

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 29, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

MEETING TYPE: BOARD

SPECIAL

LOCATION: Mark Truyman's (4389 East Lakeview)

PRESENT: Mark Truyman, Gary Goeman, Jim Elam, Julie Janquart, Don Le Master, Steve Parks, Gary Mueller, Chris Ebben

I. Board Introductions

Mark Truyman opened the meeting by asking all attendees to introduce themselves and share a little bit about themselves.

II. Agenda Approval

Gary Mueller asked that discussions pertaining to the *Weeds-n-Walley Banquet (XII)* and the *Bullhead Minnow Collection Update (VIII)* be moved to right after the *6-11-21 Meeting Minutes Approval* as he needed to leave the meeting early. With these changes made Gary Mueller motioned to approve the agenda as modified which was seconded by Mark Truyman and carried by a unanimous vote.

III. 6-11-21 Meeting Minutes Approval (Submitted Electronically)

Steve Parks indicated the need for one correction in the first sentence of the first paragraph under *III. Treasurer Report* by replacing "...creating a new line item." with the verbiage "...transferring funds between accounts." Steve Parks made a motion to approve the minutes with the verbiage correction made which was seconded by Gary Goeman and approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Weeds-n-Walley Banquet Updates (If Any)

Gary Mueller updated Jim Elam with how the funding and donations are handled for the banquet while explaining that many of the raffle prizes were purchased or donated for last year's event which had been canceled. With the carryover from last year there was need for some larger prizes for the auction yet but there was less need than a typical year. Gary indicated that he and Chris want to try to keep it the same as in previous years but recognize things may change with new leadership then indicated there still has not been any volunteers to replace him and Chris. Mark Truyman suggested that we would probably need to search for their replacement. Gary explained he was working on the invites and asked Julie Janquart to get the labels printed and for some help to stuff envelopes.

V. Bullhead Minnow Collection Update

Gary Mueller reported that the collection station was running every Saturday with the volunteer there at noon. A glitch in the schedule was noted by Gary with the attendants leaving around 1:00pm if there is no action and then Gary Mueller getting calls a bit later from people who want to drop off their harvest. Gary noted that the gift certificates for Yeti's, Palobicki's and Schaefer's were purchased and the most popular seems to be Yeti's. Steve Parks indicated that he will be writing a newsletter article which will be the main focus for this upcoming edition being the bullhead minnow harvest. Julie Janquart reminded board members that all expenses will be tracked for a year-end comparison with Mike Preul's electroshocking expense, at which time the final expenditure for LMA will be determined. Gary Mueller concluded his report by saying we have learned a lot to apply to next year!

VI. Treasurer Transition Summary (Parks to Elam)

Steve Parks informed Jim Elam that he had hard-copy financial records in his car and was prepared to turn them over today, explaining that he had already donated a file cabinet which is currently being stored in Gary Goeman's storage garage. Steve expressed concern for placing key financial records in an unsecure garage as being risky to which Jim Elam agreed then volunteered to hold LMA records in the donated file cabinet at his place of business which is highly secure.

Steve Parks then brought up the idea of pursuing credit or debit cards for board members who make purchases in lieu of the past practice of reimbursing individual's who use personal accounts to make purchases for LMA, explaining that this would create a more accurate record of this type of transaction and make it easier for the new treasurer. Jim Elam agreed that this would simplify things and then volunteered to acquire debit cards for board members wishing to use one.

Steve explained that LMA tax paperwork is handled annually by an outside agency to which Jim Elam explained that with his accounting background he would be handling all tax paperwork in house and donating his professional time to do so. Board members expressed their appreciation for his willingness to volunteer his time and expertise!

VII. Treasure Report

The financial report was submitted electronically for review a couple days before this meeting and with there being no questions or comments Gary Goeman made a motion to approve the report as filed which was seconded by Mark Truyman and carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. Mail Pick up / Drop off

Mark Truymen explained to the new members that he had been picking up the mail routinely at the post office and disseminating it to the proper individuals asking to continue this practice as it was helpful in keeping him updated with LMA happenings. All board members liked the idea and logistical details were worked out to make it easy for everyone.

IX. Parade & Picnic Review

Mark Truymen and Gary Goeman summarized these events indicating that there were 15 entries in the boat parade and a sizable crowd for the picnic. It was agreed that the food and beverage distribution went more smoothly this year. There were five boat parade winners whom were all pleased with their prize which were individually handed out without an official announcement during the picnic which will be formally announced next year. Pictures and prizes were posted on the website. With the final accounting data expected for the next board meeting, it was estimated that the event generated an estimated profit of \$3,100 and deemed to be very successful once again!

X. Fisheries & Habitat Committee Expense Update

Having already discussed the expenses for the program briefly in *V. Bullhead Minnow Collection Update*, Julie Janquart explained that she would be setting up an in-person meeting, if possible, in lieu of a Zoom version during the month of August. The focus of this meeting would be to discuss the results of the incentive program, gather harvest data and begin planning for topic discussions during the winter months in preparation for next year, including educational outreach presentations. The idea of underwater spearing of adult bullhead was brought up to which Julie indicated that she did not believe was legal right now but would include in future committee discussions along with the idea of hosting "Bullhead fishing tournaments" as well as other incentive ideas for future years. With his suggestions of other ideas to decrease the population, Julie asked Don Le Master to consider serving on the Fisheries & Habitat Committee as we had another individual drop out to which he accepted.

XI. Kentuck Day Festival Booth Update

Steve Parks indicated that he and Mark Truymen manned the booth for the entire day where apparel sales totaled \$386.00 and the Eagle display generated a lot of attention but no donations for the Raptor Center that is caring for the injured eagle.

XII. Outreach Committee Updates (If Any)

Mark Truymen indicated that the Eagle camera was still out of service and that he had not heard from anyone after the annual meeting volunteering to help him determine the cause. Jim Elam explained that he had knowledge in this area and would help Mark with the project. Chris Ebben, Outreach committee member, then explained and asked for board approval to set up an apparel email (g-mail) address which would be separate from the others LMA addresses so people could use it to order apparel off the website to which the board agreed would be a good idea. She then said that she could set an account on the Square (POS) which is currently being used for sales at the Weeds-n-Walleye banquet and picnic for credit card sales. Steve Parks then explained to Jim Elam some of the current problems we are experiencing with the "Square" account related to ownership name as being Kim Reed, former treasurer from years back, who set up the account and the inability to change this. It was agreed that terminating this account and Jim Elam researching and pursuing a different method would be beneficial to the organization.

XIII. Adjournment

After a brief discussion regarding the need for Mark Truymen to set up the next meeting via email message for the month of September before the Weeds-n-Walleye Banquet, Julie Janquart made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Gary Goeman and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Janquart
Secretary

11/09/21
Date