

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 11, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Mark Truyman's Home

PRESENT: Mark Truyman, Winnie May, Julie Janquart, Steve Parks (Phone Conference)

I. Agenda Approval

After a brief review Steve Parks made a motion to approve the agenda as written which was seconded by Winnie May and carried by unanimous vote.

II. Secretary Report

After a brief review of the minutes from the September 16, 2022 and there being no additions or corrections Steve Parks made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Truyman and carried unanimously.

III. Treasurer Report

In Jim Elam's absence, Mark Truyman made the following financial report. Mark reported the current balance in each account including both CD's which mature at the end of November, with a special notation that \$11,453.26 from the money market account (Memorial Fund) that was inadvertently used to pay some bills earlier this year would be repaid to that account from the business checking next week. Mark said only two bills were paid since the last meeting then indicating we also received a check in the amount of \$4,008.65 from Forest County which is 5% of the revenue from the county park, along with \$290.00 from launch donations which gives a current balance of \$22,656.94 in the business checking. Julie Janquart then mentioned that the DNR's CBCW grant share reimbursement was applied for and would add to the checking balance.

Discussion then moved on to reinvesting the CD funds which mature at the end of November. Mark reported that after researching current CD rates at a few local institutions he found that Co-Vantage's rate of 4.1% for a 15-month certificate to be the best option. Board members then estimated 2023 expenses and revenue to determine the amount of money necessary to keep in the business checking to maintain operations for next year. With this information the board determined that the best option was to invest funds in two separate CDs as is the case with the expiring certificates. Julie Janquart made a motion to re-invest CD funds into two new 15-month CDs at Co-Vantage at 4.1% interest in the amounts of \$100,000 and \$50,000, respectively. The motion was seconded by Winnie May and carried unanimously.

IV. Credit Card for Board

After a brief discussion of positive benefits for opening a business credit card saving time for the treasurer and the process for setting one up as explained by Winnie May, the board agreed that only two cards would be needed. Julie Janquart made a motion that the board permit Mark Truyman to explore Credit Card options at Co-Vantage which was seconded by Mark Truyman and carried unanimously.

V. Archive & Electronic Records Storage

Steve Parks described to the board the large amount of paperwork stored in his damp garage which was retrieved from Les Schramm approximately two months ago. With concern over possible moisture problems damaging some important records and the need to downsize the amount documents retained based on importance, Steve suggested that a group of board members meet soon to weed out unimportant documents and safely store important records to avoid loss. Mark Truyman suggested board members meet at Steve's garage on December 2, 2022 to which all agreed. **[Revised date: December 9, 2022 in afternoon after morning board meeting]**

Julie Janquart brought up the need to be more purposeful with how electronic records are saved, especially due to there being more hands in the pie with committees creating and retaining records pertaining to so many key programs. Steve Parks suggested that having committee's submit written reports might help with some of that. Julie then suggested that either the board representative on each committee need to retain the important data records/reports or the chairperson of the committee be informed of the importance for this.

VI. Weeds-N-Walleye Recap

With Gary Mueller in attendance at this meeting for a brief period, he provided a brief, general summary of the evening and financial picture. He indicated that he and Chris had preparations ready for three hundred people but with Mole Lake unable to utilize the bingo hall it was scaled back for approximately two hundred which likely reduced the amount of profit this year to an estimated \$15,000. Mark Truymen then updated everyone that there were 209 people in attendance with a revenue total of \$15,263, and reporting that the bill from Mole Lake was paid at the conclusion of that evening. Gary mentioned that if we can make it happen next year, we would net a greater profit if we would be able to increase attendance closer to three hundred as was done in years past.

VII. Website Management & Newsletter Editor Transition

Winnie May informed the board that a virtual meeting was held on 11-10-22 which included herself, Steve Parks, Matt Van Skyhawk [Possible Webmaster] and Jeff Lane [Possible Newsletter Editor] to discuss the viability of these individuals contracting with LMA to assume the duties handled by Steve Parks. Steve updated Matt on the division of duties between himself and Trevor Walter but was unable to give him an accurate idea of the average amount of time Matt should expect to put in on our website. Winnie then explained that without clarification on this it would be hard for Matt to initially determine his fee to which Julie suggested that we not expect an exact agreed upon amount until Matt has a better idea of the work involved. Steve then said he was contacting Trevor and would be facilitating the transition between them and thanking Trevor for his volunteer work with Lake Metonga Association.

