

Muskellunge Lake Association
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2013

Call to Order:

Present √

President Tom Cerull	√	Director Gail Anderson	
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 lake residents and Committee Chairperson(s): Bob and Susan Hodkiewicz and John Kurhajec

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the January 28, 2013 Meeting were approved via email.

Treasurer's Fiscal Year Report (Roger Johnston): Balances as if /April 30th are as follows:

Lake Improvement Fund	\$3.97
Operational fund	\$1598.01
MLA Fundraising/Socials	\$4187.30
Savings accounts Vilas Credit Union	\$36.58
Sub-Total Operational Funds	\$5815.86
NCU Share Certificates-3,4 and 5 YR Certificates	\$10,554.86
Total All Funds/Investments	\$16, 380.04
Lake Study Fund	\$1208.67

Motion made to accept financial report. Motion carried

Committee Reports

Webmaster Report (Jeff Rappold): Jeff shared a report on current usage activity. The lake association website is still getting an average of 4-5 hits a day. Since updating the address book about a third of the membership are using the website. Jeff will continue to keep the homepage fresh with current information.

Boat Landing Report (John Kurhajec): John will send out the signup sheets via email a week in advance so that anyone interested in volunteering to do boat inspections at the launch can sign up for a time that is convenient. Any amount of time volunteered is much appreciated. Anyone

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interested can contact John to get training on how to perform and document boat inspections. John will note in his tracking time sheets the timeslots the college interns will be working. The interns report their completed inspection time through the SWIMs website. The college interns will conduct inspections Thursday-Sunday.

Weed and Algae Committee (Gail Anderson): Tom reported for the Weed and Algae Committee. Gail will not be running for the board next year but is interested in representing the committee and report via email.

Social Committee (Mimi Johnston): Roger reported for Mimi. The Sinking Block Fundraiser brought good participation with almost 4 boards completed. Checks will be sent out shortly to the winners. The ice out this year was on Saturday, May 4th about noon. Jeff suggested posting on the website a history of ice out dates over the years for reference.

Fish Committee Report (Ed Kroggel): Ed Kroggel-Dave Larson not present. No updates. Tom noted that the DNR for the most part manages when fish netting will be conducted. There was discussion amongst the board members about deleting this committee and instead have a “go-to” person to report on fishing on an as-needed basis.

Water Quality (Jeff Rappold): Since the ice is finally out, in a couple of weeks Jeff will conduct an initial water quality assessment for 2013 and post it on the DNR site. Roger will work with Jeff on the initial posting.

Aerator Report (Bob Hodkiewicz): Bob Hodkiewicz noted the aerator worked well this winter. On March 29th Bob shut it down since the temperature had been consistently up in the mid to upper 40's. It remained off for 4-5 days, when the temperature dropped, and the hole froze over. There was still 24' of ice. The oxygen reading was normal. Bob tried to start it back up. Initially it would not start, but then it did turn over. Bob kept it running for 2 nights after which the hole opened back up again. A week later the same thing happened. Because of snow cover on the lake Bob was not certain about the oxygen level.

We are looking for 5-6 volunteers to help take the aerator out for the season. This will take place tomorrow May 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Bob and Roger noticed the belt was too loose and was concerned about over tightening it. The board discussed the possibility of using check valves. There are 3 in the building that houses the aerator motor. A check valve should stop water from coming up. There was also discussion of using a dip stick heater to place inside of the pipe if ice starts to form. The suggestion was made to try the check value first. It cannot be determined by the drawings in the building if check valves have been used previously.

Grant Committee Report: With the passing of Justine White-Richards there was discussion of deleting the grant committee until the need for another grant arose. Bob gave Tom any papers relative to the Grant Committee that Justine had been keeping. Tom will continue to work with

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Ted Ritter of the DNR to determine if there are additional grant programs upcoming which may be of interest to our lake.

Old Business:

Purchase of GPS- The board has authorized purchase of a GPS for board use up to \$150. The unit will be used primarily for marking the placement of the aeator and surrounding fencing. It will also be using for marking the deep hole for water samples. At this point only basic GPS capability is required, no downloads or mapping required.

Master list of property owners and mailing addresses- Jeff proposed consolidating the information into a master database (spreadsheet) and showed how it now includes not only lake association members but also the owners of every single lot with frontage on Lake Muskellunge. Columns in the spreadsheet will include whether or not to send a hard copy of the newsletter. Jeff proposed using Drop Box for file sharing of this information amongst the board members. All changes will be made and saved at this location providing one common place where data is always current. It is possible to download the file and save it locally if desired. WORD will be used to generate mailing labels. Sorts can be done by column.

Letters will be sent out to members asking to confirm contact information for the purpose of completing this database. Jeff passed a draft letter he created of a mail merge to provide updated name, mailing address, lake address (from Vilas County records), primary phone and email address. There was discussion about collecting additional information including how long residents have owned property on the lake, interest in participating on MLA committees, preference for receiving newsletter by email or hard copy, etc. There will be two letters sent out, one to MLA current members, and one to non MLA members with information to consider the benefits of joining. A self-addressed return envelope w/o postage will be included along with personalized letter and newsletter. Jeff will send out the Drop Box instructions for sorting. There should be a primary person and a backup for making the changes. Kathleen offered to keep track of the changes.

Annual Meeting-The annual meeting is confirmed for July 27th to be held at the Kalmar Center. A guest speaker from the Raptor Center in Antigo is confirmed to speak at 9:00 a.m. This is a repeat of one of the best-received programs from several years ago. The program will be on all types of raptors. The cost is \$316 to cover expenses. We can pay it now or at the conclusion of the program. Roger prefers to pay it now.

2013 Election of officers and six board members- A note will be included in the next newsletter about the upcoming election. Please contact Tom if you are interested in participating or nominating someone for the board. In the recent past board meetings have been held on Monday's however consideration is being given to move them to early on Saturday mornings if that would be more convenient. This will be one of the first decisions made by the new board. The current board wants to encourage new participation to stimulate new ideas. Also, some

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existing board members have contributed their time and talent for the past 7-8 years or more and it is time for other lake home owners to participate. It is important for land value that we continue to work toward the protection of the health of our lake, Tom indicated he is willing to take on the role of President again if no one else steps forward. Please note, it is not a requirement to be a full time resident on the lake to be on the board.

Newsletter- Newsletter articles for the next newsletter will be due by May 13

July 4th Boat Parade-Ruth will be putting together more information regarding the upcoming parade. It was noted that some boats last year avoided some of the bay areas due to weeks. Those living in the bays are welcome to come observe the parade with nearby homeowners. There will be no backup date for bad weather.

New Business:

University of Wisconsin Shoreline Survey- Some members received this survey with a series of questions about the lake including whether or not green frogs were surviving. If you received the survey please take the time to complete and return it.

The next board meeting following the annual meeting will be held on August 26th unless the new board decides to change the date.

Meeting Adjourned