

MLRA Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 22, 2020
3:00-4:30. Land O Lakes Ball Park

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Turnquist at 3:00 pm. Bob welcomed all to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Board members present were Bob Turnquist, Steve Sunderland, Frank Kuchevar, Steve LaPalio, Carol Youmans, Eric and Peggy Zorr.

In addition to the board members there were 5 members present. This was 15 fewer than last year.

Bob mentioned the death of three more former members: Ranger Ashby, Judy Chase, and Roy Porterfield. It was decided by the board that a \$50 donation would be made from the MLRA to a charity of the family's choice.

Approval of the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes was motioned by Steve Sunderland and seconded by Steve LaPalio, voted and approved..

Treasurer's Report was given by Eric Zorr. As of August 21, 2020 the checking balance had \$2,044.29, the savings had \$2,413.06 , and the MLRA ANS fund has \$4,462.92. Checks were written for the following: Conduit and Cable for camera \$107.29; State of Michigan Non-Profit Report \$20.00; ISCCW Dues \$125.00; MI Lake Stewardship Association Dues \$100.00 and the MI Riparian dues \$14.00 Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob Turnquist, seconded by Steve Sunderland, voted and approved.

Membership report was given by Peggy Zorr. To date 31 members have paid their dues for 2020 of the 54 who have paid dues at least once in the past three years. Reminders to members have been posted in the Loon Crier, our lake newsletter. Another reminder will also be put in the upcoming newsletter. Bob T. will pass along his contact information to the secretary so that she may update the records. Peggy will use the contact information to connect the lake map with the members.

Water Quality report was given by Steve LaPalio. Steve once again thanked Dale Sharpee for his work for this over the past years and will present him with a plaque. The oxygen and phosphorus tests on our lake will be resumed next year. The water depth as of August 21, 2020 is 9.08 ft. After the rain last night and this morning it is now at 9.15 ft, rising almost an inch overnight. It has risen 8.1 ft in the last 10 years. And since 2016 it has risen 4.24 ft. Water clarity test done in early May was 13.5 ft and currently is averaging 17-18 ft.

2020 Loon Report was given by Carol Youmans. We had a pair of loons that arrived around ice out approximately April 30. By May 2, they were nesting on the platform with one egg laid. About a week later the nest was abandoned. Soon to follow another egg was laid but also abandoned. Conclusion...maybe the loons were too immature. Hopefully, we'll have a baby loon next year.

Fish Stocking report was given by Bob Turnquist. No fish were stocked this year probably due the shutdowns caused by Covid-19.

Lake and Loon Camera update was given by Bob Turnquist. Camera is set up and works well.

Newsletter update was given by Steve Sunderland. The newsletter comes out three times a year with a Loon Crier Extra when necessary. Both Steve and Carleen welcome stories, articles, and pictures to add to the Loon Crier. Thank you again to Steve and Carleen for your wonderful efforts on the newsletter.

Also discussed at this time was the archived info on the website which Bob T. said he would add. We will discuss the future of the website when the current license comes due.

New Business. Bob Turnquist, Steve Sunderland, Eric Zorr and Steve LaPalio each have one year remaining of their terms. Marty LaPalio made a motion to approve their continuance and it was seconded by Bodil Gajewski, voted and passed. Frank Kuchevar, Carol Youmans and Peg Zorr's terms expire. Frank Kuchevar desired a replacement and Mike Riles has willing volunteered to take Frank's position with the caveat put out by Steve Sunderland that Frank will continue the "Ice On/Out" notification. As a side note... Frank K. has served on the board in some capacity since 2001. A thank you round of applause was made. A motion to approve Mike as a new candidate and for Carol and Peg to continue was given by Bob Turnquist, seconded by Steve LaPalio, voted and approved. A motion to approve current and future officers was made by Carleen Sunderland, seconded by Linda Bybee, voted and approved.

A motion to continue our **MLRA dues** at \$25.00 was made by Bob Turnquist, seconded by Peg Zorr, voted and approved.

Next year's annual meeting will be held on August 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm hopefully with a social and our meeting place will be determined at a later date. Motion to move our annual meeting to a new weekend and perhaps a new location was made by Bob Turnquist, seconded by Eric Zorr, voted and approved.

Debris In Lake. Peg Zorr read a letter by a concerned lake owner regarding the effect of the many large wakes that have been created this summer by not only the larger boats but the increase in boat traffic. With water levels so much higher than past years this has been an increasing problem along the lake shore with docks being lifted by the wake, erosion along the shore and debris being washed into the lake. It was suggest by Frank K. that we post signs along some of the most vulnerable areas and the boat landing reminding all of the 100 foot rule. Bob T. Will look into a possibility of the forest service adding a sign to the landing.

Open Comments. Steve LaPalio read the current ordinance about the 100 ft rule. This information will be added to the newsletter along with the state law ordinance number and section. Also discussed at this time was giving each household the 100 ft. rule who were not in attendance at the annual meeting. Concerning the debris, we ask that all be diligent and pull it out of the lake or keep it tied to shore. A motion was made to approve up to \$500.00 for signs regarding the 100 ft rule to be put on various docks as a reminder of the ordinance, seconded by Marty LaPalio, voted and approved.

The annual meeting of the Moon Lake Riparian Association was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Peggy Zorr.