

Muskellunge Lake Association
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2014

Call to Order:

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	

Also present were Susan and Bob Hodkiewicz.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the last board meeting held on August 26th meeting were approved via email.

Treasurer's Fiscal Year Report (Roger Johnston): Balances as if July 31st is as follows:

In 2012 the lake association had 88, today it has 75 MLA members. This represents about three fourths of all lake residents. Discussion pursued on ideas to promote membership of the remaining 25%.

Lake Improvement Fund	\$1943.76
Operational fund	\$806.97
MLA Fundraising/Socials	\$3693.73
Savings accounts Vilas Credit Union	\$36.58
Sub-Total Operational Funds	\$6,480.54
Ripco Share Certificates-3,4 and 5 YR Certificates	\$2,658.19
	\$2,699.50
	\$2,722.00
	\$2,619.67
Sub-Total CD's	\$10,699.36
Total All Funds/Investments	\$17,179.90
Lake Study Fund	\$1210.40

Motion made to accept financial report. Motion carried

Committee Reports

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Webmaster Report (Jeff Rappold): Jeff reported new members are continuing to come onto the MLA Facebook site.

Boat Landing Report (John Kurhajec): John reported we will receive the same reimbursement from DNR as last year. John shared the DNR has a report available of the number of hours of monitoring on our lake versus other lakes in the area and a breakdown of volunteer vs. paid-for hours. There was discussion of possible signage to remind people launching boats to continue to do their part to protect the lake from invasive species.

Motion was made to eliminate the fish committee and the weed and algae committee and to have one report to include any DNR response on topics such as weeds, fish, water quality, landings when available. Motion carried. Tom agreed to follow-up with Steve Gilbert to obtain the lake shocking results from the fall shocking.

Water Quality (Jeff Rappold):

Jeff conducted water quality tests 4 times last year. Some residents voiced complaints at the annual meeting about water clarity. All in all the readings have been consistent for the past 10 years.

Social Committee (Mimi Johnston):

Roger reported for Mimi. There are 44 people expected at tonight's Winter Social at the Eagle River Inn on Hwy 70.

Aerator Report (Bob Hodkiewicz):

Bob reported that the aerator went in well. We had 8 volunteers on Saturday and 3 on Friday to set it up. We have a leak in the line which Bob said he would have to take a look at. The dipstick which was purchased to try to keep the distribution pipe from freezing worked well.

GPS locations for the corner posts have worked well although the locations for the distribution lines were not correct. However, after a day everything was working fine.

Old Business

Association Dues: Jeff noted that on the website under the secure "Members" area, there is a membership list which contains member addresses and lot number. It also tracks who is a member of the lake association. When exiting properties are sold and new property owners arrive at the lake, MLA membership information is provided as part of the welcome package.

Newsletter articles: Due on February 10th.

Weed Cutting: Jeff shared in a detailed essay of his view of the history of the health and water quality of the lake over the past 40 years. The report will be available on the website. Some residents have complained about the weeds in the lake, however the lake is what it is. It is the consensus among the board members that we are not interested in weed cutting. It can be very expensive to hire weed cutters on a regular basis. It was agreed to publish Jeff's paper on the

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website. A short version of the report will be included in the next newsletter. A mass email attaching Jeff's report will also be distributed.

Dennis Schumacher's CBCW Recommendations: Dennis's recommendations were discussed primarily related to his comments on the word "inspection" being used when there really wouldn't be an actual inspection. It was agreed that Dennis had covered his comments with Ted Ritter and that further action by the board wasn't justified.

New Business

Annual Meeting: Lake history

Annual Meeting: There was discussion around potential topics for the 2014 annual meeting. Suggestions included aerators, the history of Eagle River and Muskellunge Lake history. There is continued interest expressed in developing more lake history and having this as a main topic of the meeting. If we can gather enough content including pictures, stories, etc. to be meaningful, this might be useful as an annual meeting presentation as well as additional website information. This topic will be raised at this evening's annual winter social to get people thinking about it in preparation for the annual meeting this summer. Interested residents can scan pictures along with information about the picture and send to Jeff Rappold or any board member for collection. There was discussion as to the date for the annual meeting. It was determined that there would not be enough information available for the meeting this year. Mike Newmeister volunteered to check into other topics for the annual meeting. This may include topics provided by the Discovery Center, the museum in Sayner or the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce.

The next board meeting will be Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Tom has served as President for the past six years and Roger for Treasurer even longer. It was suggested by both Tom and Roger that it is time for someone else to take over these offices. All MLA members please consider serving on the board.

Meeting Adjourned