

Mission Lakes Association Annual Meeting

Center Township Town Hall

May 26, 2018

9:30 Rolls, coffee, social time. Thank you to Barb Woese, Cheryl Turcotte and Rebecca Timmons

Attendance - Nick Bernier, Ron Hedlund, Belinda Hedlund, Cheryl Turcotte, Barb and Dell Woese, Gary Rhode, Jack and Sue Schubert, Dan Roach, David and Ronda Amundson, John Zoia, Glen Trisko, Chris Mathison, Todd Stockmo, Bruce Hanson, Duane and Toni Laffrenzen, Doug and Jill Kurkowski, Rich Mack, Paul Norlan, Roger Mack, Steve Sather, Rebecca Timmins, Mike Barnes, Kitri Kylo, Karen Olson, Boyd Jones,

Great turn out with NEW Faces.

Open forum beginning at 9:45

Discussed items of interest or concern including...

Stocking of fingerlings every other year.

The division of Fishing Mission -Plot Maps at Crow Wing County

Requested the cooperation of the County to keep us informed of what's going on. ie if someone is filling in the wet lands. Variances etc... things we would want to look at as an association.

Cormorants – MLA contributed \$500.00 along with other local lakes totaling \$5000 for the Harvest by the DNA. They got 225. It is against the law to chase water fowl but if they are not “welcomed” they may choose a different lake to hunt their pound of fish a day.

Bear was spotted with (8) cubs.

Wild Rice and how the impact of the weather through history may explain the natural crop fluctuations we are seeing.

Philosophy of MLA per Nick Bernier. Keeping our lake for future generations.

Call to order at 10:20 By Nick Bernier

Minutes of the last meeting had been emailed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting for review. No discrepancies were noted. Motion to approve was passed.

Treasurers Report was available for review. Cheryl mentioned in 2018, 50 people had contributed so far. Balances were reviewed and the treasurers report approved combined with the approval for the permission to treat using up to 13K and other misc. reasonable expenses.

Aquatic Vegetation Committee Report- Updates and details given

Discussed how the location of Invasive species by volunteers is essential. GPS and training provided by association.

CLP is beginning to be considered normal/native so the only funding for removal is from donations

The County will pay up to 4K per lake for Eurasian milfoil treatment in each of our lakes.

No Zebra Mussels have been found in our lake. No Starry Stonewort either.

The DNR has allowed us 100 hours of inspection per lake at each access.

Cost to treat per acre can vary depending on the size of the polygon being treated.

Water Quality Report –

Secchi readings showed Lower mission at 6 feet and Upper mission at 11 feet.

Reminded everyone to bring a bucket when boating or fishing – capture and dispose of the loose fragments so they can't take root in other areas of the lake – Don't drive in the weeds.

Water is no longer being pumped in the duck pond by the DNR – We requested it be discontinued as it didnt increased the duck population as it was meant. It was pointed out how very little it affects the lake level even when flooded.

Beaver Activity Report-

Prevention is easier than clearing the dam. We have applied for a permit from the DNR to take care of our own beavers. It is important to keep everything flowing to keep the lake clean by exporting the phosphorous. Additional Dam info was available as handout at meeting.

Improving Communications and Increase Membership

A committee was formed, members are Kitri Kylo, Rebecca Timmens, Barb Woese, Duanne Laffrenzen

Old Business- Need to re write the Bi – Laws.

New Business Combined the motion for fund with the treasury report.

Assignments

New committee to plan fall get together

Election of officers

****Elected Roger Mack as new VP****

All others that had an expiring term have be reelected and agree to serve another term

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11:55 Meeting adjourned.