

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

August 31, 2013

Members present: Dale & Rhoda Sharpee, Tom Chase, John Sick, Dick Gottman, Frank & Kathleen Kuchevar, Mary Pat & Dave Kelly, Linda Wheeler, Jim Reiels, Roy Porterfield, Bodil Gajewski, Bob & Karen Turnquist, Prudy Caudill, Gene & Glenda Lannert

President Tom Chase called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. at Ely Memorial Church. Minutes of the July 17 meeting were approved. Motion by Bob Turnquist/second Linda Wheeler

Jim Reiels gave the treasurer's report which showed balances of \$724.48 in checking; \$3,130.48 in savings and \$3,025.30 in the ANS fund. Prudy Caudill moved approval; Bob Turnquist seconded the motion. Passed.

Dale Sharpee gave an excellent report on the water quality/clarity measures of the lake. He reported that the water level is up 11 inches since ice-out in May and 15 inches more since December. The water level is still below the readings of 2003-06. Water clarity has been averages 18.6 feet which is 1.18 feet less than in 2012. He further reported that he has sent in our clarity readings to the Canadian/United States study project. His final statistic was that for five of the last seven winter seasons the duration of ice cover ranged from 144 to 155 days. For the other two winter seasons the duration of ice cover was 113 to 115 days.

Linda Wheeler reported that the loons arrived on May 7 and were on the nesting platform on May 22. Buoys were set out on May 24; two chicks hatched on June 19. One chick was accidentally killed on July 5. An eagle has been spotted attempting to take the remaining chick.

There was discussion about the desirability of planning a social meeting combined with the annual meeting next year. The meeting could be planned at the pavilion with a pot-luck meal. No action was taken, though it was suggested that a committee be formed at a later date.

There was unanimous approval of a two year term on the board for Tom Chase, Linda Wheeler, John Sick and Bob Turnquist. Officers elected were Tom Chase, President, Bob Turnquist, Vice President and Jim Reiels, Secretary-Treasurer.

It was suggested that a brochure be prepared for house to house distribution which would include Michigan boating regulations, lake usage hours, and cautions about loons when using high-speed watercraft. The hand carrying distribution to each household would guarantee full coverage of all riparian residences.

Tom Chase offered to talk with the owner of Northern Edge Marina about usage of the public Moon Lake boat landing, weed invasives and perhaps request a donation to our ANS fund.

It was reported that the ISCCW has again surveyed Moon Lake for invasive species. Also there was discussion about the presence of suckers in the lake, and a recall of the 1977 poisoning of the lake, followed in 1978 with the planting of rainbow trout. It was also cited that there may have been a recent planting of more fish in the lake.

Bob Turnquist reported that 77,869 visitors have hit the Moon Lake Riparian website. That number continues to increase. He also asked MLRA members to submit items for inclusion on the site.

The educator from ISCCW (Invasive Species Control Consortium of Watersmeet) gave a brief presentation on the activities of that organization this summer. She reported that Langford Lake was treated with a new strain of chemicals that depleted the chlorophyll in the invasives which causes the plants to die. Another technique being tried is the use of suction that pulls the weeds totally out of the lake (similar to hand pulling but more effective).

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. on the motion of Bob Turnquist/ seconded by Prudy Caudill.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Reiels, Secretary