

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, INC.

Forest County – Crandon WI

2015 Annual Membership Meeting

July 4, 2015

Crandon School District Auditorium

1. **Call to Order:** The Lake Metonga Association annual membership meeting was called to order by President Grant Reed at 8:50 AM. Grant introduced the Board of Directors: Treasurer Kim Reed, Secretary Ann Steinberger, Directors Judi Van Zuiden, Gary Mueller & Les Schramm. Vice President Tim Leonardelli excused.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Annual Meeting minutes from 2014 were reviewed. Dave Patzlaff made a motion to approve Pete Sloam seconded the motion. Motion Approved.
3. **Treasurers Report:** Kim reviewed the budget handout provided. Information on previous years and year to date were reviewed. Kim asked if there were any questions. Since there were no questions Kim asked for a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Motion made by Mark Truman and seconded by Sylvia Patzlaff. Motion approved.
4. **Donna Schramm Memorial Fund:** Grant stated that Donna Schramm has helped the Lake Association in many ways and asked others to step up and volunteers for the many spots that Donna has helped with in the past. Les Schramm thanked everyone and how much he appreciated people stepping forward and filling the void Donna has left. A memorial fund has been established in her memory to the Lake Association.
5. **Lake Status:**
 - a. **Water Clarity and Chemistry:** Less reviewed the water clarity, temperature and chemistry of the lake “the health of the lake”. The Chlorophyll level (1.6 ugl) is in the “very good” category and the total Phosphorus level (14.7) is in the “good” category. The levels remain approximately the same as in previous years. The water temperature has remained relatively the same at the top of the lake to the bottom of the lake.
 - b. **Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Treatment:** Les reviewed the 2015-2016 EWM grant. Lake Metonga Association was awarded 121,381 two year project to treat EWM. The funding for the project is limited in 2015 and is to be used for lake consultation and mapping. The grant will provide 65% funding for the EWM Treatment and the Lake Association is responsible for the remaining 35%. Les reviewed the grant process. Question from the floor regarding how effective is the treatment. Les reviewed that last year’s treatment killed about 85% based upon the follow up mapping. Question from the floor regarding the impact on humans eating the fish where the treatment occurred. Less stated that there have been many studies done on this. The chemical passes through the fish and there is no impact. Question from the floor regarding the water depth of the EWM. Les stated it is mainly located in 5-15 feet water. For Lake Metonga this would involve about 300 acres

