

## MINUTES OF MLRA ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 13, 2011

9:00 a.m. Ely Memorial Church

**Members present:** Mary Pat & David Kelly, Linda Wheeler, Roy Porterfield, Dale Sharpee, Jim & Jean Reiels, Bob Turnquist, Frank & Kathleen Kuchevar, Dave & Marla Rheel, George & Sue Stephen

**ISCCW Representative:** Barbara Gajewski

President Roy Porterfield called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Linda Wheeler gave the loon report indicating that we had two nestings this year, without successful hatches. The first nesting was abandoned due to black flies; the second was probably lost due to predator. The pair of loons still is on the lake and has been seen blocking other loons from taking up residence.

Roy Porterfield indicated the planning for this meeting occurred at the Pine Cone at which time he was named as successor to President John Sick.

Frank Kuchevar submitted a report of the planting of 6000 brown trout on May 24.

Jim Reiels gave the treasurer's report as follows: beginning balance of \$582.24; \$1645.62 in receipts; \$1878.15 in expenditures, leaving a balance of \$349.71 in checking. Savings has a balance of \$2920.00 and ANS fund of \$2714.43. Total assets are \$5985.04. Last year at this time total assets were \$5452.26. Linda Wheeler moved/ George Stephen seconded approval; passed.

Jim reported the present paid memberships numbers 45 households; five memberships are pending.

Dale Sharpee reported last year a depth of 1.24 feet; this year it is 2.92 feet. Water clarity reading at this time is 17.9 feet; last year 19.7 feet. Dale indicated that a national study is compiling Secchi readings for the past five years so he will try to compile similar data for Moon Lake and submit the data for inclusion in the study.

Bob Turnquist reported on the weather station and indicated that he is installing an upgrade in the system so as to have continuous data recorded automatically. The new program costs \$128.69. George Stephen volunteered to explore the system used at the airport to determine if that would have applications to the Moon Lake system. Bob also reported that we are getting about 120 visits to the MoonLake.org website monthly. He urged people to submit information for inclusion on the site.

Roy Porterfield reported that we have volunteers for cleaning up rubbish on all of the roads surrounding Moon Lake. He urged that all residents to pick up trash on the roads when they see it.

Barb Gajewski, a biologist with the ISCCW, reported that no Asian Milfoil has been found on Moon Lake. She urged boaters to clean their crafts with a 20% bleach solution so as to kill zebra mussels from entering the lake. As for Chinese mystery snails there is no data regarding negative impact on the lake. There have been lakes where the snails have died, making an unpleasant odor. It was pointed out that the living snails are dark brown in color;

but when dead they turn white. She also reported on the boat washers that service the Watersmeet Township lakes (301 lakes are in the township). Thus far from May through June 376 boats have been washed of which 277 had come off of infected lakes.

The board of directors suggested maintaining dues at \$20 annually. Jim Reiels moved/Dale Sharpee seconded setting the dues at \$20; motion passed.

The MLRA board recommended the following board members for 2011-13: Linda Wheeler, Tom Chase, Roy Porterfield and Bob Turnquist. There were no nominations from the floor. Frank Kuchevar moved appointment of nominees/Jean Reiels seconded; passed.

Roy Porterfield recommended Mary Pat Kelly as a one-year replacement member of the board for John Sick's slot. Jim Reiels moved approval/ Bob Turnquist seconded; passed.

There was unanimous approval of officers as follows: Roy Porterfield, president; Tom Chase, vice-president; Jim Reiels secretary/treasurer; Linda Wheeler, Dale Sharpee and Mary Pat Kelly as members.

There were no items from the floor for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Reiels, Secretary