

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, INC.

Forest County – Crandon, WI
2014 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 28th 9:00 A.M.
Crandon School District Auditorium

- 1) Call to Order: The Lake Metonga Association meeting was called to order @ 9:13am by President Grant Reed. a) Grant introduced the Board of Directors: Vice-President; Tim Leonardelli, Treasurer; Kim Reed & Secretary; Candy Dailey. Directors: Judi Van Zuiden, Dick Nowack & Les Schram. We have 3 positions to fill this year as Vice-President, Secretary & 1 Director to fill Dick Nowack's position. He called Grant to let him know that he was not going to run for another term. 40 members were in attendance.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: the Annual Meeting minutes from 2013 were reviewed. Mark Truymen made the motion to approve the 2013 minutes. Phil Rush seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- 3) Treasure's report: Kim asked members to look at page 4 of the documents that were handed out. This page showed the budget from last year to this year. She explained several other items for income & expenses. Kim asked if there were any questions. Since there were none, she asked for a motion to approve the Treasure's report. Sylvia Patzlaff made the motion to approve the report. Gary Mueller seconded the motion. Kim asked for approval. Motion approved.
- 4) Les was having trouble w/his equipment so we moved ahead to the Fundraising Committee report to give him a little more time.
- 5) Fundraising Committee: Deb Gauerke/Committee Chairperson reviewed the following:
 - a) Sportsman's raffle: tickets were ready to go & printed. She asked for additional ideas. Deb stated that we did a lot of local purchasing this year from Schaeffer's, Smith's & Conway. The businesses appreciated the LMA purchasing from them & staying local. Deb announced that if anyone would like to buy a ticket today for the Sportsman' raffle; there will be an additional raffle today to give one person the chance to win your \$20.00 back.
- 4) Lake Status: Les was ready for his presentation:
 - a) Water Clarity & Chemistry: which Les likes to call the "Health of the Lake". The water clarity & chemistry values were reviewed. If levels change, we need to adjust accordingly. Data was reviewed from 2007-2013, showing that the data was pretty much the same though the year previous years. Data was collected during July & August. DNR supplies reports on line for us to compare with. Phosphorus gets stirred up at the bottom of the lake when boats drive through the shallow areas. That supports weed growth. Kim & Grant checked water temperatures beginning in May through the end of August. Readings were about the same from previous years. The lake levels are pretty much reversed from the beginning of the year & at the end.
 - b) Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment – No Grant for 2014: 75% of the grant is usually provided & LMA pays 25%. This year we applied for 65%, LMA 35% in 2013. This info was also printed in the spring 2014 newsletter. There were more than double the requests for what the state allowed in funds. They were considering lakes that had not received grants in the previous years. Les reviewed the beds on the lake & the board decided to look at the beds on the South End. The board approved pulling the beds instead of treatment because of the costs. The bed was about 1700 feet long. We contracted w/Clean Lakes.

Less demonstrated the new Dock Disc: to remove zebra muscles from the lake. Anyone interested in ordering one could contact him or James Gregath at 949-394-0124 or james@060bio.com.

- c) Bullheads: they spent 28 hours harvesting (2 boats, 6 people) = 168 total hours. The size of the bullheads ranged from 7 ½ to 10 inches. There were about 50% in both sizes. Results: 3,836 lbs = 5856 fish. They did a great job harvesting. We had a give away program. An add was put in the papers for June 20th at noon. Les said people were lining up at 11:15. The rest were given to Raptures in Antigo because they rehabilitate birds & wildlife. They will continue to monitor & harvest in 2015. It's amazing how much walleyes & perch they eat every year.

d) Fishery & Spearing: Les discussed seeded territories for the tribes. Treaties that were signed in 1842 was the area that included Lake Metonga. The Tribes did not spear in 2009-2011. During that time the lake was stocked with 2.5 million walleye fry.

Les answered questions from the association members that were present. If you have any additional questions, you may contact Mike Preul, Marine biologist: 715-478-7621.

6) Boat Parade/Cookout: Tim shared the 2013 picnic results & explained what we are going to do for this year. He asked for additional help. Any helpers should arrive by 10:30 at Beachside. This year we are sponsoring Bingo, the Spinning Wheel, the Freezer Meat Raffle & a Pancake eating contest. We will also have the crayfish boil served by Dewy & his family. The kids raffle will be handled by Kim, Grant & Kayla Reed. The Walleye Banquet tickets are available. Last year the food was great & the help was great, too. We did a homemade comfort food raffle. He suggested you buy your tickets early because we only have 450 tickets available & they go fast. Last year we have to turn people away.

