

Pending approval at the
2023 Annual Meeting

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, LLC
FOREST COUNTY – CRANDON WI
2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES



DATE: July 2, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Crandon High School

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Truymen, Gary Goeman, Steve Parks, Gary Mueller

ATTENDEES: 55 (Including Board Members)

I. Welcome

President Mark Truymen opened the meeting at 9:00am, welcoming attendees and thanking them for being part of the annual meeting. He led the group in the pledge of allegiance followed by an introduction of board and committee members serving in 2022. He then asked attendees to review the proposed agenda asking for any additions to which there were none. Kim Reed then made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Kim Vele and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

II. Officer Reports: [Chris Ebben substituted for secretary, Julie Janquart; Mark Truymen substituted for treasurer, Jim Elam]

A. Membership Data

With Julie Janquart's absence, Chris Ebben reported that the association currently has 175 individual and 5 business members for 2022 which does not include individuals enrolling at today's meeting, also indicating that this total represents approximately 50% of lake access properties.

B. 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Review & Approval

After asking attendees to review the minutes distributed when signing into the meeting, Chris Ebben asked if there were any additions, questions, or corrections to which there were none. Dennis Klemick then made a motion to approve the minutes as written which was seconded by Judy VanZuiden and carried by a unanimous vote.

C. 2022 Audit Report Not discussed

With information not received prior to the meeting, Mark Truymen was unable to report on this.

D. Financial Report

Mark Truymen summarized the 2021 Year-End and 2022 Year-to-Date financial reports, identifying the largest sources of revenue and expenditure for each report, then explaining that the net income for 2021 was -\$22,491.76 and the loss in 2022 would be greater due to the EWM treatment in Strawberry Bay. Mark then mentioned the memorial fund that was established by LMA after a generous donation was made by friends of the Schramm's in honor of Les' wife, Donna who passed a few years back, explaining that since its inception others have contributed donations including Marge McClelland in honor of her husband's passing. Mark then asked for a motion to approve the financial report as delivered which was made by Gary Goeman, seconded by Chris Ebben, and carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Program & Project Reports

A. Clean Boats Clean Waters Program

Mark Truymen informed participants of Emma Eisenschink resignation early this year as LMA's CBCW Coordinator and thanked her for her work! He then indicated that with there being no applicants for the position it is temporarily being managed with the goal of hiring a new coordinator for 2023. He also indicated that three individuals were hired this year as inspectors. Mark said that if we don't find a new coordinator for 2023 the program may be discontinued.

B. Loon Report

Kim Reed reported that the lake had two Loon hatchings on the Peterson Bay nest, one in Farmer's Bay and two by Strawberry Bluff although Kim did not have evidence of this last one, which Michelle and Jeff Bauer present at the meeting confirmed as having observed.

C. Eagle Report

Steve Parks announced that the eagle, affectionately named Lucky, which was rescued on Lake Metonga a year earlier after being injured by fireworks had passed away in the winter from Pneumonia. He also indicated that the eagle's nest camera by Mark Truymen's place would be replaced and possibly be upgraded if we can find someone to do the work.

D. Membership Drive

Chris Ebben summarized the use for the "Membership Tracker" as a tool for identifying memberships totals in each of four lake quadrants which will enable more effective means of communicating with folks on the lake who are currently not members such as was done in the Door-to-Door" campaign. She informed attendees that the reason for the door-to-door drive was to help educate people on the purpose of the yearly membership as well as the events happening in the summer/fall.

IV. Lake Health & Fishery Update

A. 2021 EWM Fall Mapping Report

Gary Mueller summarized the comparison of the 2020 and 2021 Fall Mapping reports, indicating that the area of Eurasian Water Milfoil, an invasive species, had increased in density from *dominant* to *highly dominant* although the acreage expansion was less significant. Explaining that with the knowledge of a new far less toxic chemical on the market, it was determined that the increase in density warranted treatment exploration and with that a meeting was set up with LMA, DNR, Schmidt Aquatics and Onterra representatives to discuss the proposed project. He then reviewed the decision-making timeline, cost estimates and subsequent LMA Board approval to budget \$40,000 for the project. Gary added that

he reminded DNR representatives that there are approximately six hundred watercrafts around the lake that are registered each year which he believes helped influence their approval for the project.

B. 2022 EWM Treatment Project: Strawberry Bay

Explaining that with this type of project has very stringent DNR requirements, Gary Mueller summarized the pretreatment protocol which included public and property owner notifications and post-treatment water sampling which were managed by LMA board representatives and volunteers. He specifically acknowledged and thanked Phil Resch, Lloyd Kanzenbach and Mark Truymen for completing the follow-up water sampling. He then indicated that DNR representatives conveyed the thought that with LMA self-funding this entire project, the DNR would be more likely to award grant funding for future projects. Wrapping up his presentation, Gary reminded attendees that historically the city of Crandon, Town of Lincoln and Forest County have given funds to LMA for ongoing lake maintenance projects such as this and hoped this would continue.

