

Lake Metonga Association, Inc.

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Les Schramm, Director in the absence of Dick Czarniecki, President. Sixty-seven Lake Association members were in attendance.

Minutes of the July 3, 2010 Annual Meeting were not available.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kim Reed. Kim went over the 2010 year-end balance sheet, the 2011 budget, the 2011 balance sheet and current assets. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report as submitted, seconded, carried. Les discussed the new grant for EWM control that was awarded by the DNR with a 65/35 cost share split whereas past grants had been a 75/25 split. The reduction in this grant is due to a high volume of grants submitted in the state and LMA's previously awarded grants.

Lake Status Report presented by Les Schramm covered several areas. Les indicated that the **water clarity** in 2010 was approximately the same as the 2009 year which was "too good" due to the zebra mussels. He showed a chart with Lake Metonga's average secchi depth reading in 2010 at 24.5 feet compared to other lakes in the NE Geo-region at 9.4 feet. The chart also showed **water chemistry** data as Lake Metonga's chlorophyll level is at .6 micrograms/liter and other lakes average 14.4 which means our lake is considered excellent in the water quality index. The phosphorus level in Lake Metonga is considered good at 14 micrograms/liter compared to other lakes at 31. Les then went over **milfoil treatment**. He showed a current treatment map indicating 49.9 acres needed to be treated. A new applicator, Clean Lakes Inc. out of Clark, did the treatment. All areas of EWM were treated with liquid 2-4D as this treatment worked well on one bed last year and was recommended by the DNR and our consultant Onterra. Les showed slides of how the applicator did the treatment. Gary Mueller then discussed how he and Harold Resch did post treatment residual monitoring for the Army Corps of Engineers. Les then discussed the **bullhead** harvest. 19,000 lbs of bullheads had been removed since 2008 which has allowed better walleye growth. It is possible that the fisheries biologist Mike Pruehl would harvest again this year but so far water temps are too low to allow electro-shocking to be effective as the bullheads are not spawning in the shallow bays yet.

Boating and Fishing Regulation Changes – Les discussed **boating regulation changes** this year as follows: The slow-no-wake rule for boats is 100' from the shoreline, docks, rafts, other boats, PWC's and buoyed areas. For PWC's (jet-ski) it is 200' from the shoreline, OR 100' from other boats, PWC's, docks, rafts and buoyed areas. The **fishing regulation change** bringing the size of walleye to 18" in Lake Metonga should increase the population. The Association has not stocked walleye since it stocked 5,000 fingerlings in 2007 and 2008. The Mole Lake Chippewa Tribe stocked 2.5 million frye in 2009. The DNR stocked 79,000 1 ½" to 2" juvenile's in 2008 and 2010 and they should be stocking every other year so the Association may not need to stock in the near future.

Lake District and Other Funding- Since the City of Crandon defeated the request to petition residents within the City limits to form a Lake District, the Association has had to look for other ways to fund EWM treatment. The Forest County Forestry and Parks Committee agreed to raise the campground fee by \$2.00 per day per campsite and donate \$1.00 per day per campsite to LMA. Based on 2010 numbers that would bring approx. \$5,000.00, however, it has been slower so far this year. The City of Crandon has added a line item in their 2011 budget to donate \$5,000.00 as well. The Town of Lincoln asked for a letter showing the cost and need for funding before making a decision, Les will write the letter. The City and Town gave \$3,000.00 each in 2010. The City had agreed to put in a boat launch fee until they found out it could only be used for maintenance and operation of the boat launch area, not for EWM treatment of the overall lake area. Les wrote a letter to the

chairperson, Jonathan Ela, of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board to possibly get the rule changed and has not received a response. Gary Mueller would like the Lake District to meet again to look at alternatives.

Creel Survey- Fish populations fluctuate by: natural forces, management actions, inappropriate development, and harvest impacts. All of these have been factors in Lake Metonga's populations. The Mole Lake Chippewa Tribe has not speared in 2009, 2010, or 2011. Mike Pruehl, the Tribes fisheries biologist does the surveys and makes recommendations to the tribe as to what to do. Les then showed a slide with the creel survey numbers for the 2007-2008 and 2010-2011 seasons. It showed the amount of hours fishing, amounts caught, amounts kept, and average length of each species. The 2007 season 444 walleyes were harvested at an average length of 17". The 2010 season 647 walleyes were harvested at an average length of 18.4". The survey showed that in 2010 there were 2 walleyes per acre. For perch in the 2007 season 28,716 were harvested at an average length of 8.1" and in the 2010 season 76,522 were harvested at an average length of 9". The bullhead harvest has seemed to help the numbers. The amount of perch harvested in 2010 caused some discussion as to over-harvesting so one member suggested lowering the limit caught from 25 to 15. A "show of hands" by the membership was in favor. The Board of Directors will discuss it. There was also discussion that the recreational spearing of mature perch seems to be the biggest problem.

Fundraising Plans and Raffles –

Gun Raffle tickets are for sale. Only 450 will be sold at \$20.00 each.

Kentuck Day to be held on July 30, 2011 with a mini-raffle and sales of gun raffle tickets.

Art in the Square to be held on September 17, 2011 with a mini-raffle and the drawing for the gun raffle.

Boat Parade and Picnic – The boat parade and picnic will be at 2 p.m. Sunday July 2nd at The Beachside Bar and Grill. There will be raffles, silent auction, and kids' raffle. Also, there will be a bingo raffle and gun raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Walleye Banquet will be Saturday October 8th. The fall newsletter and the website will have more info. And ticket order forms.

In Memory of Ralph Schmidt- Ralph's daughter, Judy Van Zuiden, spoke of her father and family memories on Lake Metonga and presented a generous donation to the Association in Ralph's memory.

Loon Platforms in Farmer's Bay resulted in 2 hatchlings. Peterson's Bay platform was not used again as she built her nest on a muskrat house. The nest washed away during a storm.

Boat Launch- Les showed a slide with the boat launch donations from the north and south end. The 2010 total for both launches was 691.48.

Election of Officers: Les opened the floor for the following positions:

Secretary - 1 yr remaining term; Director - 2 yr term; Treasurer- 2 yr term; President – 2 yr term.

Nominations are as follows:

Candice Dailey for Secretary, Ken Hermus for Director, Kim Reed for Treasurer and Grant Reed for President. Motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion carried.

Other Business & Membership Input: Les mentioned that Green Bay Scuba would like to conduct a lake clean-up day on Saturday, September 17th. Pontoon boats are needed to assist the divers.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Grant Reed

Interim Secretary

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