

Moon Lake Riparian Association Annual Meeting August 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

Board present were

Eric Zorr, Bob Turnquist, Dale Sharpee, Sheila McConaghy, Steve Sunderland, Carol Youmans , and Frank Kuchevar. Also about 25- 30 members were also there.

Mentioned loss of members this year, Jean Reiels and Kim Matusiak.

Approval of last years' annual meeting was motioned by Prudy Caudill and 2nd by Roger Youngren. passed.

Sec/Treas report given by Sheila McConaghy. We have 35 members , dues added by 5 households and 4 dues payers for next year 2019. Checking has \$1221.07 Savings has \$2398.32 ANS fund has \$4291.62 . Checks written to Steve Sunderland for \$80.71 for laminating of Lake Map. Bob Turnquist received \$503.49 for purchase of Name Domain for 5 years. Tom Wheeler pledged to donate \$500 to cover this cost. Thanks, Tom.

Dale Sharpee gave the water quality report for this year monitoring phosphates and other impurities and water clarity.

Michigan monitoring organization ceased due to loss of state funding. This may be the last year it's being done & reported to the state. Need to write letters to appeal to the state to keep this going. Note our lake is one of the cleanest in the state.

Frank Kuchevar attended the ISCCW meeting on Aug. 4th in Watersmeet and reported to the group.

Discussion of invasive species mentioned, the lakes where invasive species have been found . seem to decrease the property value up to 19%. There are 187 different species discussed but our area should be aware of Eurasian Water Milfoil, Spiny water fleas and new to the area is the stary Stormwart. We should keep vigilant by checking our shores in the fall & spring. Repo0rting any questionable invasives . We can take them to the US Forestry Dept in Watersmeet for clarification.

The consensus was that it's not IF but WHEN we will get an invasive influx and these notes were given to help us out.

- 1) Awareness. Check the shores in Spring & Fall.
- 2) Ask for donations to our ANS fund as clean up will be costly with permits and chemicals & and man hours.
- 3) Clean your watercraft before you return your boats to Moon Lake. Invasive species can stay alive up to 7-10 days on your craft.
- 4) Use water cleaning stations , there are 4 in the area and tip the cleaning crews.

Currently our boat landing is a crucial hot spot for invasives to enter the lake.

Discussion of chemicals was noted to keep Eurasian Water Milfoil in check. Two chemicals are 24D and Floridine. Floridine is harmful to some plants and cannot be used in a spot clean up. The cost of chemical treatment is very high. Duck Lake has been very successful in controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil on their lake.

If you see snails in the lake, remove & bury them or put them in the garbage as they are harmful to the lake. Also remove Rusty Crayfish.

DNR is currently stocking our lake till 2020 with hybrid Splake with 2325 fingerlings planted this year.

Loon Report by Carol Youmans. Ice out on May 7 and loons returning on May 8. This year the eggs were destroyed and we have no loons. Suspected culprits are otters but not confirmed. Our camera does not record at this time. We have a gathering of loons on our lake now.

Steve & Carleen Sunderland mentioned that our newsletter will be put out 3x a year with special pages if anything need to be conveyed. They are looking for stories to add to the newsletter for more interest.

Sheila McConaghy resigned the post as Sec/Treas. and was thanked.

Sue Stephens nominated Peggy Zorr as a board member and Prudy 2nd and was approved. appointed to a 2 year term. Peggy volunteered to be the Secretary. voted & passed.

Eric will take over the Treas. job and will step down from the VP position.

Sheila motioned Steve Sunderland as VP, 2nd by Glenda , voted & passed.

Board members to continue are Dale Sharpee, Frank Kuchevar, and Carol Youmans.

Bob will continue as Pres. and Steve Sunderland will be VP. And Peggy Zorr will be the Sec.

Bob Turnquist motioned to raise dues after a discussion with all to \$25 per year starting 2019. 2nd by Prudy, voted & passed. This is the first increase since the start of the organization.

Donations for the Land O Lakes Fire & EMT and Watersmeet Fire & EMT were motioned by Tom Chase & 2nd by Prudy to continue and was approved giving \$100 to each for a total of \$400.

Brought up and tabled item of 2nd Loon Cam for the north end of the lake. A show of hands indicated 10 members were interested in this project. Due to shortage of funds and cable access we tabled this for later.

Next years annual meeting will be 2 weeks before Labor Day at the LOL Pavilion. Sheila motioned & 2nd by Carol, voted & passed. The Meeting time will be 4pm followed by a social.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm followed by a short talk by Denise Fontleroy of ISCCW.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila McConaghy Sec/Treas.