

Muskellunge Lake Association
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2013

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 Bob and Susan Hodkiewicz.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on July 27th were approved via email.

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

Lake Improvement Fund	\$222.75
Operational fund	\$1084.53
MLA Fundraising/Socials	\$3693.73
Savings accounts Vilas Credit Union	\$36.58
Sub-Total Operational Funds	\$5037.59
NCU Share Certificates-3,4 and 5 YR Certificates	\$2609.83
Total All Funds/Investments	\$15657.70
Lake Study Fund	\$1209.30

Motion made to accept financial report. Motion carried

Committee Reports

Webmaster Report (Jeff Rappold):

Jeff noted an uptick in activity right before the annual meeting. The statistics show people visit on average one or two pages and leave after about a minute. The activity stills remains about 5 people visiting the site per day.

Boat Landing Report (John Kurhajec): (not present) Dennis Schumacher reported in his absence. There has been a drop in people volunteering to monitor. August 25th is the last date that the intern will monitor. Dennis noticed the form currently used by the DNR lists the total

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hours spent at this location. Dennis made some suggestions for improvements to the form and included an example of changes to the inspection form. The suggestions include:

- changing total hours monitored to period spent, for example 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. This would enable us to collect data as to when the launch is most often used.
- changing the form to call for an inspection by whomever is monitoring the launch
- adding a place to capture the license plate number of anyone launching on the lake
- adding a sign at the launch which says something along the lines of “Muskellunge Lake is free of invasive species. Please help keep it that way for future generations. Please empty your live well and remove weeds from your boat and trailer before entering the lake”
- provide a listing at the launch of lakes with invasive species to bring awareness to people who may have previously been on one of those lakes
- suggestion for supplying a tool at the launch for people to be able to reach under the boat and trailer to remove weeds

Tom will ask Ted at the DNR if he can break out the SWIMS report for only those intern hours at Muskellunge and if the signage recommended above is allowed.

Water Quality (Jeff Rappold):

Weeds seem to be more prevalent this year perhaps due to long the growing season last year and lower water levels. We could consider hiring Onterra to do a one-day spot inspection. Dennis suggested making note in the newsletter to encourage people to use phosphate free laundry and dishwasher detergent to reduce the phosphate levels in the lake attributed to activities of people living around the lake. Jeff reported that the current secci disc reading is about three feet. It was as much as six feet in early spring.

Social Committee (Mimi Johnston):

Roger reported for Mimi. The Winter Social is scheduled for January 25th at Eagle River Inn on Hwy 70. We were unable to get that date at Eagle Waters. There was discussion on when to hold the winter quarterly meeting.

Motion made to have the quarterly meeting on the 25th. Motion carried.

Fish Committee Report (Ed Kroggel):

No updates since annual meeting.

Aerator Report (Bob Hodkiewicz):

Bob reported that the GPS is working well and will be able to be used to locate the corner posts. The coordinates will also be posted on the website so that they will not be lost in the future. It was agreed that a dipstick would be purchased to try to keep the distribution pipe from freezing. The backup plan would be again to use the torch if the dipstick does not work. We have some of our coordinates documented but not all.

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Old Business

Association Dues: Jeff has his master spread sheet that also includes the payment information for association dues. He agreed to take the dollar amount of the dues off his list and Roger will maintain that information on his own spread sheet.

Newsletter articles: Due on September 4.

2014 Boat Parade: Dennis Schumacher will be chairman of next year's boat parade. It was also agreed that we would again sponsor a food drive.

New Business

Weed Cutting: The board in general does not support weed cutting due to numerous concerns. Jeff agreed to draft a letter that would explain the board's position. He will send the draft out for comments and a final review will be made at the January 2014 board meeting. It will then become part of the winter newsletter.

Aerator Fencing: It was agreed that volunteers will continue to install the aerator fencing as opposed to trying to hiring other people to do it. January 4, 2014 was agreed as a date to install the fencing as it coincides with the New Year's weekend and more people may be available. It was also agreed that this information would be stated on the website and a mass email would be sent to lake residents about two weeks before the 4th.

Our Lake History: There was interest expressed in developing more lake history. 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. The existing three scrap books should be brought to the winter social for viewing.

Meeting Adjourned