

**Lake Metonga Association, Inc.**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**July 5, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dick Czarniecki, President. Seventy-one Lake Association members were in attendance.

**Minutes** of the June 30, 2007 Annual Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Roger Cronce. The income from Boat launch donations was \$483.00, Picnic raffles \$408.35, Art in the Square \$674.73, Kentuck Day \$836.72, Gun Raffle \$4,090.58 and Walleye Banquet & Raffles \$3,395.95. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Lake Status Report** presented by Les Schramm indicated that there are 215 riparian owners on Lake Metonga. For 2007, Lake values in the Town of Lincoln totaled \$26,481,300 and generated \$489,493.33 in tax revenue. Property values in the City of Crandon totaled \$15,518,500 and generated \$342,098.27 tax dollars. A total of 169 property owners (78.6%) joined the Lake Association. This included 17 backlot owners; therefore, (169-17=152) Lake front owners (70.6%) joined the Association. The newsletter is mailed to 425 property owners which includes backlot, real estate firms, certain business, etc. Ask your neighbor, "Have you joined the Lake Association and are you receiving the Newsletter?". If not, get their name and address so we can get the information to them and get them involved.

**2007 Water Clarity and Chemistry** testing was completed in the deep hole out in front of Mallards. As the temperature increases the D.O. decreases. The secchi disc reading after ice-out was 31.5 feet. The average secchi depth reading for July and August was 20 feet.

**Fundraising Plans and Raffles –**

**Gun Raffle** tickets are for sale.

**Kentuck Day** to be held on July 26, 2008 with a mini-raffle and sales of gun raffle tickets.

**Art in the Square** to be held on September 20, 2008 with a mini-raffle and the drawing for the gun raffle.

**Boat Parade and Picnic** – The boat parade will be at 4 p.m. today and raffles with prizes of a freezer full of meat, and Packers package. Also there will be 50/50 and a bingo raffle and gun raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

**Walleye Stocking Banquet** to be held on October 11, 2008. Tickets will cost \$25 each and there will be an auction and raffle. The banquet will be held at the Mole Lake Casino with a three meat buffet and \$20 match play ticket. The event is limited to 200 people. There is seating for 8 at each table. The WDNR again granted permission to stock 5,000 walleyes. The Mole Lake Tribe contributed \$5,000.00 to the total cost of \$10,000.00 to stock the walleyes.

**Eurasian Water Milfoil ("EWM") Treatment** – The EWM Invasive Specie Grant filed in 2007 was denied. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("WDNR") advised the Association that it must first file for a Lake Management Planning Grant. Onterra LLC of De Pere, Wisconsin, was contracted with to assist in filing the grant application. Onterra's principal is Tim Hoyman and his associate is Eddie Heath. The Plan addressed concentrating on EWM eradication and control.

A four year \$136,510.00 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS”) Grant was received. Phase I included consulting costs for EWM pre-and post-treatment surveys, GPS mapping, reports, etc. totaling \$38,845.00. Phase II included chemical treatment, fees, permits, etc. at a total cost of \$97,665.00. The WDNR funds 75% (\$102,382.50) of the grant total project cost of \$136,510.00. The Lake Association would assume 25% of the cost which is \$34,127.50. The Association can voucher volunteer hours at \$8.00 per hour. Assuming a total of 656 hours would be vouchered over the four year period (656 x \$8.00/Hr. = \$5,248), the actual cost to the Lake Association would be: (\$34,127.50 - \$5,248.00 = \$28,879.50) or \$7,219.88 per year.

The detailed grant tasks include (1) monitoring and treatment of EWM, (2) train volunteers for Clean Boats-Clean Waters inspections, (3) train members to monitor EWM, and (4) keep Lake Metonga Association members informed regarding AIS control.

The Mole Lake Sokoagon Chippewa Tribe has donated \$5,000.00 for inspectors at the north boat launch. The south launch has pressure washer but needs volunteers to do the inspections.

Gay Mueller asked if the County Supervisors should be contacted to express concern for monetary assistance from the County Board to fund treatment of EWM that fronts the County Beach at Veteran’s Memorial Park and Campground.

**Zebra Mussels** - There is no increase in zebra mussel density. The Mole Lake Fishery Biologist is monitoring calcium levels in the Lake. He is also observing color changes of the shells (light to dark) and determining what that means. They have a 2 to 3 year cycle.

**Spearing Data** for the Mole Lake Tribe only. The Safe Harvest was stated as 205, declared spearing of 157 and total walleye speared was 157. We will try to obtain spearing data from 1990 to 2008. Also, we would like to get the creel survey data (hook and line fishing).

**Dam V-Notch Weir** – Don Eisenschink and Tom Klein asked the EPA to come and survey the dam to adjust the height of the weir to raise the Lake water level. The EPA indicated that the Association would need 100% consent of all riparian owners to proceed. This appears to be a lost cause.

**Bullhead Harvest** to keep the bullhead population in check in Lake Metonga. Mike Preul, the Mole Lake Tribe’s Fishery Biologist, harvested 12,000 pounds of bullheads using electro-shocking. Three holding nets were purchased by the Association. Bullheads were distributed to local residents at the south end of Lake Metonga. Approximately 2,500 to 3,000 pounds were given to the Raptors of Antigo for food for the wildlife at their facility. A resident from Alvin took 150 pounds. Schaefer’s processing shop was used to fillet 250 pounds of fillets which were given to NEWCAP.

**Loon Platforms** in Farmer’s Bay resulted in 2 hatchlings. Peterson’s Bay platform tipped when the bulrushes grew and the eggs were lost. Sigmund Olson Environmental Institute is looking for volunteers for the loon watch program.

**Boat Launch Donation Boxes** were installed by Gary Mueller, Dale Huss and his son at each of the public boat launches. Thanks, guys.

**Election of Officers:** Vice President - Tim Leonardelli, Secretary – Adam and Julie Leisten, and Director – David Patzlaff were nominated for re-election. Motion was made and seconded for the President to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion seconded and carried.

**Membership Input** – Joan Klein gave a big thank you to Les and Donna Schramm for their commitment and their time as well as a thank you to all the volunteers.

**AIS Kick-Off Lake Owners Meeting** is scheduled for July 19, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Crandon High School.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**

Submitted by: Adam and Julie Leisten  
Secretary  
LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, INC.