

MLRA Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 21, 2021
4:00-5:00 PM Land O Lakes VFW

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Turnquist at 4:00 pm.

Bob Welcomed all to the meeting and introduced our two guest speakers, Denise Fontleroy from ISCCW and Yvonne Clark from Watersmeet Township.

Board members present: Bob Turnquist, Steve Sunderland, Steve LaPalio, Mike Riles, Carol Youmans, Eric and Peggy Zorr.

There were 38 persons in **attendance** which includes the board members and our 2 guests.

Bob noted that the association had lost yet another member to death, **Ron Miller**. A donation was made to the Land O' Lakes Library in his name from the MLRA.

Approval of 2020 minutes was motioned by David Youmans and seconded by Marty Lapalio.

Treasurer's report was given by Eric Zorr. Checking account balance as of last year's meeting was \$2,044.29. Our current balance is \$2,234.29. Savings account balance was \$2,413.06, and now is \$2,517.15. Our invasive species fund account in 2020 had \$4,462.92 and currently has \$4,646.84. Checks were written for the following: Lake Coop Training \$285.00, MI Lakes and streams Membership, \$100.00, ISCCW membership and a donation, \$250.00 and 2020-2021 memorials to date \$100.00

Secretary's Report on **membership** (covered during the treasurer's report and approved by secretary Peggy Zorr): Current membership 31 households out of 52 households. Two more members paid dues at the annual meeting.

Steve LaPalio gave the **water quality report**. Ice Out this year was April 9, 2021 with a water level of 9.14 feet. On August 4, 2021 the water level was 9.6 feet. Sochi disk reading was 23ft maximum and 15ft minimum. Phosphorus (which is naturally occurring) 8 parts per billion was in normal range.

Carol Youmans gave us an **update on our loons**. A Thank you to Bob Turnquist, et all, for setting up the Loon Cam. April 13, 2021 was the first sighting of loons on the lake this season. May 27, 2021 they made a nest north of the platform, then abandoned that nest. On June 10 they went to the platform in Loon Bay. June 14 an egg was laid then abandoned. A second egg was laid. June 22 dumped an egg sitting on just the one. The second egg and nest were abandoned. The egg was still on the nest in early August as we cannot disturb it since it is protected.

A summary on the **stocking of fish** in Moon Lake was given by Bob Turnquist. George Madison reported that 2,345 splake (7 inch average) were planted. This was the last year of a 7 year program for planting. A new plan will be drawn up. No rainbow trout because they are not native. Brown trout can't make the trip from lower Michigan. Bass and Pan fish are increasing in our area. No walleyes are planted in Moon.

Camera on the loons nest worked well now that it is in conduit. We need conduit and cable to get the lake cam back in action. That will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Steve and Carleen Sunderland have faithfully been sending out the **Loon Crier**. Articles, photos, recipes, etc being submitted are greatly appreciated and should be send to Steve and Carleen by October 1.

In addition to the newsletter MLRA is considering what to do with **the website** which had been a source for lake news and the archives from the lake. John Riels is looking into an alternative for this which normally runs the association \$100-200 per year.

Terms are expiring for Bob Turnquist (Pres.), Steve Sunderland (VP), Eric Zorr (Treas.), and Steve LaPalio. Motion was made by Brian Riels to unanimously keep all four on the board. Seconded by David Youmans. Voted, approved.

Bob expressed a desire to give up the presidency but would remain on the board. A standing ovation was given (pretty sure it was for his years of service (:). Steve Sunderland announced he would accept the presidency. And Mike Riels graciously accepted the nomination for VP. Motion made by Brian Riels and again seconded by David Youmans to have Steve Sunderland become the board president, Mike Riels would become the VP, and Bob Turnquist as a board member extraordinaire. Voted, Approved.

Carol Youmans, Mike Riels and Peg Zorr have one year remaining on their terms.

Dues for 2022 will remain at \$25 due at the beginning the year (Jan. 1) as well as meeting date to remain the Saturday two weeks before Labor Day which will be **August 20, 2022** with the location at the VFW. Steve LaPalio motioned and David Youmans seconded, voted, approved.

High water and boat wakes are causing problems to the lake shore and docks. This also increases the amount of debris that is found in the lake and along the lake shores. Reminders will be put in the newsletter and we ask owners to remind your guests about the rules for lake usage. As an association we want everyone to enjoy the lake while protecting our shore lines, the wildlife in it and our docks/boats.

Some of the **comments from MLRA membership** is that we should send a copy of our newsletter to Northern Edge. Members close to the boat landing could post signs reminding boaters of the 100 foot rule which can be acquired from Denise Fontleroy (ISCCW), and a request that the board stand during the annual meeting so members in the back of the room can hear what is being said. (We apologize that hearing us was an issue. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Yvonne Clark appointee to the Watersmeet Township had 6 items to share with the MLRA. They are as follows: 1) a new website was launched this week ...Watersmeet.us.; 2) Highline Fast internet company is getting fiberoptic to Watersmeet Township, however, Moon, Duck, and Dinner lake areas are excluded. You may contact HighLine at their website highlinefast.com and make your voice heard telling them you would like to be included. If the website does not take all your information call them at the number provided on the site. This would not commit you to anything but would let the company know you would be interested in having faster internet; 3) Roads are going to be improved and a commission it being established if you would like to serve on that commission. You may volunteer by going to the Watersmeet website; 4) the tribe is looking to settle on a location to grow, process and sell marijuana and by-products in a small corridor. Again for more information go to the website and/or attend town meeting; 5). Some loosening of restrictions on lake properties, lot dimensions and RVs; and 6) all town meetings will have Zoom capabilities, so if you cannot attend you may watch and participate in the meeting from home. Thank you , Yvonne for joining us, sharing your information and for the zucchini bread for our social.

Denise Fontleroy from ISCCW expressed gratefulness to MLRA's support of the ISCCW. The ISCCW will continue its Zoom meetings as well. She shared information about helping our shorelines with the high water and wake issues. Plant kits for beautifying the shoreline are available at www.UPNativePlants.com. If you go into the water then a permitting process must be followed. Boat inspections continuing but they do need inspectors at the landings. Contact Denise or the ISCCW if interested in helping. Also, she mentioned that our lakes are getting an increase of usage due to the Canadian Border being closed. The on water lake tours will be continuing and ISCCW would potentially like to come to Moon Lake next year. Thank you to Denise for joining us, your information and brownies for our social.

Adjournment. Motioned made by Marty LaPalio, all seconded, voted, approved.

Minutes respectively submitted by Peggy Zorr, MLRA secretary.

