

***Pending Approval at
2019 Annual Meeting***

**LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, LLC
2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
FOREST COUNTY – CRANDON WI
JUNE 30, 2017 9:00 AM
CRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITORIUM**



MEMBERS PRESENT: 70 Members

I. WELCOME

Gary Mueller, President welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting and thanked everyone for taking time out of their family activities to be here. He then asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Individuals without handouts were asked to raise hand to receive a copy.

II. BOARD INTRODUCTIONS:

Gary Mueller introduced each of the six board members with emphasis on the fact that Lynn Smith was the most recent addition to the board as one of two director positions by appointment. Lynn replaces the vacant spot left by Les Schramm whom retired one year ago. Her appointment will last until the 2019 Annual Membership meeting at which time she will come up for re-election. Gary then indicated that the vice-president, secretary and one director position are up for election this year for a two-year term, followed by clarification of nominee criteria.

III. REPORTS:

A. MINUTES POSTED TO WEBSITE:

Julie Janquart, Secretary explained that minutes for all meetings will be posted to the website with annual meeting minutes posted with special note "pending approval at next annual meeting" and board meeting minutes posted after they have been approved at subsequent meetings. Doing so will provide greater transparency and keep members updated throughout the year rather than just providing information at each annual meeting.

B. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Julie Janquart explained that membership recordkeeping was one of her duties as LMA secretary. She then went on to summarize the 2017 Calendar Year data which included that we have 247 lake front properties as identified by Forest County 2017 Records. The total membership for 2017 was 102 members with a breakdown of 87 riparian members and 15 non-riparian members.

C. APPROVAL OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Julie Janquart asked members to take a few minutes to review the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes handout with emphasis on some of the "action" items from last year. After a few minutes, Julie asked if there were any questions, comments or corrections to be discussed. With no comments or questions, Julie asked for a motion to approve the minutes which was made by Pete Salm and seconded by Gary Hammen. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

D. TREASURER REPORT

1. Audit

Steve Parks, Treasurer explained that while we are not required by law to do routine audits of our financial books the board has decided to do so annually with individual LMA members being asked to help. Steve indicated the 2016 & 2017 treasurer books were audited on May 15, 2018 by Kim Reed, Julie & Jim Nader verbally indicated that everything was in order.

2. 2016 / 2017 Year Totals

- ☐ Year- to-year increase in donations mainly from increase in DNR EWM grant and South Beach donation +\$3,200
- ☐ Drop in fundraising about equal parts from cancelled sportsman raffle and reduced WnW revenues
- ☐ Jump in Misc. Expenses primarily from bullhead roundup (\$2,400) and new liability policy (\$450)
- ☐ Drop in Other Fundraising expenses mostly from elimination of sportsman raffle
- ☐ Even though revenue was down some in 2017, expenses were down even more so — overall: increased reserves in 2017

3. 2017 / 2018 Year-to-Date

- ☐ Increased account balances are accruing more interest (was quarterly, now monthly)
- ☐ Membership is off some (57 in 2017 vs 45 in 2018 YTD)
- ☐ Big difference in other donations/grants:
 - ✓ 2017: Mole Lake (\$4K); DNR (\$1.5K); City of Crandon (\$5K)
 - ✓ 2018: Mole Lake (\$4K); DNR (\$1.5K); new \$18,700 DNR grant for Lake Management Study
- ☐ Jump in Misc. Expenses: Donna Schramm Memorial Kitchen equipment, computer for managing LMA DNR reporting; \$250 donation to Wisconsin Lakes Association 25th Anniversary Fundraiser (Spring newsletter not expensed yet in 2018)
- ☐ EWM expense outlier (reimbursed later in 2017) but suspended for 2018
- ☐ Other Fundraising expense difference is purchase of new 2018 apparel inventory
- ☐ We look to be on track for another solid year financially — which will prove beneficial down the road for future EWM treatment and other Lake Metonga programs

IV. UPDATE ON HEALTH OF THE LAKE

A. SATELLITE SCANS & SECHHI TESTING

Mark Truymen reported the Secchi Disk depth was found to be at 43'. Water clarity seems to be better as we are seeing 4' deeper than last year's reading. Grant Reed added the fact that there has been no Phosphorous increase and that the surface

temperature of water is up at this time. More information will be discussed during the Website portion of the agenda later in the meeting.

