

**LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION
2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**



DATE: 7/5/19 **TIME:** 9:00 AM **LOCATION:** Crandon High School Auditorium
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Goeman, Julie Janquart, Gary Mueller, Steve Parks, Lynn Smith, Mark Truman
ATTENDANCE NUMBER: 75 Individuals (Including the Board)

I. Welcome

Gary Mueller opened the meeting at 9:09 AM and welcomed everyone to the 2019 LMA Annual Membership Meeting then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary asked people to raise their hand if they needed a copy of an agenda and/or 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes and while those were handed out, he introduced the remainder of the LMA Board. Members were asked to review the agenda and raise their hand to add agenda items. After no additions were made, Deb Gaurke made a motion to approve the agenda as written with a second from Kim Reed. The motion to accept the agenda as written was passed with a unanimous vote.

II. Board Election Information

Gary Mueller identified the board positions up for election including president, treasurer and board representative, explaining that the actual election is the last item on the agenda before adjournment. He also reviewed nomination criteria which includes fact that the individual nominee must be an LMA member, must be present to accept the nomination and may speak prior to the vote.

III. Data Reports

Reminder: All Minutes Posted to Website

Julie Janquart, Secretary explained that all minutes from board and annual meetings are posted on the LMA website to enable members, property owners and the general public to remain current with activities and decisions being made by the board throughout the year. Board meeting minutes are posted after they have been approved while annual meeting minutes are posted with special notation "pending approval at next annual meeting".

Riparian Property List & Membership Data

Julie Janquart explained that the Lake Metonga Property Owner contact list had been updated to include parcels with deeded access and condominiums properties with 311 properties now listed which is up from 247 parcels reported in 2018. The review of properties was undertaken over the past winter to ensure that the Membership Invoice Drive and Stakeholder Survey reached as many property owners as possible. Julie also reported the total membership numbers for 2017, 2018 & 2019 y-t-d as being 108, 134 and 159 respectively, indicating that the 2019 number is not reflective of individuals signing up "at today's meeting", which is actually a 51% increase in membership probably a result of the Membership Drive activities. Attendees at the meeting applauded after hearing this data.

A. Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

A printed copy of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes was distributed to all individuals signing in for the meeting. Julie Janquart pointed out the following five specific areas (2018 Minutes) for attendees to review which are items being updated at today's meeting including VA., VID., VIIIA., VIIID., & VIIF. After being given a brief time to review the minutes, Julie asked if there were any questions or corrections to which there was no response. A motion was made by Brent Gagnon to accept the 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Phil Resch and passed unanimously with a voice vote.

B. 2018 Audit Report

Treasurer, Steve Parks reported that the 2018 financial books were audited on June 14, 2019. The LMA members completing the audit were Kim Reed, Mark & Ambi Pellegrini whom were introduced to attendees with a thank you for their service. Mark Pellegrini and Kim Reed verbally acknowledged that the audit was complete, finding everything was in order.

C. Treasurer Report (2018 Year End & 2019 YTD)

Steve Parks provide data to the membership which included 2016 to 2018 Annual Revenue / Expense totals, a 2019 Revenue pie chart and 2019 Year-To-Date Revenue/Expense totals. Steve highlighted several areas of change from previous years to 2019. Interest accumulation was higher this year due to a money moved over to two CD's in 2018. Noting that some revenue totals in addition to the total amount he explained that we did not receive treatment grants and in the area of fundraising we discontinued doing fundraisers at Kentuck Festival Day and Art-In-The-Park events. Steve indicated that we have received contributions from Mole Lake for Clean Boats-Clean Water, Town of Lincoln, Forest County and Crandon. Finally, Steve mentioned there was a slight increase in Miscellaneous and CBCW expenses due to purchase of laptop computer for Gary Mueller and an increase in wages for boat inspectors, respectively. A motion to accept the Treasurer report was made by Gary Hammen, seconded by Chris Mueller and passed with a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Lake Health & Fishery Update

A. Water Quality Data

Mark Truymen summarized the WDNR 2018 Water Quality Data reporting that the sampling was done 19 different days in the deep hole area of the lake. Results of sampling showed during the July-August period watercolor was clear/green, Secchi disk reading average of 25.52' and an overall trophic state index of 37 (based on chlorophyll). Mark informed the attendees that the detailed report is available at the WDNR website. There were no questions or concerns brought up.

