

Muskellunge Lake Association  
2014 Annual Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2014

**Call to Order and Welcome: President, Tom Cerull**

Present √

President Tom Cerull	√	Director John Kurhajec	√
VP Mike Newmeister	√	Director Bob Petersen	√
Treasurer Roger Johnston	√	Director Bill Raboin	√
Secretary Kathleen Pallardy	√	Director Dennis Rydzewski	√
Web Master Jeff Rappold	√	Director Dennis Schumacher	

The following homeowners were present:

Mary and Roger Nelson	Gary Carlson	Janice Klingaman
Tom and Ruth Cerull	Jean, Jeff and Evora Rappold	Kathleen Pallardy
John and Maureen Kurhajec	Bob and Judy Petersen	Roger and Miriam Johnston
Michael and Gayla Newmeister	Donna and Jerry Kania	Sally and Herb Olson
Tony and Kathy Mattson	Mark and Bonnie Adam	Dennis Rydzewski
Bob Hodkiewicz		

**New Members & Guests:** No new members

**Secretary's Report: Kathleen Pallardy**

The minutes of the last annual meeting held on July 27th meeting were approved via email.

**Treasurer's Fiscal Year Report (Roger Johnston):** Balances 8/30/2014 is as follows:

**MLA Financial Statement Q1 2014**

Lake Improvement Fund	\$-37.84
Operational fund	\$1,476.30
MLA Fundraising/Socials	\$4,014.95
Savings accounts Vilas Credit Union	\$36.58
<b>Sub-Total Operational Funds</b>	<b>\$5,489.99</b>
Ripco Share Certificates-4 and 5 YR Certificates	\$2,672.11
	\$2,729.45
	\$2,755.39
	\$2,639.32
<b>Sub-Total CD's</b>	<b>\$10,796.27</b>
<b>Total All Funds/Investments</b>	<b>\$16,286.26</b>
Lake Study Fund	\$1211.30

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

# Muskellunge Lake Association 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes July 26, 2014

## Committee Reports

**Webmaster Report (Jeff Rappold):** Jeff reminded everyone what the username and password is for members to access private information on the website. Please let Jeff know if your contact information has changed. Jeff continues to monitor usage. There are about 30 people on the lake who follow the lake association on Facebook and 50 people regularly hit the Facebook page via a mobile device. This is a good place to share pictures and information with each other and family members. If you would like to post pictures to the website please send to Jeff at "snowmonut@aol.com". The pictures on the site that Tom has collected from previous meetings is a popular page to visit. Roger Nelson suggested adding an MLA "trading post". Kathleen Pallardy suggested having an "Angie's List"-like page on the site. It was discussed that it may be better to hold this type of information on the secure area of the site.

### **Aerator Report (Bob Hodkiewicz):**

Bob reported that the aerator was up and running in January. We had good volunteers this year to help. Bob also takes oxygen readings over the winter. The reading in March was the lowest reading he ever took perhaps suggesting that without the aerator there is a good possibility the lake would have frozen over.

### **Water Quality (Jeff Rappold):**

Jeff brought along the report he wrote on water quality if anyone is interested in reading. Jeff has conducted 2 tests so far this year. Because of the late spring (May 5<sup>th</sup> when the water went out), the water was cloudy this year due to the fact that the spring turnover was occurring. Test results are normal as compared to last year. Jeff also shared the report of the fish which were planted last year. The DNR is using our lake as an experimental lake to test a new planting method for musky. They are planting one musky per mile of shoreline. The DNR is experimenting with feeding them pellets much like farm-raised fish. It is a less expensive way of feeding them. The DNR will continue to monitor the survival rate.

### **Social Committee (Mimi Johnston):**

Mimi reported that last winter's social at Eagle River Inn went well and there will be contracted again for this year's winter social which will be held on Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be similar to last year. Mimi is open to taking any type of door prize donations.

**Boat Landing Report (John Kurhajec):** The summer season for the college internships through the DNR has concluded. A total of 7 students from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alternated times. For homeowners who are interested in conducting volunteer boat launch inspections it is required that you complete a new training course. There will continue to be training opportunities next year. It costs the MLA \$600 annually for the internship-funded inspections. This is considered to be a real bargain to help keep invasive species out of our lake. Please see John if you are interested in volunteering to conduct inspections and would like to complete the training. John will see to it that you are properly trained. Everyone should be aware that it is now unlawful to transport water from any lake throughout the state of Wisconsin.

## New Business

Mike Newmeister reported on providing MLA Member signs. These would be 8x10 aluminum signs, one per MLA Member household. Please note, the signs can be placed anywhere on your lot but cannot go on the fire sign. The cost should be between \$10 and \$15 per sign. Extra signs will be available for purchase.

Aquatic vegetation harvesting was discussed at the January board meeting. Jeff Rappold's report was discussed including compliments on the report from the DNR. As a result of the report we are not interested in any harvesting of aquatic vegetation. There are number of actions we can take to help keep the weeds down. The vast majority (86%) of the phosphorus coming into the lake is coming from natural sources, mainly the groundwater coming from the watershed. Short of putting sewer around the lake, here are a few steps each homeowner can take to reduce the controllable portion of the phosphorus:

# Muskellunge Lake Association 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes July 26, 2014

1. Keep your septic up to code
2. Minimize the use of fertilizers-do not use phosphorus-based fertilizers
3. Control run off-keep a riparian buffer
4. If trimming weeds, pick them out of the lake. Letting them settle adds to lake sediment.
5. Try not to cruise close to the shoreline which stirs up the weeds
6. Use your winch rather than power loading of boats
7. Try not to stir up the bottom, it acts like fertilizer
8. Help to control invasive species of plants

**Volunteer Sign Up:** Please contact someone from the board if you are interested in volunteering on any of these committees:

- \*Welcoming Committee
- \*Aerator Volunteers
- \*Weed & Algae Committee
- \*Social Committee
- \* Watercraft Inspection Volunteers
- \* Water Quality Volunteers

## **Election Results**

- President-Mike Newmeister
- Vice-President-Bob Petersen
- Secretary-Kathleen Pallardy
- Treasurer- Roger Johnston
- Directors at Large:
  - John Kurhajec
  - Bill Raboin
  - Dennis Rydzewski
  - Bob (Huddy) Hodkiewicz

## **Open Discussion**

Jean Rappold wanted to thank everyone who worked on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade. John indicated we will do this again next year. Stay tuned for themes. We exceeded last year's donation to the Vilas County Food Pantry with 360 pounds of food. Ruth submitted an article to the newspaper about the parade.

Mike suggested that we purchase a new buoy on the rock pile. The existing one is not very buoyant. Dennis Rydzewski suggested posting the "no-wake" hours on the buoy to increase awareness.

On behalf of the board Mike Newmeister acknowledged the time and effort that Tom Cerull has put into serving as President of the board and presented him and his wife Ruth with a gift certificate for dinner at River Stone.

## **Meeting Adjournment**