

MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Present: Tom Chase, John Sick, Sheila McConaghy, Mary Pat and Dave Kelly, Dale Sharpee, Tom Wheeler, Bob Turnquist, Frank and Kathleen Kuchever, Dick Gottman, Prudy Caudill, Jim Reiels

Tom Chase called the meeting to order at 9:18. The meeting was at the community room of the LOL library. Mary Pat and Sheila provided the snacks and coffee. Tom gave the president's report regarding some of the activities that MLRA participated in during the past year, including fish planting, work with DNR and the MLRA website.

Minutes from the August 9, 2014 were approved with motion from John Sick/second Mary Pat. Jim gave the treasurer's report with assets totaling \$8,325.45 which was up about \$1100 more than last year. He indicated that 16 members had not yet paid dues for the 2015 year. Bob Turnquist moved/Dick Gottman seconded approval....passed

Dale then gave the water quality report which indicated that while the lake level was up this year in the time from July 10 to Aug 14 there was a four inch drop due to evaporation. Water clarity depths have stayed essentially the same for a number of years. ISCCW indicated that when trees fall into the lake it is good to let them stay as a good fish habitat.

Tom Wheeler gave a loon report which indicated that the loons were first seen on April 14th. Nesting was observed from May 9 to May 15 when the birds left the nest due to black flies infestation. There was a second nesting from June 9-22 at which time the nest was abandoned. An egg was found a week later so it was concluded that the loons were probably frightened off the nest and the egg was fell into the water. Tom indicated that it may be time to redo the nesting platform so he and Bob Turnquist plan to do so this fall. Tom offered to cover the costs of materials in memory of his wife Linda. The board expressed its appreciation for all the work that Tom has done regarding the loons.

In the next newsletter members will be reminded of the 100' rule that applies to fast moving watercraft. Prudy inquired whether there can be some control of the lake usage by visitors who abuse the lake regulations and 100' rule. Bob Turnquist offered to talk with USFS regarding usage control of the boat landing. Tom Chase will talk with Northern Edge Marina about their heavy usage of the landing, power loading of boats and possible donation to the MLRA as a good will offering.

Tom indicated that the board has decided to publish three newsletter a year (May, Fall and Winter). Notices will be e-mailed to MLRA members when the newsletters are posted on the MLRA website.

Tom suggested that next year we should again attempt to have a social meeting on the lake. He may be willing to host the gathering with members bringing various dishes to pass. The date suggested for the gathering is August 15, 2016 (Saturday).

Mary Pat and Sheila have been busy working on the updating of the membership directory. They are contacting old and new members regarding current phones, cells, addresses and e-mails. When completed the listing will be published for insertion into the 2009 directories.

John Sick gave a great report on the planting of splake for the next six years. The plan calls for planting 9" fish. He reported that the DNR has been planting fish in Moon Lake since 1940,

including browns, brook, rainbow, and splake. Members were reminded to keep legal sized bass both large and small mouth so that we can send 10 specimens to the DNR for testing for mercury content.

John Sick indicated the necessity for his leaving the board. However, depending upon when the house sells he may still be around for a few years. He gave a very much appreciated tribute to Jim Reiels for his years of service to the MLRA. In turn, the members gave John many thanks for his leadership throughout the years of our organization.

Dick Gottman was unanimously elected to replace John on the board. Also elected for a two-year term were Tom Chase and Bob Turnquist. Tom likewise was elected to serve as president, Bob Turnquist as VP and Jim Reiels as Secty/Treas.

Sheila moved/Frank seconded that dues for next year be \$20.00. Approved.

Jim moved/Sheila seconded payment of \$100.00 each to the Land O' Lakes Fire Dept, the LOL EMT's, Conover EMT's and Watersmeet EMT's.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Reiels

Secretary