

Approved at
June 10, 2021
Board Meeting

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 23, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

MEETING TYPE: BOARD ANNUAL SPECIAL

LOCATION: Gary Goeman's Home

PRESENT: Gary Mueller, Gary Goeman, Julie Janquart, Steve Parks, Mark Truymen

I. **Agenda Approval**

Mark Truymen made a motion to approve the agenda as written with the option to add other items as needed during impending discussions. The motion was seconded by Gary Goeman and carried by unanimous vote.

II. **2-3-21 Meeting Minutes Approval (Submitted Electronically)**

Meeting minutes were reviewed by everyone in advance of this meeting with only one correction made by Steve Parks under XI. Board Election 3rd Paragraph, 2nd line which clarifies his suggestion to have people who live in the area like Cissie and Gary Goeman check with people they know for interest in serving on the board. A motion to accept the minutes with this correction was made by Mark Truymen, seconded by Gary Goeman, and carried by unanimous vote.

III. **Treasurer Report (March 2021 Submitted Electronically)**

Steve Parks highlighted a few transactions that occurred since our last meeting to include costs for Adobe renewal, Norton Security protection and new Loon Platform materials. Parks indicated that the WAL membership was coming due with Julie Janquart giving him the current membership count (148). Sharing a letter of appreciation received from Marge Gibson, Raptor Center, the board agreed that the actual donor (anonymous association member) of the \$500 given to the center should receive a copy of this letter with Julie Janquart agreeing to send it on. With there being no questions Mark Truymen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report which was seconded by Gary Goeman and carried with a unanimous vote.

IV. **Lynn Smith Resignation & Recruitment Status & Planning for 3 Board Positions**

With Lynn Smith's (Board Member at Large) recent resignation (April 2021) due to personal matters, the board will now have three positions open for the election held at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Steve Parks then indicated that while he is no longer eligible to serve as treasurer, he is willing to stay on the board by running for Lynn Smith's position (2021 to 2023) which enables him to continue serving on the board and as board representative on the Outreach Committee. This leaves two positions to fill (treasurer and president). Gary Mueller indicated he would serve as "Ex-Officio" for the next two years attending board meetings and helping to transition the new board president. A brief discussion regarding the work of the treasurer and possible skills needed for this position resulted in agreement that some knowledge or willingness to learn the excel program would be helpful for a person running for treasurer as financial records are set up using this format. Gary Mueller suggested that his LMA laptop computer should be given to Steve to download all financial records for the new treasurer's use to which Steve agreed to do.

With the above information acknowledged the board recognized a need to solicit potential candidates for the two remaining positions (President & Treasurer 2021 to 2023). Through further discussion a list of names was generated by board members for people who may be willing and able to run for office then designated individuals to contact potential candidates personally.

V. **Preparations for 10-Year Management Plan Meeting (May 8, 2021 Mole Lake)**

Gary Goeman reported that the meeting location has been confirmed and will be held in the Conference Center at Mole Lake with the main entrance and parking at the back of the building. Audio-visual equipment will be provided and set up along with socially distanced seating. He indicated that he believed face masks would be required to walk into the facility, but possibly once seated individuals could choose to remove them. A board member expressed concern that this policy would deter people from attending the meeting. Gary Mueller indicated that three board members would be meeting with a Mole Lake representative at their conference center immediately after this board meeting to learn more and finalize details for the presentation along with settling dates for the Annual Meeting and Weeds-n-Walleye Banquet. Mueller then made a motion that we set a tentative budget of \$500 for the May 8, 2021 Management Plan meeting and \$1,000 for the July 3, 2021 Annual Meeting with the option to change accordingly after meeting with Mole Lake Tribal representatives later today. The motion was seconded by Julie Janquart and carried with a unanimous vote. Mueller then indicated he would send out an update of information to all board members via email later in the day. Steve Parks indicated that he would handle sending out a meeting reminder as an eblast and website posting along with passing information to Debbie Truymen for posting on Facebook.

[Mueller's Follow-up Email Content: Goeman, Truman and I had a good planning meeting with Paulette Smith. Times and dates are confirmed. We set on 60 +- for Planning Meeting and 120+- for Annual meeting. Budget numbers of \$600 and \$1200 s/b plenty no matter how many attendees, with one caveat. Mike would be available for a tour of the hatchery before or after meeting which might increase family attendance. Tribe, for now, is requesting masks when entering and leaving facility. Once in room we have some latitude.]

VI. 2021 EWM Fall Mapping by Onterra

Mark Truymen indicated that he received an email from Eddie Heath inquiring if LMA was expecting to do another Fall Mapping in 2021 as he was working on schedule to which Mark gave his approval based upon the fact that this decision for annual fall mapping was already approved by the board in 2020. He informed the board that the anticipated cost would be the same as 2020 and Julie Janquart indicated that Eddie Health said that total was \$4,285.

VII. Calendar: Date & Location Confirmations (Annual Mtg: July 3; Parade/Picnic: July 4; WnW: Oct 2 or 9)

Gary Goeman indicated that the date for the Weeds-n-Walleye banquet is set for October 2, 2021 and confirmed the other dates as accurate. No further discussion regarding event detail planning took place.