Boat Parade: Dave Patzlaff will be the Boat Parade Marshall. Sylvia Patzlaff requested that people call ahead to register their boats for the parade.

7) Walleye Banquet: will be October 11, 2014 at the Mole Lake Casino. Tim reminded everyone to get your tickets now, they go fast. They are available from Tim, Gary Mueller or Les Schramm.

8) Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program: Les announced that we received a grant to hire inspectors. He explained what they do & asked for someone to take this task over. They would be responsible to file for the grant, submit proposed plans & costs, hire inspectors & develop a work schedule. They would have to pick up time sheets, e-mail to the LMA Treasurer, make copies of check & costs, enter data in DNR Data Base. The LMA Treasurer submits 1099 for each inspector. Les said he would appreciate someone taking over this project, after all, he is 82 years old!

9) Loon Nesting Platforms: platforms were put out this year again. Gary Mueller said the wind moved their nest & they didn't know if the chick survived. Farmer's bay had 2 little chicks that were spotted the other day. So they survived.

10) Election of Officers – 2 year term: for Vice President, Secretary & Director. Grant explained that Tim Leonardelli had served his terms & by the by-laws could not run again. He said the by-laws state that you have to live or own property by the lake. Tim Leonardelli announced that he was not leaving. No one was nominated for the position, so Grant stated that if the Association voted to bypass the by-laws, he could be reelected. Sylvia Patzlaff made the motion that we elect Tim Leonardelli as Vice-President for another 2-year term. Kevin Van Zuiden seconded the motion. Motion approved.

A request was called for the secretary's position. Sylvia Patzlaff asked Judi Van Zuiden if she wanted to position & she responded; no. Kim & Grant announced that Ann Steinberger would take the Secretary position if no one wanted it. A motion was made by Deb Gauerke to accept Ann Steinberger as the LMA Secretary. Gary Goeman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

A request was called for the Directors position that was available. Tim Leonardelli made the motion that Gary Mueller fill the Directors position. Gary accepted the nomination. Less Schramm seconded the motion. Motion approved.

11) New Business: a new format & new pictures were posted on the web site. Our new co-coordinator is Rebecca Van Zuiden. A question was raised to see if we can do a web cam on the lake??? We said we would have Rebecca look into it. Someone stated that Web access is now available at Beachside.

a) Update for the Walleye Tickets: Les & Donna had tickets now. If you reserve your tickets, we request that you pay for them over the phone when you register.

b) Chris Mueller: asked if we could talk to our neighbors about attend the meeting because the attendance was so low.

Sylvia Patzlaff: asked if we could do a different date next year. Brush Run had an event this weekend.
Gary Gaman asked if we could do two different dates for picnics? Probably not with the other activities we sponsor.

Gary Mueller: discussed that we form groups on the lake to contact their neighbors. We have 240 owners & there were 158 members in 2013. Kim Reed stated that it was about a 66% membership. He also discussed using the web site to promote membership for the association. Gary also suggested putting on the web how many tickets are left as we sell them for the Walleye Banquet & the Sportsman's raffle.

The question was raised that we hold the picnic on the same day as the annual meeting. Grant explained that we divided the event because of the time frame. Dates were discussed & it was suggested to look at moving the meeting into early June? Grant said we could discuss further at our board meeting this fall.

Deb Gauerke remaindered anyone who could help sell the Sportsman's raffle tickets to pick them up after the meeting & that we were going to have a special drawing today at 11:00am.

- 12) Membership Input: Jeff stated that they had issues with the fall duck hunters. He had a hole in his window & side of cabin. It was stated that they could hunt if they are 100 yards away from a building. Kim Reed stated that this doesn't apply if they are on the water. But they are responsible for their pellets. You are required to get their boat number or call the DNR.

Annual Meeting Drawing: Joe Pavlichek won the framed watercolor "Back to the Water" donated by Tim Leonardelli.

- 13) Adjourn: Grant called for a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting: The motion was made by Deward Ison. Gary Goeman second the motion. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Judi Van Zuiden