

MLRA ANNUAL MEETING

SEPT. 2, 2017 LAND O LAKES TOWN PAVILLION

Meeting called to order by Pres. Tom Chase at 4:04 pm. Officers present were Tom Chase, Bob Turnquist, Carol Youmans, Dale Sharpee, Frank Kuchever and Sheila McConaghy. We had about 20 general members present.

Mention of passing of Dick Gottmann and Jim Reiels this past year.

Reading of last year's annual meeting was done by Bob Turnquist and approved by members.

Treasurers report was given by Sheila. Checking has \$651.65, Savings has \$3350.70 and ANS account has \$4275.58. We have 38 households this year, up from last year at 32.

Voted to keep annual dues at \$20, motioned by Frank 2nd by Karen Turnquist, voted & approved.

Water quality report given by Dale Sharpee, in depth summary can be found on the web site.

Water level at the gauge on 8/19/17 was 5.76 feet, which is 11 inches higher than the water level at the time of the annual meeting on Aug 13, 2016. The water level at the 2010 meeting was 1/24 feet or 4.52 feet below the level of Aug. 19. We are experiencing turbid water this summer. Even with all the rain, the August water clarity of 18.25 feet is 1.85 feet less than the average for last summer. The explanation of reduced water clarity seems to be from run-off from frequent rain storms we have been experiencing this year. Other lakes are experiencing the same thing.

Lake Management DNR planted 4600 Splake in our lake in 2015. They planted 2325 Splake in 2016 & again this year.

Loon Report given by Carol Youmans. Loons arrived 4/10 & 4/15 this year. The nest was refurbished this year and the loons began nesting. We had 2 eggs with only 1 hatching 26-28 days after laying. On 5/30 only 1 chick survived. They abandoned the nest and went out on the lake. At about 8 weeks old the chick has a 90% chance of survival.

Old Business Up date of Watersmeet emergency process given by Frank Kuchever. We still call 911 though response time is about 25 min as the call comes from Crystal Falls.

New Business Lake & Loon Cam (Bob Turnquist) are under way to get a LOON CAM up & running for the loons on our lake with a link on our website. Planning to bring this better up to date next year with a more permanent location on the nest this spring. It is temporarily up & running with help from Geo. Smaglick.

We are accepting any donations for this project to keep this going. We have invested \$500 so far with some donations already.

Tom Chase resigned his post as President and we need to replace him and Dick on the board.

Nominations for replacement of Tom Chase & Dick Gottmann were asked and volunteers to the Board were Steve Sunderland & Erik Zorr. Voted & approved by membership.

Slate of officers were voted & carried.

Pres. Bob Turnquist

Vice Pres. Erik Zorr

Sec/Trea. Sheila McConaghy

remaining board members are Frank Kuchever, Dale Sharpee, Carol Youmans & Steve Sunderland.

Donations to continue to Watersmeet Fire & EMT & Land O Lakes Fire & EMT of \$100 each. voted & passed by majority.

Next year's Annual Meeting will be in mid August 2018 with a host to be announced.

Notification of Watersmeet Hazardous Material collection is Sept. 16, 2017 from 9 - 2 pm

Discussion about update of phone, addresses and a map location was brought up. John Reiels said he would undertake this project with data provided by Sheila McConaghy.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted ,

Sheila McConaghy Sec/Tres.