B. AIS GRANT: EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL TREATMENT FINAL REPORT

Gary Mueller summarized the 2-Year EWM Treatment Grant for 2015-2017 informing membership that the treatment total cost was \$78,898.11 with the shares being 65% DNR and 35% LMA which has been paid in full. The treatment was completed in 2016 & 2017 with mapping completed during late summer of 2015, 2016 & 2017. Gary then reviewed data provided by Onterra indicating the results including types of weeds present, acreage treated, maps depicting results of the 3-year period. (See 2018 Annual Meeting PowerPoint on *LMA Website* for details.)

C. FISHERY UPDATE:

1. Bullhead Harvest

Gary Mueller reported that the Bullhead Harvest, which takes place in the spring typically was not done this year due to the unusual delay in the ice thaw on the lake.

2. Electrofishing Walleye Monitoring Survey

The standard electrofishing survey was conducted in the fall of 2017 to monitor walleye recruitment. Age-0 walleye were captured at a rate of 40 age-0 fish per mile which suggests the 2017 class will be another good one. The survey results were provided by Greg Matzke, DNR as reported by Gary Mueller.

D. SPEARING UPDATE

Gary Mueller reported that 631 walleye were harvested over a 3-night period. Gary also summarized the 5-year history of spearing results showing that this year's total was the second lowest in this time frame.

V. FUND RAISING EVENTS: 2017 REPORT AND 2018 DATES

A. 2018 FUNDRAISING MODIFICATIONS

Gary Mueller explained that LMA would be making some changes related to raffle ticket sales for Kentuck Festival and Art-in-the-Square. The changes include discontinuing Arms-Length 50/50 raffle sales at picnic / Kentuck Festival Day and instead selling 50/50 raffle tickets at 3-\$5, 7-\$10 & 15-\$20 with the winner required to be present at picnic to win. In addition, at Kentuck Day Festival and Art-in-the-Square a 100 Square Board will be used in lieu of 50/50 ticket sales to reduce the number of volunteers needed to man the booth.

B. BOAT PARADE & COOKOUT

Gary Goeman provided detailed information related to the LMA boat parade (1:00pm) and picnic (2:00pm) which is being held on Sunday July 1, 2018 with all activities taking place at *Charlie's Lake. Metonga Resort*. Activities include *50/50 Raffle Ticket Sales 1:30 To 4:30 (Must Be Present to Win)*; *Paddle Wheel Raffle 2:30 to 4:00*; *Wearable Sale*; *W&W Sponsorship Sign up*; *Beer/Soda/Brats/Hot Dogs/Beans/Chips* for a \$5.00 donation. In addition to these activities there will be an opportunity for individuals to try their golf skills out chipping golf balls into a tire anchored in the lake with proceeds from this being donated to the local Humane Society. Picnic sponsors included Charlie's LM Resort owners Charlie, Sarah, Mike and Molly, Peter & Peggy Salm and Best Wash of Crandon.

C. KENTUCK DAY FESTIVAL

Deb Gaurke, Fundraising Chairman indicated that the Kentuck Day Festival would be taking place on Saturday July 28, 2018 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. She briefly described what takes place at this festival and the location which is the Forest County Courthouse Square. In addition, Deb explained that LMA sponsors a booth at the festival in which we will sell LMA Wearables clothing, hats, etc., and hold a 50/50 raffle this year by using a 100 square board with the winner not required to be there to win. We also use this booth as an opportunity to provide general information to the public about the Lake Metonga Association lake maintenance activities along with membership information. Finally, Deb explained that we always need volunteers to help on the day of this event to set up / tear down the booth itself as well as to man the booth for a 2-hour shift with there being 3 shifts for the day. Deb asked people interested in helping with set up or take a shift to call her or see her immediately after the meeting to sign up.

