

Lake Metonga Association, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
July 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dick Czarniecki, President.

Minutes of the July 5, 2008, Annual Meeting were reviewed. Sylvia Patzlaff made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Judy Van Zuiden. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Reed made a motion to accept and Candee Daley seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Lake Status Report: Lake Property Owners report: 215 riparian owners on the Lake. Town of Lincoln property values \$26,481,300 and generates approximately \$489,493.33 of tax revenue. City of Crandon property values \$15,518,500 and generates approximately \$342,098.27 of tax revenue. 173 property owners joined the Association including back lot owners.

2008 Water Clarity and Chemistry testing was completed on 5/8/08 measuring clarity to 13 feet. On 5/28/08 clarity measured 46 feet and on 9/10/08 clarity measurement was 30 feet. Dave Patzlaff has been doing the testing and is looking for replacement or help. Please see status report.

Bullheads: The large number of Bullheads unique to Lake Metonga is due to crash of the Walleye Pike population from 1999 to 2001. In 2008, twelve thousand pounds were removed at an approximate rate of 500/hr. In 2009, six thousand five hundred pounds were removed at an approximate rate of 250/hr. Twelve hundred pounds of bullheads were given away within twenty minutes. In 2009, the Sokoagon Chippewa Mole Lake Tribe did not spear. The Mole Lake Tribe funded half of the stocking in 2008 and 2009. Mole Lake Fishery Biologist, Mike Preul, and his assistants, collected the eggs and sperm from walleyes and incubated them in the Tribe's Fish Hatchery. The resulting 2.5 million fry were planted in Lake Metonga, with the goal of bringing Lake Metonga's Walleye fishery up to an average of 2.5-3.0 adult Walleye per acre. Current fingerling population density is 1 Walleye per acre. The goal is to increase the population to 2.5 per acre.

Population and Size Limits Walleye and Smallmouth Bass – Presented by Mole Lake Fisheries Biologist: Walleye Populations from 1975-1989 were 2 adults/acre, 1989-1999 less than 2.4 to 3.7 adults/acre, 2001-2007 less than 2.0 adults/acre. The highest count in 2001 was 1.8 adults/acre and the low count was 0.6 adults/acre in 2004. Lake Metonga currently has a Walleye population of 1.3 adults/acre. There will be full species survey and population study from ice out to ice in 2010. The Mole Lake tribe will put moratorium on spearing until population becomes greater than 3.0 adults/acre. The plan is to remove nuisance species, i.e., suckers and bullheads and control harvest numbers (anglers and tribal). Walleyes reach sexual maturity at 11" to 12" for males and greater than 16" for females so 15" size limit is removing females prior to them reaching sexual maturity. Adjusting size and bag limits of Walleye and Smallmouth Bass will help to increase these populations.

Proposed Walleye Regulation Change: For anglers, the minimum size walleye that can be kept will be increased from 15" to 18". The daily bag limit will ultimately be determined as mutually agreed upon by the WDNR and the Mole Lake Chippewa Tribe. The membership voted to proceed with this change.

Smallmouth – It was proposed that the current 15" size limit and bag limit of 5 fish, be changed to an 18" size limit. Tim Leonardelli made a motion to support this change. Dennis Klemick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously supported.

Lake District Discussion: Les Schramm gave a presentation summarizing the advantages of forming a Lake District for Lake Metonga. Currently, only 77% of riparian and back lot owners are involved in supporting Lake Metonga. The purpose of the proposed Lake District is to levy taxes to financially support the preservation and protection of Lake Metonga. The annual tax levy based upon a \$30,000.00 Annual Lake Metonga District Budget would be \$34.07 per \$100,000.00 of Fair Market Value of a property.

In order to proceed with forming a Lake District, a petition requesting approval of the District must receive 51% approval of the proposed district property owners. A secret ballot vote of the members in attendance at the meeting resulted in a 55 in favor and 11 opposed (76% approval). A Lake District Committee was formed, chaired by Harry Resch.

Fundraising Plans and Raffles –

Gun Raffle tickets are for sale. The drawing will be held at Art in the Square on September 19, 2009.

Kentuck Day to be held on July 25, 2009, with a mini-raffle and sale of gun raffle tickets.

Art in the Square to be held on September 19, 2009, 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 at Lake Metonga Resort. There will be food, 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 3, 2009. 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 250 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. The Association contracted with Onterra LLC of De Pere, Wisconsin, to assist in filing the grant application. Onterra's principal is Tim Hoyman and his associate is Eddie Heath. The Plan addressed the primary concern of EWM treatment and control.

In 2009 Boonestro treated 81.5 acres of EWM at a cost of \$52,500.00 with 75% of the cost covered by grant funds. Grant funds remaining for 2010 total \$4,960.46. The fall post treatment survey will determine the EWM acreage that must be treated in 2010.

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 and determining what that means. Zebra mussels have a 2 to 3 year life cycle.

Spearing Data: Tribe did not spear in 2009.

Loon Platforms: In Farmer's Bay resulted in 2 hatchlings. Loons were waiting for Dave as he repaired platform, Dave Patzlaff has expressed concern over timing of getting platforms in the water, he and Sylvia winter in Texas and he would like someone assist with the platform maintenance.

Boat Launch Donation Boxes: See handout on treasurers report.

Membership Input: Kim Reed proposed a Lake Association website, minutes and annual letters and mailing could be posted versus cost of postage and printing. Kim also offered to help design and set up website, cost to maintain ~ \$75-125 per year. Motion for online information sharing made by Ken Hermus, second by Phil Resch, and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers: Dick Czarniecki indicated that he would accept a nomination for the President position (second term). Motion made and carried. Nominations were opened for the Treasurers position. Roger Cronce was acting treasurer. Kim and Grant Reed were nominated by Sylvia Patzlaff, second by Deward Ison and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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