B. Fisheries Report

Gary Mueller summarized the 2019 Spring DNR Fisheries Study completed between May 1 to May 5, 2019 by Lawrence Eslinger, Fisheries Biologist. The study process used Fyke Netting, Walleye Fin Clipping and then Electrofishing. Fyke netting captured 1,194 adult walleye which were fin clipped. During electrofishing 14% of the 80 captured fish bore a fin clip which yielded an estimate of 7,627 adult Walleye present in the lake. Although the primary target of this study was Walleye data was also attained for Smallmouth Bass (captured 12 with 11 being 14" or larger), Northern Pike (captured 53 adults – largest 36.2" female), and Yellow Perch (captured high number size between 5" & 8"). There were no questions or comments. Gary informed attendees wanting more detailed information to go to <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/north/trtysprngssrvys.html#forest>. Finally, he reported that the Bullhead Harvest had not been completed this year mainly due to late spawning and time constraints.

C. Spearing Update

Spearing data received from Greg Matzke, DNR was summarized by Gary Mueller indicating that the 2019 Safe Harvest Level was set at 880 Walleye with the Mole Lake Tribe spearing 527 Walleye. Total spearing count for 2019 and the previous 4 years was shown Gary point out the 2019 result being the second lowest in these five years and significantly lower than the allowable 880 Walleye.

D. AIS Treatment Update

Gary Mueller explained that chemical treatment for EWM was suspended in 2018 & thus far in 2019 due to the need to have a Lake Management Plan completed prior to the DNR approving this or any other type of treatment approach. He indicated that the study was well under way and a status summary would be provided later in the meeting.

V. Fundraising & Public Relations Events

A. 2019 Fundraising Update & Volunteers Recognition

Gary Mueller explained that fundraising is one of the main sources of income along with individual and business membership dues and donations along with DNR Grants for special projects. He indicated that volunteer work is critical to continued LMA success and expressed appreciation to all whom have been willing to help; especially Gary Mignon, former CBCW Coordinator and Judi Van Zuiden, former apparel sales coordinator.

B. Boat Parade & Cookout

Gary Goeman informed attendees that Saturday, July 6th was the date for the boat parade and picnic at 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM respectively. He highlighted some significant changes with the boat parade including over \$2,000 in prizes, six prize places and 4 free picnic passes for each registered boat. Gary emphasized that the picnic, which would be held at Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort, would be holding a huge raffle with over \$1,000 worth of meat, a freezer full of meat, 50/50 raffle and food/beverage for a \$5.00 donation. Gary thanked the individuals and businesses that made donations for the parade and picnic.

C. Weeds "n" Walleye Banquet

Chairpersons Chris and Gary Mueller summarized this event, which takes place October 12, 2019 at Mole Lake Casino Convention Center (5:00 PM) as being the largest fundraiser for the association, with there being great food, fun, silent & live auctions as well as basket raffle. Chris explained that donations to fill/create baskets and prizes for auctions are always wanted/needed as generally, with the exception of 5 or so donated baskets, the association buys contents for baskets which are then put together by Chris prior to the event and the association then gets reimbursed for the original purchase from banquet proceeds. She asked for volunteers to sign-up or contact her directly to help prepare baskets and or help in any other ways.