D. ART IN THE SQUARE

Deb Gaurke informed the membership that we have a booth at Art-in-the-Square this fall on Saturday September 15 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm where there are many craft & flea market booths, great food. She explained that this event is very similar to Kentuck Day Festival in terms of the kind of activities we engage in for our LMA booth and that we will need the same number of people to volunteer to man the booth for a two-hour shift and asked for volunteers to help with this event also by calling her at the number on the back of the agenda.

E. APPAREL SALES

Judy Van Zuiden, Apparel Sales Coordinator explained that our stock of wearables includes some new styles ordered for this year along with a small amount of stock remaining from 2017 sales. All stock will be available for sales at the LMA picnic, Kentuck Day Festival, Art-in-the-Square. Individuals having questions or wishing to make a purchase can contact her using the contact information on the screen or the back of the agenda.

F. WEEDS "N" WALLEYE BANQUET

Gary Mueller introduced his Weeds-n-Walleye co-chair, his wife Chris Mueller. Gary and Chris explained a little bit of information related to how long we have been doing this fundraising event and how much fun people have each year as they keep coming back. Chris thanked everyone who has participated in this event and the many sponsors as well as volunteers whom have helped to make it such a successful event. Chris indicated that the original date of Saturday, October 6th was changed to October 13th due to a conflict. She explained that individuals can do an "early bird" pre-banquet special by paying \$250 which includes their membership fee and entitles the individual to 4 seats at the banquet, 4 \$20 free play and \$40 in the night of Raffle tickets.

As members reviewed a list of pre-banquet preparations and banquet night work, Chris explained that there are many things to do well in advance of the event as well as on event night. She summarized for the membership that like many other organizations we have become dependent upon a relatively small number of people to keep things going and that it is time for "new blood" to get involved in fundraising in general and specifically with Weed-n-Walleye Banquet which is our largest fundraising event. At this point Chris thanked Betty Sosnovsky and Deb Gaurke for setting up and preparing treats for this meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

A. CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER: SUMMARY OF 2017 & 2018 STATUS

CBCW workers include Emma Eisenschink, Julie Van Lannen and Carter Bissonette with Gary Mignon as the supervisor.

B. LOON REPORT: SUMMARY OF 2017 & 2018 STATUS

Kayla Reed, Loon Ranger for LMA reported that in 2017 there were five chicks hatched. In 2018 one chick hatched in Farmers Bay and two others hatched in the Peterson Bay area. Finally, Kayla informed the membership that the 2 chicks hatched in Peterson Bay are doing well!

C. FARMERS BAY SLOW-NO-WAKE BUOY PERMIT PROCESS SUMMARY

Gary Mueller explained concerns were raised at the 2017 Annual meeting regarding the well-being of loon chick's low survival rate due to boater traffic. He summarized the steps that have been taken to get approval to place two buoys in the Farmers Bay after the 2017 Annual Meeting in which a motion was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote to do so. Gary indicated that Kayla Reed wrote up the required paperwork and permit request submitting it to Gary Mueller.

Upon receipt of these documents, the board met and decided to submit an accompanying cover letter to the Town of Lincoln Board suggesting the town may wish to pursue direct input from property owners in Farmers Bay. The town board directed LMA to draft a letter to these property owners sending it by mail to each one after which the board would review their input then decide if it would move forward by submitting paperwork to the DNR for approval. Gary reported that the TOL Board heard back from some of the Farmers Bay property owners with opposing input so the Board decided not to pursue DNR approval and subsequently sent a meter to the LMA Board indicating their decision.

Some members expressed their disappointment with these results. Kayla Reed, Loon Ranger and Larry Sommers, LMA member urged members to contact the Town of Lincoln Board directly to move forward with the application that was submitted. This agenda item was then tabled for further discussion at an upcoming LMA board meeting.

