved.

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Old Business:

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in ML:

Joe Pallardy from EOR talked about the plan and breakdown of work hours from EOR and for the MLA for 2017.

Total project cost over three years is \$19,996.00

State Aid =\$14,997.00

Sponsor (In-kind) = \$3,749.25

Time Period= October, 2016- December 31, 2020

Reimbursement Program-DNR has steps laid out for reimbursement

At the end of 2017 there will be a management report which will provide guidelines for which activities we will partake in during 2018 and beyond.

Mike received approval for advanced funds

Joe demonstrated the use of the free project management software, Trello. We will use this to track our progress and our in-kind hours. Cathy noted that we will also have to log information into the DNR SWIMs database.

Cathy reviewed the tools the UW Extension provided for the MLA: UW-Extension Lake monitoring site.

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/clmn/ais.aspx>

The tools and material the MLA will receive includes a rake, a clipboard with a monitoring handbook, bags to capture, ruler, waiver and end of season reports and instructions for entering information into the SWIMs (Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System) database.

There was discussion on a training date for the AIS and weevil detection. Native Eurasian Milfoil has been found on Muskellunge Lake which could mean there is a natural population of weevils. Susan Knight from Trout Lake Station is a good resource for weevil monitoring. The goal is to encourage the population of weevils as they prefer to eat EWM. [Amy Thorstenson](#), Executive Director and the Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Portage, Marathon, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood Counties is from Golden Sands RC&D in Stevens Point and is a good resource for knowledge on weevils. If we decide to go forward with the weevil training, we need to set a date. There is also an option to be able to either just look for presence/absence or to look at density data. Joe noted that having the density information will help with AIS treatment methods going forward.

The DNR will most likely conduct the Point/Intercept survey in the mid July timeframe.

Training Dates:

Tentative data for Weevil monitoring training is the 8:00 a.m. – noon Friday July 14th.

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AIS Training with Cathy Higley will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the afternoon of June 17th. It should only take about one to one and a half hours.

CBCW training is at 12:30 p.m. on May 26th, Northland Pines HS in Eagle River. June 9th at the Discovery Center in Manitowish Water, June 30th at Arbor Vita Community Center.

There was discussion of Joe's presentation at the Annual Meeting. It will be a summary of the multi-year plan.

Committee Reports

Webmaster Report (Jeff Rappold): Jeff not present. Mike noted web traffic has been noted.

Boat Landing Report (John Kurhajec): John was not present but Mike shared the handout that John had drawn up to place down at the launch. It is primarily a brochure to alert people launching on the lake about the EWM and to discourage people from driving their boats in those areas.

Social Committee (Mimi Johnston):

The annual meeting is set for July 28th.

Aerator Report (Bob Hodkiewicz, Huddy) Huddy was not present. There was discussion on the age of the aerator and consideration for replacing it. Water leaked into the pipe and split it. There are also ongoing costs of operating that electrical motor. This year it was \$1000. There are newer systems that have improved efficiency. Mike asked Joe to provide a quote for the cost of replacing and installing a new aerator.

Water Quality (Jeff Rappold): Jeff was not present. Mike noted that Jeff uploaded the latest readings to the SWIMs database.

Boat Parade-Tom Cerull shared some questions. Since the 4th of July is on a Tuesday this year it was mentioned it should be on Sunday or Monday this year. The preferred date is on Monday. The time will be at 4:00 p.m. Everybody liked the idea of hot dogs last year. Need approval for up to \$150 for expenditure for the hot dogs, buns, foil, condiments. Motion made and motion carried. Judges will be selected.

There was also discussion on the food drive. It was decided to do it again this year.

Meeting Adjournment