D. Kentuck Day Festival & E. Art-in-the-Square

Gary Mueller explained that the board agreed to discontinue 50/50 and prize raffles at these two events, keeping the booth as a public relations event with association and membership information/sign-up available along with apparel sales limited to 11:00am to 2:00pm. Deb Gaurke, Committee Chair indicated Kentuck Day Festival will be on Saturday, July 27, 2019 10:00 to 4:00 and Art-in-the-Square September 21, 2019 10:00am to 3:00pm, both at the Forest County Courthouse Square. She summarized both events as opportunities for attendees to enjoy great food and entertainment along with shopping the many craft booths.

E. Apparel Sales

Board Director, Lynn Smith indicated she has taken over responsibility for apparel sales and was working with Creative Screen Printing to have LMA Logo clothing for sale at our fundraising and public relations events as well as at Smith Sport & Hobby throughout the year. She explained that individuals may also purchase clothing directly at Creative Screen Printing.

VI. Old business Updates

A. Lake Management Planning Grant: Status Update

Gary Mueller summarized the two-year 2018 Lake Management Planning Grant funded by the DNR and LMA as being approved by the membership at the 2018 Annual Meeting with the ongoing work by Onterra, LLC beginning in fall of 2018 with grant writing and data research, including a stakeholder survey and analysis continuing to the present time. Julie Janquart then explained that the same committee of volunteers along with LMA Board would be attending two lengthy meetings in August and September to learn data results and write goals as well as an implementation plan. The DNR and other public stakeholders will then review the document and provide input. Finally, she indicated that all input will be used to edit and create the final 10-Year Lake Metonga Management Plan which should be completed before the end of 2019.

B. Stakeholder Survey Update

Julie Janquart explained that a Stakeholder Survey, which is part of the data gathering process, was created between November 2018 and January 2019 by a committee of volunteers whom started with a DNR Sample Survey then edited questions specifically to address Lake Metonga needs. Identifying then thanking the members of the committee, Julie detailed that the completed survey was then submitted to Onterra representatives whom acted as liaison between the WDNR and LMA Board representatives, Mark Truymen, Committee Chairman and Julie Janquart, Committee Secretary. After some give and take the DNR approved the final version, format editing was completed by Steve Parks to make for an easier paper-copy read. and then submitted to the third-party agency for distribution and collection. Julie emphasized that a paper version of the survey, which is not a typical method of survey distribution for Onterra or the DNR whom both rely on internet-based surveys, was sent to individuals not completing the online survey as requested in a post card. She explained that the LMA board believed the added expense of delivery of paper copies through the USPS would yield more feedback which in fact played out to be correct.

C. Membership Drive

Mark Truymen summarized membership drive as beginning in 2018 when an informational association pamphlet was created, membership forms were edited to make it more clear and floatable key rings with LMA/Charlie's LM Resort contact information on it were distributed to individuals not yet members. The board also made the decision to send membership reminders to current members and invitations to non-members at the beginning of each year which was done in January of this year. Mark explained that efforts to engage as many property owners as possible as members will continue and that the focus for 2019 is on increasing business memberships. Steve Parks spoke up and explained the desire to create a business page on the LMA website that would advertise the type of services and products each business member handles, which would benefit the association members as well as the business.

D. 2018 Meeting Member Concerns: Fall Water Level & Crab Traps

Mark Truymen addressed two questions/concerns brought up at the 2018 Annual Meeting (see 2018 Meeting Minutes) explaining that these were researched afterwards with summaries of findings posted on the website under the *What's New* section and newsletters. He did explain that we learned the water level of Lake Metonga is controlled by the EPA and the use of crab traps on any lake in the state of Wisconsin is governed by rules set up by the DNR, neither of which LMA has any influence over.

E. Clean Boats Clean Water: 2019 Grants & Inspection Summary

Emma Eisenschink was introduced as the new CBCW Coordinator by Mark Truymen. Emma indicated that the LMA program was operating using funding from the WDNR CBCW Grant program and a \$5,000 grant received from the Sokaogon Tribe. She reported that 1,288 boats were inspected in 2018 and 434 boats checked thus far this year by 5 inspectors on payroll.