D. MEMBERSHIP INPUT AND/OR QUESTIONS

A concern was raised by an individual member expressing the opinion that there are too many crab traps being placed on the lake and that there should be some type of limit to how many traps can be placed by one person. This suggestion included the idea of requiring individuals to put names on trap or buoy and was made as a possible means to reducing the overall number of traps on the lake.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LAKE METONGA MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT

Gary Mueller explained that after membership approval at the 2017 Annual Meeting the LMA Board has moved forward in pursuit of the 2018 Management Planning Grant which was approved by the DNR in February of 2018. LMA board sought the assistance of Onterra to complete this study. The project will take two years and result in a Long-Term plan for lake management. The grant from the DNR makes this a cost share project. Gary indicated that we will need 6 to 8 interested volunteers to be part of this project, attending four meetings and giving up approximately 12 hours of time in a two-year period. He then detailed the data collection process over the two-year period, type of data collected, how it will be reported to the public / membership and the timeline for completing the project *[for details see slides 51 -55 in 2018 Annual Meeting PowerPoint]*. Gary asked that anyone willing to serve on this committee contact him or any other board member.

B. WEBSITE RECONSTRUCTION & WEB CAM REPORT

Steve Parks explained that with board permission he has been working with someone to modify our website and make it more efficient and useful to our membership and the public as well. Pulling up the website on the large screen, Steve showed the membership the various pages and how / where to find LMA information and explained that the site will provide updated information related to current activities that LMA engages in throughout the year. Steve then showed how to access the web cams which are located north boat landing, Charlie's LM Resort and the eagle's nest at Mark Truymen's place on the east shore. Steve then thanked Andy Wienser for the drone photos that are used on the website and in newsletters.

C. NEWSLETTER

Steve Parks, editor of the LMA newsletter explained that the news letter comes out seasonally four times a year with the spring / fall versions are sent to active members as hard copy and through email to those whom have indicated preference for this medium. The summer and winter editions are sent by email only to individual current members whom have given LMA permission to do so. For the public and non-member property owners, Steve explained that all four editions are posted to the LMA Website along with previous-years editions.

D. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mark Truymen explained that after reviewing membership data earlier in the year, the LMA board approved a membership drive project spearheaded by himself and Julie Janquart, Secretary and membership recordkeeper. Mark indicated that the reasoning behind this project was based upon the fact that in 2017 only 35% of all lake-front property owners were active members in LMA. The board opinion was that with more active efforts to engage new members this number could be increased. Therefore, Mark indicated that we will be utilizing newly created LMA pamphlets, updated membership forms and floatable boat key rings

as part of our door-to-door campaign and at each our fundraising events as well as placement at some local businesses. The key rings are co-sponsored by LMA and Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort with website and contact information respectively.

E. DONNA & LES SCHRAM KITCHEN DEDICATION

The membership was informed by Gary Mueller that earlier in the year the LMA board voted to purchase the cabinetry and appliances in the newly renovated Lions Club Shelter at the north landing in Crandon in honor of Donna & Les Schramm using funds donated to LMA in memory of Donna after her death. He briefly summarized the many things that Donna and Les were involve with to better the community and the Lake Metonga Association. Gary explained that there is a dedication ceremony being planned and that LMA and community members are invited to attend. The dedication will possibly take place during the Lion's Club Summerfest but details will be publicized.

F. MEMBERSHIP INPUT AND/OR QUESTIONS

Members were asked if there were any questions or input regarding items already discussed or any new topics. John Vinohradsky asked if it would be possible to lower the lake level prior to winter each year to reduce the shoreline erosion that routinely occurs each spring. He suggested that someone on the board look at contacting the DNR to see if this would be possible. Les Schramm then explained that lake levels are controlled by the EPA and not the DNR.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. VICE PRESIDENT: (GARY GOEMAN)

There were no nominations from the floor for the position. Mark Truymen nominated Gary Goeman to serve another term as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Judy Van Zuiden and carried by a unanimous vote.

B. SECRETARY (JULIE JANQUART)

There were no nominations from the floor for the position. Chris Mueller nominated Julie Janquart to serve another term as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Grace Wolf and carried by a unanimous vote.

C. BOARD DIRECTOR: (MARK TRUYMAN)

There were no nominations from the floor for the position. Gary Hammond nominated Mark Truymen to serve another term as Board Director. The motion was seconded by Brent Gagnon and carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Gary Mueller, President.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Julie Janquart, Secretary

Thank you to Phil & Rosemary Resch for taking minutes for me in my absence and the remainder of the LMA board for carefully editing this document prior to finalization!

Respectfully

Julie Janquart, Secretary