C. Water Quality Data

Indicating that usually four water samples are collected by an LMA volunteer each year, Grant Reed explained that the data shown is based on only three taken last year because of the DNR shut down due to covid. He then summarized water clarity, temperature, chlorophyll, and phosphorus data then indicating that Lake Metonga continues to be in an Oligotrophic State with particularly good water quality. Grant told attendees that fish need 3 milligrams per liter of dissolved oxygen to survive. Attendee Kim Vele asked if the phosphorus level in the lake is going up, down or staying the same to which Grant explained that it has remained stable. Andy Basten, also in attendance, then asked if water quality information is posted on our website which Steve Parks answered by saying that the DNR link is on our website and after opening the link an individual can do a search for "Lake Metonga" and get detailed information.

D. Bullhead Reduction Project Phil Resch/Kayla

Phil Resch and Kayla Reed teamed up to summarize the results of the first year 2021 Bullhead Reduction project including program goals and achievements as confirmed by data from the fall Fyke net survey completed by the DNR [*Walleye – 34 at age 0 per mile; Walleye – age 1 per .1 mile*]. Reminding attendees that the Fisheries & Habitat committee is expecting this to be an annual project to maintain quality perch and walleye fishing, they summarized the 2022 program plans including electroshocking adult bullheads by Mike Preul's Mole Lake crew, the need for DNR agreement forms, Saturday afternoon collection site details and incentives including Yeti & Palubicki coupons and end of season raffles for Schaefer's & Tamarack Outfitters certificates. At this point attendee Andy Basten asked if individuals can spear bullhead to which Kayla Reed responded no.

E. Spearing Update

Phil Resch indicated that the Mole Lake Sokaogon Tribe harvest 843 Walleye after declaring 863 for the 2022 season and comparing it to spearing results for the four previous years.

V. Fundraising & Public Relations Events

Speaking for the entire board and committees, Michelle Bauer made an impassioned plea for volunteers to step up and help, identifying numerous ways, big and small, in which individuals could get involved, explaining that a small group of people cannot manage the whole load year in and out.

A. July 3rd Boat Parade & Picnic Plan

Michelle Bauer summarized the detailed plans for the July 3rd boat parade and picnic encouraging people to attend, reminding everyone that it does serve as a fundraiser event, second only to the Weeds-n-Walleye Banquet. Indicating that apparel will be sold at the picnic, she informed everyone that LMA will accept cash or card purchases. She also reminded attendees that we always welcome volunteers to help at the picnic if anyone is interested.

B. Weeds-n-Walleyes Banquet

Chris Mueller informed attendees that the banquet will happen this year after a two-year absence due to covid, explaining that this will be her' and husband Gary's last year of organizing it. She explained that she and Gary are very willing to mentor the next coordinators to ensure a successful transition. She also asked for volunteers to help the night of the banquet. With this being our largest fundraiser, Chris encouraged people to attend and join in the fun.

C. Community Event Public Relations Booth: Kentucky Day Festival & Art-in-the-Square

Summarizing LMA's intention to have an informational-type booth again this year at both events, Michelle Bauer explained that the outreach committee was planning to sell apparel also. After indicating that she and Chris Ebben oversaw sales last year, but both are unable to do it this year, she asked for some volunteers who would be willing to help this year, encouraging them to bring a friend and make it a fun time.

D. Apparel Sales

Once again, the highlight of this meeting came in the form of a "fashion show" with Chris Ebben dazzling attendees with examples of the newest apparel and hats for sale, summarizing pricing and style choices that were available for sale before and after today's meeting, at the picnic, other events and online.

E. Facebook & Website

Michelle Bauer encouraged people, who have not already done so, to log onto the LMA website and Facebook page to learn about happenings on the lake and stay current with information impacting everyone on the lake.

VI. Officer Election

Mark Truymen identified the three officer positions up for election as being the Vice-President (Gary Goeman), Secretary (Julie Janquart) and Director (Appointee Don Le Master), explaining that Don would not be running for election and then summarized the nomination criteria. Mark then called for nominations from the floor for vice-president to which Phil Resch nominated Gary Goeman. Judy VanZuiden seconded it then carried unanimously. Mark called for secretary nominations to which Deb Gaurke nominated Julie Janquart, which was second by Judy VanZuiden

