

Approved at 11-12-21
Board Meeting

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: September 9, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

MEETING TYPE: BOARD

SPECIAL

LOCATION: Gary Goeman's Home

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

I. Agenda Approval

Mark Truyman asked to add two items to the agenda which included: *XI. Possible Web Provider* and *XII. Fundraiser Mike Preul*. Julie Janquart made a motion to approve the agenda with the two items added which was seconded by Steve Parks and carried by unanimous vote.

II. 7-29-21 Meeting Minutes Approval (Submitted electronically with printed copy distributed at meeting)

With no additions or corrections made Don Le Master made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting which was seconded by Gary Goeman then carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Treasure Report

Jim Elam reported the balance in each of six LMA accounts. Jim indicated there were very few transactions made other than 7 new memberships added. Providing some further clarification, Jim reminded board members that the only funds in the money market account are the memorial funds donated previously. He informed the board of a couple of changes that he has made and/or begun since the last board meeting which include the account mailing address changed to the association PO Box and transferring all data from the Excel format used by Steve Parks to an accounting program he uses in his business.

He explained that he learned that Les Schramm was still listed on our accounts which needed to be changed, then asking if Gary Mueller's name should be removed also as he no longer serves as an elected board member. After a brief discussion, the consensus was his name should be removed also to which Mueller felt was appropriate. The board then asked Julie Janquart to draft a letter to CoVantage requesting that these two names be dropped from all accounts and add the following board member names: Jim Elam, Mark Truyman and Gary Goeman. Finally, Jim indicated that he believes the association could generate more interest than we currently receive, explaining that he would pursue more information for discussion at the next board meeting. Gary Goeman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report which was seconded by Julie Janquart and carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Weeds-N-Walleye Cancellation / Possible "Mini" W-n-W / 2022 Date

With notification received from Mole Lake that we would be unable to hold the banquet there, focus turned to other options which included holding a "mini-banquet" at Charlie's with Mark reporting that Sarah Schlieve indicated willingness to do, finding an alternate location or cancelling for this year and storing raffle prizes for next year. After discussing each option consensus was to postpone until next year. Steve Parks indicated that he would arrange for posting notice of the cancellation in an eblast and website posting. The board then agreed to set the date for next year as being October 1, 2022.

V. Veteran's Park Donation (Tabled from previous meeting due to need for more information)

With the park renovation project nearly complete, Mark Truyman and Gary Mueller reported meeting with Forest County's Travis Wollenberg, County Forest Administrator to discuss the project, learning details of the project and what a donation from LMA may be used for to which they summarized for the board. A formal letter from Mr. Wallenberg requesting a donation was distributed to board members at this point (attached as addendum to minutes). General consensus from the board was that the idea warranted further discussion.

The subsequent discussion highlighted several reasons in favor of making a donation including receipt of approximately \$3000.00 annually from Forest County which is collected as a fee from all campers and plans to continue this program. Don Le Master and Gary Mueller explained that the county established this contribution to LMA for the expressed purpose of AIS treatments with Mueller adding that our last treatment was completed in 2017 therefore donated funding from the county had not been used in 2018 to 2021. With this clarification for the intended use of the county donation provided by Le Master and Mueller consensus from the entire board was that returning a portion of the unused funds back to the county would be appropriate. A motion was made by Jim Elam and seconded by Don Le Master to assist with the capital improvement of Veteran's Memorial Park, LMA will donate back \$12,400 to the Forestry Department of Forest County. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. Future Grant Applications (DNR Surface Water Grant Application)

With concern for the recent notice of new DNR timelines for grant application and not having received results of the fall AIS Mapping completed by Onterra, Mark Truyman was seeking clarification for who would be responsible for writing the grant if it

is determined that treatment was warranted for 2022 and could we meet the timeline. Julie Janquart and Gary Mueller summarized the process indicating that grant writing is done by the business we hire to pursue the treatment which has been Onterra in recent years. With that Mark indicated he would contact Eddie Heath of Onterra to expedite receiving the 2021 mapping results.

VII. Aquatic Plant & AIS Update (2021 Fall Mapping Results)

With not having the results from Onterra yet, this item was tabled to the next meeting giving Gary Mueller and the Aquatic Plant & AIS committee time to review the results.

VIII. Fisheries & Habitat Committee Update

Julie Janquart indicated that this committee has not met since the conclusion of the bullhead minnow collection was completed in early August. She explained that she would be in contact with Grant Reed to get a summary of information he had forwarded on to Greg Matzke recently and would then combine that with the detailed information from Gary Mueller to serve as a complete summary of this year's efforts. A meeting would then be set up with Mike Preul to compare notes and settle up financial matters. In addition, she explained that the committee would meet to review the results and begin planning for next year.

IX. Art-in-the Square Booth

Steve Parks indicated that the plan for the booth would be the same as Kentuck Day Festival and again will include the sale of apparel with Chris Ebben handling that aspect. Several board members agreed to meet Saturday morning at 8:30 to set up the booth and tear down at the end of the day.

X. Outreach Committee Updates

A copy of the most recent committee meeting minutes was sent to Julie Janquart in an email and will be added as an addendum to these meeting minutes. In addition, Steve Parks indicated that the next edition of the newsletter will focus on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) fall mapping results, campground improvements / LMA donation and committee expectations for next year's activities. Don Le Master volunteered to contact the county to see if property owners would be allowed to remove their pontoon boats at the south landing and if so, he would share this information with Steve Parks who would share this with folks through an eblast and website posting. Lastly, Steve explained that he felt the apparel program was going well with Chris Ebben doing a great job of picking out a line of new items and that she was working out details to have our apparel for sale at Charlie's soon and possibly other businesses at a later point.

XI. Possible Web Provider

Jim Elam indicated that he would be meeting with a local business owner, Greta Williams, who will be handling all of his business website needs and offered to gather information from her regarding the possibility of her handling the LMA website as a separate commitment. The board acknowledged the great work done by our current provider but thought it may be valuable to learn more about this alternative of engaging with a local person. Jim will provide information at the next board meeting at which time the board will review details and make a decision.


XII. Fundraiser Mike Preul

Mark Truymen explained to the board that at a recent Forest County Association of Lakes (FCAL) meeting attendees talked about all the work Mike Preul, Fisheries Biologist is involved with including Metonga, Lake Lucerne and Roberts Lake further explaining that he receives no funding from Mole Lake for his operations at the hatchery. After learning from Mark that his operation is funded through grants, donations and stocking sales, the board agreed that we should give consideration to doing some type of fundraiser to benefit Mike's efforts, possibly a joint venture with Robert's Lake and Lake Lucerne Associations. Julie Janquart reminded the board that we will be settling up the financial end of this year's bullhead removal project by years end.

XIII. Next Meeting / Adjournment

The next meeting will be scheduled for November 11th or 12th with Mark Truymen sending an email out at a later date with time and location details included and then Mark adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:


Secretary


Date