

MLRA Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 3, 2024

4:00-5:30 PM Land O Lakes VFW

Board Members Present: Steve Sunderland, President; Mike Reiels, VP; Eric Zorr, Treasurer; Peggy Zorr, Secretary; Bob Turnquist, Lake Cam; Steve LaPalio, Water Quality, Unable to attend, Carol Youmans.

Attendance 20 plus 1 guest

Meeting was called to order by **President Steve Sunderland** at shortly after 4:00 pm. Steve welcomed all to the meeting and introduced our guest, Yvonne Clark Watersmeet trustee.

Treasurer's Report was given by **Eric Zorr**. The balances in our MLRA accounts are as follows: Checking, \$3,074.59; Regular Savings \$2,611.93; and Invasive Species Savings \$5,026.25. Out going expenses so far for 2024: Web Domain Name \$79.96; Web Hosting \$215.00; Web Cam, \$380.53; Lake Science Supplies, \$145.00; and Hoffman Memorials \$50 and Web Camera software, \$30.00.

Expenses to be paid by August 31, 2024: ISCCW, \$200.00; MI Lakes and Streams, \$100. A motion was made by Steve LaPalio, seconded by George Stephen and carried by an unanimous vote to raise our donation to the Watersmeet and Land O Lakes Fire Departments to \$200. Thank you, Eric for keeping our finances in order.

Secretary's Report was given as part of the treasurer's report. Current paid MLRA membership as of the end of the annual meeting is 29 of the 61 households currently on the lake.

Water Quality Report given by **Steve LaPalio**. His full report can be found in the next MLRA Newsletter. However, he did give some highlights...Water level in Loon Bay in the year 2000 was 2.5 feet. Current water level is 3 feet down from the high water mark. Steve takes 3 measurements per year. They are Secchi Disk which measures water clarity; Phosphorus which dropped from last year, which is good; and Chlorophyll, which is low and that is a good trophic status to have.

Brown, rainbow, and splic had been stocked in the lake starting in 1979. This year 95 Lake Trout were stocked. These were a breeding stock that averaged 28 inched in length. We will be part of this current stocking program until 2032.

Finding snails? Bury or burn them. They are not good for the lake.
Thank you, Steve, for your continued water quality measurements/reports.

The current **Loon Ranger, Steve Sunderland**, gave his report by first thanking Carol Youmans for her service as the last loon ranger. Next spring a canopy will have been added to the loon's nest in hopes of deterring flying predators. Sadly, no baby loon this year.

A brief **Web Cam** update was given by **Bob Turnquist** stating the camera was reconnected and seems to be working. Steve Sunderland will send out an email so all can have the web cam's address.

The **Loon Crier** our MLRA Newsletter will be coming out again. Please send in anything you feel is interesting on the lake, pictures, stories, recipes, upcoming events. Thank you to Steve and Carleen once again for taking on this task.

Board Members Mike Reiels, VP and Peggy Zorr, Secretary, **terms** have been **completed**. Both have agreed to continue if voted in. And a replacement for board member Carol Youmans needs to be agreed upon. New Lake owner, Cindy Kick-Harris has agreed to be on the MLRA board again with the approval of the lake owners. A motion was made by Carleen Sunderland, Seconded by George Stephen and carried by the group to reelect Mike and Peggy and add Cindy to the MLRA board for a 2-year term.

Election of officers was then held with a motion from Sue Stephen, seconded by Brian Reiels, and carried unanimously for Steve Sunderland, President; Mike Reiels, VP; Eric Zorr, Treasurer, and Peg Zorr, Secretary.

Approval of dues to remain at \$25 was motioned by Sue Stephen, Seconded by Brian Reiels and carried unanimously.

Open Comments from MLRA Members

Prudy Caudill wished to thank Joe LoMastro and Eric Zorr for their work on getting the Propane pricing and all the information sent out to those on the propane list.

Some conversation on the ambulance or lack thereof in the Watersmeet area was held. Within the last month a mutual aid agreement was made with Aspirus and Watersmeet. There was an emergency on our lake and Land O Lakes never received a call even though they were staffed. Yvonne Clark added that the state law for Michigan and Wisconsin does not grant reciprocity.

If you happen to know anyone looking to buy on our lake Elaine Granat's home is for sale.

The Pine Are would like to remind association members if they have overflow guests they have remodeled their cabins and can accommodate your needs.

Northern Edge is still using the boat wash station before testing boats on the lake.

Yvonne Clark shared Watersmeet Township news with us. The arrival of high speed internet has partially been successful. Watersmeet (the town of) has high speed internet from Highline. Michigan Broadband is planning to roll out high speed fiber optic which they claim will be cheaper than Highline. Yvonne and crew are still working on getting better service for those of us on surrounding lakes.

There is a CODE RED emergency Notification service. Brochures were handed out at the meeting with the necessary information on it if one is interested in have that available.

A survey was taken and completed by 240 respondents on items which the public would be interested in having the planning commission work. A few of those items were a community garden, ambulance service for this part of the county, protecting property values, and short term rentals.

Yvonne also remind us all that the primary election was being held on August 6, and put her plug in for John Oliver, herself and Alan Issen.

After thanking Yvonne for sharing her time and views with us Steve also thanked all of those attending for coming to the meeting a **motion to adjourn** was made by Sue Stephen, Seconded by Mike Reiels and carried by all present.

Respectively submitted by

Peggy Zorr, MLRA Secretary