- c. **Bullheads.** Les stated bullheads were harvested by Mike Pruel again this spring the locations for the harvest were Farmers Bay and Paterson Bay bull rushes. There were 3 people harvesting for 24 hours. 1,700 bullheads were harvested and donated.
 - d. **Fishery and Spearing:** Les shared a slide which covered the number of walleye speared over the last several years. The number of walleye to be speared is set by the Chippewa's Tribe of Mole Lake and the DNR. For 2015, 681 fish were harvested. Compared to 1,086 in 2014 and 177 in 2013. It is estimated there are 6.9 mature walleye per acres. Members can contact Mike Pruel 715-478-7621 with questions.
6. **Fundraising Committee Update:** Deb Gauerke asked for volunteers to assist with the many volunteer spots needed at Kentuck Days (7/25/15), Art in the Square (9/19/15) and the Sportsmen Raffle. Drawing for Sportsman's Raffle will be held at Art in the Square. Many of the items for the various raffles were purchased from the Crandon Area. Lake Metonga apparel may be purchased directly at Creative Screenprinting and Embroidery or through the Association. This year, instead of the main prize being a gun it will be a handcrafted specialty knife by Ken Erickson valued at \$450. The person who handcrafted the knife is People are able to purchase a \$100 certificate from several local businesses (Flannery and Septic companies). This is 100% profit to the Association.
7. **Walleye Banquet:** Gary Mueller talked about the "Weeds & Walleyes" Dinner Auction. He referenced his handout explaining the different ways people can help with donations, table sponsorship, purchasing a "square" on various boards for prizes and volunteering time. Gary also discussed many of the prizes including electronics, an ice shanty to be auctioned at the banquets People are to contact Chris and Gary Mueller to donate. Gary reminded people that all donations are tax deductible.
8. **Boat Parade/Cookout:**
- a. **Boat Parade:** Volunteers are needed for the boat parade judging. Boat parade is to start at 1:00 PM by Dave Patzlaff place. Dave stated he received 2 calls from people worried that the boat parade on the lake would jeopardize the attendance at the parade in town. Dave is aware of two boats that will be in the parade. He is hoping more boats will enter at the last minute. Prizes will be awarded at the cookout.
 - b. **Cookout:** Will be held at 2:00 PM Beachside Bar and Grill. Food beverages and games will be available.
9. **Clean Boats/Clean Waters:** Les Schramm asked for someone to take this program over going forward. Les explained what the program is and what the inspectors do. He also reviewed what the person who takes the program over would be doing: filing the grant, submitting proposals, hiring inspectors, developing work schedules, and submitting the inspector's time cards. The grant is about \$8,000 and is a needed to help support the DNR EWM treatment grant. Les passed around 2 clipboards for people to sign up for the clean boats/clean waters program and to assist with the water clarity testing.
10. **Election of Officers:** 2 year term: President, Treasurer, and Director. 1 year term remaining: Secretary. Grant stated that he was not going to run for President again, Kim has served her consecutive term limits per the bylaws. Les recommended Kim remain Treasurer. Les explained

the many responsibilities of the Treasurer including filing the Associations taxes. Judi Van Zuiden stated that the bylaws should be followed.

Motion from the floor by Kevin Van Zuiden, to nominate Rebecca Van Zuiden for Board of Director, two year term, seconded by Kim Reed, motion approved.

Judi Van Zuiden expressed interest in vacated Secretary, one year term, seconded by Gary Mueller motion approved.

Motion from the floor by Judi Van Zuiden to nominate Steve Parks for Treasurer, two year term, seconded by Gary Mueller, motion approved.

Motion from the floor by Judi Van Zuiden to nominate Gary Mueller for President, two year term, seconded by Gary Goeman, motion approved.

As Gary Mueller's board position has been vacated this left a 1 year term open. Motion was made by Judi Van Zuiden to nominate Gary Goeman for the open director position, one year term, seconded by Kevin Van Zuiden, motion approved.

11. **Old Business:** Gary Mueller reviewed the duck hunting concern and stated that if members have any issues with duck hunters to contact the DNR warden and police.
12. **Membership Input:** Questions from the floor:
 - a. Regarding "green slime" in the lake. Gary and Dave Patzlaff indicated per Mike Pruel it is a byproduct from Zebra mussels.
 - b. Can Association can ask for boat launch fees to help with the Lake needs. Grant stated per WI State Statues there cannot be a boat launch fee to help the lake. If a boat launch fee is collected it is to be used to maintain the boat launch only. The Association has a boat donation box to help collect donations from the people launching their boats. Kim sated approximately \$940 was collected in 2014 through the donation box at the boat launches.
 - c. Regarding Muskie introduction into Lake Metonga by the DNR. Les clarified the issue and Grant reassumed position of chair indicating Greg Matzke from the DNR contacted him asking to attend the annual meeting to discuss the issue. However it was short notice and without time on the agenda Grant shared he told Mike that the new President would follow up with this topic and to set a special meeting to discuss the issue. It was noted that since the DNR approved the EWM grant, treatment and permit to at least listen to the DNR even though the general consensus was not in favor of the introduction of Muskie.
13. **Sportsman Raffle Rebate:** Brent Goeman won the rebate and was refunded for this purchase of the gun raffle ticket purchase.
14. **Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned after the election of officers.

Submitted by: Ann Steinberger