VIII. Facebook Update

Mark Truymen informed the board that after a minor glitch in the setup, his wife Debbie Truymen was now linked to our Facebook page as an administrator along with Michelle Bauer and will actively serve in that capacity. He indicated that there has not been much activity at this point, but all agreed that over time and with some purposeful promotion at of our events and on the website, we will see an increase.

IX. 2021 Clean Boats Clean Waters Update

Julie Janquart informed the board that an advertisement seeking inspector applicants was placed in the Pioneer Express and that after learning of the closure of the South Landing for the 2021 boating season, she contacted the WDNR to inquire about the impact on the CBCW grant for this year. She summarized the results of the inquiry as we have three options to choose from including amend the plan to include the east landing instead of the south, keep the landings the same and accumulate some hours at the south landing if it opens getting a partial reimbursement from the DNR or cut the grant award in half (\$3,000) putting 200 hours in at the north landing only. All agreed that the first option of doing inspections at the east landing was not a reasonable alternative. After answering board questions regarding the other two choices and summarizing Emma Eisenschink's opinion of going with the third option, the board agreed with Emma choosing option three of committing to working the north landing only with the idea that if the south landing opens later, it could be staffed at the expense of LMA with no grant reimbursement. At this point Gary Mueller indicated that he felt it would be important to have an inspector scheduled at the north landing Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 11:00am to which board members agreed with reasoning being that due to the south landing closure there will likely be more traffic at the north end during the week.

X. LMA Project in Conjunction with Veterans Park Renovation (Reallocating \$21,500)

With this upgrade project put on hold by Forest County and the WDNR, it was felt that with little information available regarding this project, this topic should be tabled to the next meeting.

XI. Add Historical Information to Outreach Committee

Steve Parks informed the board that he would like to pursue gathering Lake Metonga historical information and pictures through his work on the Outreach Committee with the goal of future sharing through a variety of formats. Board reaction to this idea was positive. Gary Mueller suggested that Steve work with Deward Ison who has a wealth of information to offer then volunteered to contact Deward to inquire if he would be willing to share his knowledge and records with Steve.

XII. Fisheries & Habitat Committee: Bullhead Removal Program

Julie Janquart explained that although she originally was not intending on serving as board representative to any of the newly formed committees due to the likelihood that she would be doing work for each one periodically, but after learning of Lynn Smith's need to resign immediately, she decided to serve on the Fisheries and Habitat committee in Lynn's place, at least temporarily. Her reasoning for doing so was that concern expressed by members last year for the bullhead problem warranted some type of action this year and late spring when success for electroshocking is at an optimum was fast approaching so there was an immediate need to contact Mike Preul if this project was to get off the ground this year.

Julie informed the board that she contacted Mike Preul a month earlier and had a great conversation which resulted in an agreement that we would form a partnership between LMA and Mole Lake Chippewa to develop and implement a long-term plan for a sustainable reduction of bullhead in Lake Metonga. She gave details of Mike's plan for electroshocking which will begin in mid-May 2021 for approximately 3 weeks. She also informed the board that she contacted all individuals who volunteered to serve on the Fisheries & Habitat committee to learn if they were still interested with everyone acknowledging continued interest. After learning this she sent to all of them a summary of conversations with Mike Preul and email communication with Greg Matzke to provide background information in advance of a Zoom Meeting held on 4-16-21. She summarized the meeting briefly explaining that the initial focal point is on completing the permit process for netting bullhead minnows this summer and recruiting volunteers with much more work ahead.

XIII. Proposal to Remove or Restructure General Public Newsletter E-mail Request on Website

Julie Janquart explained to the board a situation where we received a request for emailed newsletters from the website link which came from an individual property owner on the lake who is not now and has not ever been a member. She asked that the board consider the idea of removing this option from the website as newsletter mailing and emailing is a benefit of becoming a member. She added that individuals choosing not to become a member who want a newsletter can access the latest version by periodically checking the website for the latest edition which will also enable them to explore the site more frequently. The board agreed to the suggestion of taking it down after which Julie said an email can be sent to the folks already signed up explaining the new practice and that the next issue will be their last. Mark Truymen requested that the FCAL folks who receive complimentary copies remain on this list and Julie agreed.

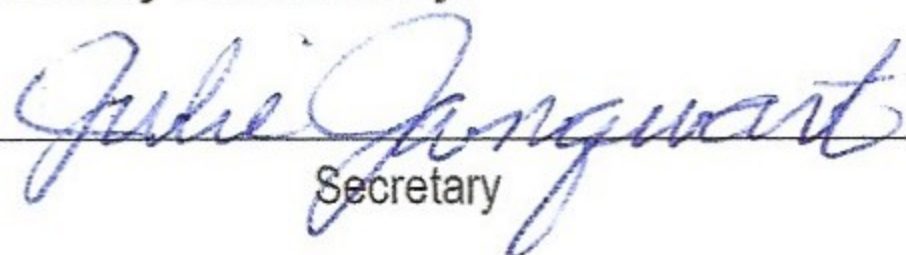
XIV. Schedule Next Meeting

9:00 am, June 11, 2021 at Gary Goeman's

XV. Adjournment

Gary Mueller adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Secretary


Date