F. 2019 Loon Report

Gary Mueller introduced Kayla Reed as our Loon Ranger and thanked her for her continued efforts. Kayla informed attendees that along with three lone loons, two pair of loons took up nesting in Farmers Bay and Peterson Bay with each giving birth to two chicks. Kayla reported that as of today (July 5, 2019) the pair of chicks in Peterson Bay continue to thrive while the two in Farmers Bay had not survived and did not know how the chicks died. She was hopeful that the nesting adults would mate and give birth to more chicks yet this year. Kayla then encouraged everyone to be vigilant and caution while driving boats around the two bays and throughout the rest of the lake. Fred from Peterson bay brought up seeing what he thought was a dead loon on shore, but after a brief discussion it was determined that the creature in fact was not a loon.

G. Membership Input and/or Questions

Julie Janquart asked if there were any other questions. Steve Parks asked what the percentage of return was on the stakeholder surveys to which Julie Janquart replied that the information was not readily available at this time. There were no other questions or concerns.

VII. New Business

A. Boat Landing Signage Upgrade

Steve Parks showed pictures of current signage at the North and South landings explaining that they are in disarray and in some cases outdated and/or unreadable. Explaining that the board has decided to work on upgrading all signage at both landings and re-organizing locations to make it reader-friendly, he showed sample pictures of upgraded *Invasive Species* signage which will be completed and posted at each landing soon. He indicated that work would continue in the future to reorganize all other signage to one location.

B. Website Review

Briefly, Steve Parks informed meeting attendees that the website had been completely revised and highlighted some of the key pages that individuals may want to look at when seeking information related to LMA events, activities, membership information and pictures. He invited people to check into the website periodically to learn about current happenings in the “What’s New” section.

C. Membership Input and/or Questions

Steve Parks asked if there were any questions or concerns? Donny Eisenschink, attendee brought up a concern, which he acknowledged was not something that LMA had control over, but wanted to know if anyone had an answer to the problem with the town of Lincoln no longer allowing property owners to drop off small trees and brush any longer. Another individual explained that he thought the reason had to do with TOL not being able to get a burn permit due to location. Gary Mueller offered to talk with Lynne Black, Town Chairperson about the matter. Dennis Klemick then brought up the fact that LMA had given out small nets which would be good for catching schools of bullhead a few years ago and wondered if we’d consider doing that again with there not being a bullhead harvest again this year. Gary Goeman indicated that it was a good idea and he would get them for next year’s picnic. Member, Dennis Klemick then brought up the idea of stocking bluegill and crappie as a possibility to which a board member responded that as being in control of the DNR but that as were continue through the pending process of developing the ten-year lake management plan this topic would be discussed..

VIII. Election of Officers

A. President

Julie Janquart asked for nominations from the floor for president. Cissie Goeman nominated Gary Mueller for president and it was seconded by Brent Gagnon. There were no other nominations from the floor. Hand vote in favor of Gary Mueller was unanimous. (No “nay” votes cast)

B. Treasurer

Julie Janquart asked for nominations from the floor for treasurer. Brent Gagnon nominated Steve Parks for treasurer and was seconded by Judy Van Zuiden. There were no other nominations from the floor. Hand vote in favor of Steve Parks was unanimous. (No “nay” votes cast)

C. Board Director

Julie Janquart explained that Lynn Smith was appointed to a one-year term replacing another individual whom resigned mid-term then asked for nominations from the floor for board director. Kim Velie nominated Lynn Smith for board director, and it was seconded by Chris Mueller. There were no other nominations from the floor. Hand vote in favor of Lynn Smith was unanimous. (No “nay” votes cast)

IX. Adjournment

After asking for a group motion, second and voice vote Gary Mueller declared to meeting adjourned.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
JULIE A. JANQUART, LMA SECRETARY**

SIGNATURE

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