

Mission Lakes Association Annual Meeting

Center Township Town Hall

May 28, 2016

9:30 Rolls, coffee, social time. Thank you to Barb and Cheryl.

Attendance - Warren Herold, Nick Bernier, Ron Hedlund, Belinda Hedlund, Cheryl Turcotte, Barb and Dell Woese, Gary Rhode, Steve Herold, Jerry Stegora, Bob Snell, Warren Blachert, Jack and Sue Schubert, Peter Bachman and Janet Rice, Duane and Tony Laffrenzen, John and Kelly Henry, Steve and Margaret Elvester, Steve Scholtes, Aaron and Julie Swann, Joan Kelly, Brad Henry

We had such a great turn out that came early that we enjoyed an open forum beginning at 9:45

Introductions were made and the Board was thanked for having the meeting on Memorial Day when they could attend.

The first question was about the lake level. History of the Lake level was discussed and illustrated by graph. The important factors such as the flow/beavers/dam/evaporation and lack of rain were also discussed.

The second question was about the rearing pond. The MLA doesn't do the pumping... and it was explained that with the ratio applied since the pond is less than a foot deep it affects the lake approximately 1/5 of an inch in lake level.

10:00 Called to order by Warren Herold.

10:04 Minutes of the last meeting were emailed prior to the meeting today and no discrepancies were noted.

10:06 Treasurers Report was available for review and was discussed with motion to approve by Belinda Hedlund, 2nd by Gary Rohde.

Aquatic Vegetation Committee Report- Updates and details given

Discussed how the location of Invasive species by volunteers is essential. It is hard to find the right day without wind or clouds so that you can really see. With the timely and accurate application based on the locating information done by volunteers we have been successful in

doing the best we can managing the Aquatic Vegetation. Considering the money available to treat and what we have found that needs treatment we are all doing the best we can.

No Zebra Mussels have been found in our lake. The DNR has allowed us 200 hours of monitoring at each access to help prevent the transport of Weeds and Mussels into or out of our lakes.

Consequences of non-treatment were discussed. End result many areas of the lakes would become non navigational. Property values on Lakes not treated with this problem can see a 20% drop in property values.

Cost to treat is 4-500 an acre and if there is a problem spot a person would like to request and pay for specifically in addition to what the association is able to do, please contact Nick.

Water Quality Report – Nick Bernier.

Sechi readings show our water quality is very stable.

Beaver Activity Report-

We're working to keep the dam clear. The beavers are active and it's important to keep the flow to export the phosphorous. We have a person that we pay to trap and remove the Beavers. Prevention is easier than clearing the dam.

Improving Communications and Increase Membership

Contact new home owners-Barb Woese will get the mailing list from the tax office.

Email frequently- we had positive feedback that it kept them informed.

Annual Picnic

Time to try something new. Since there has been declining participation and very few kids attending it was decided that Barb will check into a local establishment that we can meet at to socialize, eat and drink like they had many years ago. We are considering doing this early next spring. Maybe do a Silent Auction... Belinda offered to help coordinate when the time is near.

Bills for approval Passed with a unanimous vote

Misc. weed bills. Doughnuts and coffee for the meeting. The list of homeowners and labels from the County. Motion to approve by Belinda Hedlund, 2nd by Gary Rohde.

Old Business- None. Nick touched on how we used to do pull tabs in the past until it became non profitable.

New Business County attitudes rules and regulations of building and filling on wetlands are not consistent with what's best for the long term ecology of our lakes. We have asked to be made aware of permits variance applications on our lake so we can also evaluate the impact.

Assignments

Kathy and Ron volunteered to work together to establish a dedicated MLA computer – with this comes costs. Estimated by Kathy to be up to \$1,000. To include a computer, Microsoft office,

back-up etc...However with the minimal amount of accounting activity the current process will be communicated for consideration as to what the dedicated computer will truly need in an effort to reduce the costs to the association. It was also discussed that donation can be made for the express purpose of the new computer rather than come out of the donations made with hopes of more weed treatment needed. The way the job is shared with the treasurer is working well and should remain in place. It was recommended that we investigate free programs that are excel compatible at openoffice.org and inexpensive storage in the cloud rather than an additional hard drive.

Jack Schultz volunteered for locating.

Kelly Henry volunteered to help with communications. Contacting new homeowners – email list etc...

Election of officers

The following (6) elections were all agreed as a unanimous vote.

Warren Herold will remain the President

Nick Brenier will remain as Vice President

Cheryl Turcotte will remain as Treasurer

Ron Hedlund will remain as Secretary

Barb Woese will remain on the board from Lower Lake

Dale Gunderson has resigned his position on the board from Upper Lake and there were no nominations made to replace his position. *This position remains open*

11:30 Meeting adjourned.