With the focus shifting to the newsletter editor transition, Winnie emphasized that Jeff is very experienced with this type of work as he does the “layout” work for their employer as well as on the side for other organizations and is prepared to step in with his current fee being \$75.00 per hour. Steve then said that he would be providing the template to Jeff, informing us that Jeff has reviewed newsletters posted on the website and feels comfortable with the work. Mark then pointed out that we will need a “point person” to serve as the liaison for getting articles, pictures, etc. to Jeff. Winnie volunteered to serve in that capacity which others agreed would be a natural fit especially with Winnie now serving as the Outreach Committee Board Representative.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Aquatic Weeds & AIS (See attached addendum 11/4/22 Mtg Minutes)

Prior to this meeting Steve Parks submitted an electronic copy of the committees most recent meeting of November 4, 2022 as the committee’s board report. Gary Mueller then briefly summarized the results of the 2022 Fall Mapping as indicating a significant decrease of EWM in the treated Strawberry Bay area and little to no change in density or acreage throughout the remainder of the lake. With this mapping data, Gary said that any type of treatment in 2023 is unnecessary but careful monitoring would continue including fall mapping in the years ahead.

B. Fisheries & Habitat

Julie Janquart reported that she just received a reply from Greg Matzke this same morning with the data from the Fall Walleye Study completed by Mike Preul and his crew and has not had a chance to look it over and/or to give any type of summary at this time. She will be forwarding the information to the committee members for their review and will give a summary of these results along with a written 2022 Program Summary to the board at the next meeting. Julie also indicated that the rusty crayfish study was done in the fall having watched the workers drop traps, but we are awaiting the results from Mike Preul which will be forwarded to the AW & AIS Committee when we get them. Mark Truymen then asked if this committee would be exploring other projects for 2023 which Julie answered by saying the question had been brought up by Kayla Reed at an earlier committee meeting with committee members considering the topics of shoreline rehabilitation and “fish stick” for probable future exploration.

C. Outreach

1. Weeds-n-Walleye Banquet Planning

The committee had discussions regarding next year’s event with the focus on determining who would head up this event replacing Chris and Gary Mueller. The Crandon Community Center was discussed as a possible venue if Mole Lake is unable to handle a larger crowd and Gary Goeman indicated that he would be able to arrange to have round tables brought in if the committee opted to use this venue. Learning that a different venue might be a possibility, Winnie May then volunteered to investigate the possibility of holding the event at the Brush Run and

will report back to the Outreach committee. With there being no one stepping forward at this point to replace Chris and Gary, no decisions were made regarding location, time etc. except for setting a date. Board members present agreed that we should book a tentative date of October 7th or 14th (2023) with Mole Lake to reserve.

2. 2023 Membership Renewal

Mark brought along invite and renewal letters drafted by Michelle Bauer for board review prior to printing for the January mailing. Winnie May and Julie Janquart read each letter, giving feedback that they were professionally written and ready for print. Mark then asked Steve Parks if he intended to update the 2023 LMA Brochure to which Steve said that he would take care of it. Finally, Mark said that it is the committee's intention to have the mailings completed before the end of January, 2023.

3. Ad-Hoc Committee

With there being two volunteers, John Wolf and Milt Dallas, stepping forward to help with the goal of increasing property owner membership, Mark explained that the Outreach committee intends to set up an ad-hoc membership drive committee with these two volunteers spearheading the work. John and Milt are planning to a door-to-door project in spring for starters.

4. Clothing Sales

Mark reported that apparel was now being sold at Tamarack as well as Charlie's. Steve Parks mentioned the idea of looking into the possibility of getting E-Com for the website to increase sales.


IX. Next Meeting

December 9, 2022 at 9:00 am with the location to be determined.

X. Adjournment

Steve Parks made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Julie Janquart and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:


Secretary


Date