

MINUTES OF THE MLRA ANNUAL MEETING

August 14, 2010 - 9 a.m. - Ely Memorial Church Hall

In the absence of President Peter Olk, Roy Porterfield called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 9, 2009 meeting were approved

Treasurer Jim Reiels gave the Treasurer's Report. The August 2009 beginning balance in checking was Ro\$1263.02; receipts were \$1554.72 and expenditures \$2310.50 = a closing balance as of this date \$582.24. Savings account has a balance of \$2458.89; ANS Fund has a balance of 2411.13. Total assets are \$5452.26. Ed Baeten moved/John Sick seconded approval of report; passed unanimously.

Jim Reiels reported a membership of 45 paid members, plus three who have not yet paid their dues.

Dale Sharpee gave the water quality study. He reported that the average clarity is about 30 feet. The phosphorus test results have been about mid-30's. Lately we've been in the low 30's, probably due to the lower water levels. Chlorophyll-A tests results are in the 30's, indicating a positive quality level for Moon Lake. He reported that the trendline for the past 15 years has been relatively flat. Our current depth level is 1.24; at ice-out it was 1.16. Last year at this time we had 1.60 so we are still lower than last year.

Linda Wheeler gave the loon report. The two loon chicks are now 9 weeks old and are probably old enough to no longer have threats from the eagles. They are beginning to sprout their adult wings. They are able to fish effectively now but still are unable to fly. Hopefully when it is time to migrate they would fly to the Atlantic rather than the Gulf of Mexico, but this has not been their pattern. The DNR is trying to band the loons so as to track their locations and survival. Normally the young loons will not return north for three or four years.

Roy Porterfield gave the report on the MLRA placemat project. He indicated that most have been sold; costs have been covered and that there may be a slight profit if the extras are sold.

John Sick moved/Jean Reiels seconded approval of \$20 annual membership fee. Passed.

The election of board members was opened. John Sick, Jim Reiels and Dale Sharpee were elected unanimously to the board. John Sick was then elected President; Roy Porterfield vice president and Jim Reiels secretary/treasurer. Tom Chase, Linda Wheeler, Bob Turnquist and Roy Porterfield are continuing members for another year. At this point in the meeting John Sick took over the meeting as the new president.

Jim Reiels announced that the Oktoberfest would again be held at Peter Olk's home. This year turkey sandwiches will be served. Jane Shirk will let people know what they are to bring. Cost is \$5.00 per person, regardless of age. Any excess funds above costs will be put in the ANS fund as done in previous years.

John Sick thanked Peter Olk for hosting the Oktoberfest and for serving as MLRA president.

Other items from the floor included:

- A need to work with the DNR and USFS on the boat landing
- Items for the newsletters should be forwarded to Tom Chase, including changes in e-mail addresses
- Requests for local news from the township and general area should be sent to Tom Chase for newsletters; reference was made that the Ironwood Globe is a good source of local news ; also notices from Watersmeet Township could be included.
- Mystery snails are still prevalent in Moon Lake; the impact of snails on the lake is not known.
- The Camp Plagens raft was again discussed. It was suggested that it would be anchored (and/or replaced) soon
- Executive Director of Michigan Lake & Stream Assn, Don Winne, passed away this summer.
- Mention was made of long grasses growing in lake (not invasive), probably due to lower water levels
- Tom Chase donated his purchase of \$44.00 postage to the ANS fund.
- Fingerlings were again planted this spring
- Changes in zoning laws have been made, clarifying placement of docks and limitation of areas used for piers.
- Frank Kuchever announced that there would be no Michigan Lake & Stream seminar at Lake Hagemann this year

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Reiels, Secretary