

Muskellunge Lake Association
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2012

Call to Order:

Present √

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

Also present were lake residents: Susan and Bob Hodkiewicz, Justine White-Richards and Ron Richards.

Annual Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the July 21, 2012 Annual Meeting were approved via email.

Treasurer's Fiscal Year Report: Final balances are as follows:

Lake Improvement Fund	\$1889.60
Operational fund	\$880.49
MLA Fundraising/Socials	\$3209.30
Savings accounts Vilas Credit Union	\$36.58
Sub-Total Operational Funds	\$6015.97
 NCU Share Certificates-2,3,4 and 5 YR Certificates	 \$10, 405.05
Total All Funds/Investments	\$16,421.02
 Lake Study Fund	 \$1800.66

Lake Study funds have been set aside for a specific project. Roger raised a discussion on whether we want to take these funds and move them into the regular operational funds. Set aside for weed cutting or other lake specific jobs.

Motion made and seconded to keep the lake study fund reported separately. Motion carried

Committee Reports

Webmaster Report (Jeff Rappold): Jeff shared a report on usage activity. There was a spike before the meeting and then back to 5 to 6 hits a day. We are still getting new visitors to the site. No recommended changes at this point.

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Boat Landing Report: John Kurhajec was not present. Tom spoke with John who shared that volunteer inspections are down quite a bit as compared to last year. We ended up with 51 hours of inspection time from the UW interns. Dennis Schumacher suggested some changes to the

updated form, including the DNR phone number, add back in questions to check for weeds, add back in the question would you like a wash station, asking if the boat owner drained the bilge, the period of time spent actually doing inspections.

Justine suggested Dennis sends out the suggestions to the board and we agree as a board to send them to Tom suggesting attending Ted Ritter's (DNR) meeting to make these suggestions.

Weed and Algae Committee: Gail Anderson was not able to be here. No updates

Social Committee: Winter social at eagle Water on January 26th. The social committee will again work again on planning for the boat parade for the 4th of July.

Fish Committee Report: (Ed Kroggel-Dave Larson not present) There was a discussion on suggesting using larger fry to stock the lake. The statistics on survival rate of the smaller fry is very low (1-5%). Years ago they were stocking 3 and 4" fingerlings. As a Homeowners Association (HOA) we do not have control over what size fingerlings the DNR stocks.

Water Quality: Roger Johnston went out Saturday morning and obtained secchi disc readings at 4.25 and 4.5 feet. The temperatures were:

4 feet 79.1F,

8 feet 69.8F,

12 foot 69.8F

18 foot 66.9F.

Readings are taken two weeks after ice out and the last two weeks of June, July and August.

Aerator Report: Bob Hodkiewicz noted that the shoreline in the area where the aerator is placed is becoming weedy. It was agreed that Bob Hodkiewicz would lead a group to replace the stairs at the aerator shed.

Grant Committee Report-Justine White-Richards: Justine still has a few more copies of the lake map available. At annual meeting the idea of fish sticks came up, placing tree trunks on the lake when the lake is frozen and then drop to the bottom when the lake thaws. We can investigate if there is interest. Justine will check with Steve Gilbert .

Old Business:

The By-Law revision draft for webmaster was approved at the annual meeting on July 21st.

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Muskellunge Lake dam leakage. No updates.

Boat parade results. The parade was a success with (19) boats participating and quite a few spectators. It was suggested to pick up the speed a bit as some boaters had trouble keeping their boats running too slowly.

New Business:

Review annual meeting: (31) people attended.

Discuss discontinuing road cleanup. Bob Peterson resigned from the committee. Tom will call the Vilas County Highway Department and discontinue it and focus volunteer hours on boat launch inspections. Bob Peterson will return the county owned equipment and the equipment donated by the Schabbs.

Motion made and seconded to discontinue the Road Clean-Up Committee. Motion carried.

Discuss the number of MLA newsletters sent out per year. Given the website is now available we can reduce costs by sending three newsletters per year rather than four. A suggestion was made to send them in January, May and August.

Motion made, seconded and carried to reduce number of newsletters from 4 to 3 per year.

Interns for 2013- There was a discussion on the summer interns for boat inspections for next summer at same amount as this year.

Motion made to continue program at same hours. Seconded. Motion carried. After additional discussion it was agreed to table the discussion and make a final decision by email after Ted Ritter outlines his plans with the interns for next year.

Schedule future board meetings- The next meeting is scheduled for January 28th, 2013.

Roger raised a discussion on record retention of board business-related documents. Motioned made to purge financial records older than one year with the exception of the tax documents and any historical information. Motion seconded and carried.

Meeting Adjourned