

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 20, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Mark Truymen Home

PRESENT: Mark Truymen, Julie Janquart, Winnie May, Kim Vele, Gary Goeman (Virtual)

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**I. Agenda Approval**

Mark Truymen asked to add CBCW to the agenda which was inserted under XA. Kim Vele motioned to approve the agenda as amended to include CBCW (XB.) which was seconded by Winnie May and carried unanimously.

**II. Secretary Report**

**A. 12-8-23 Meeting Minutes Review / Approval**

With the minutes sent electronically prior to the meeting and there being no questions or corrections, Kim Vele made a motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary which was seconded by Winnie May then carried unanimously.

**III. Treasurer Report**

**A. Accounts / Financial Update**

With Lynn Smith unable to attend, Julie Janquart distributed and summarized the financial report (through March 31, 2024) with special commentary noting the closure at maturity and renewal data for the two (2) CD's along with the interest accrued in each. After a brief review of the remaining accounts data, Kim Vele made a motion to approve the treasurer report as presented by the secretary on behalf of the treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mark Truymen and carried by unanimous vote.

**B. Memorial Fund Criteria**

Without the availability of the final criteria proposal derived at a meeting with Mark Truymen, Kim Vele and Julie Janquart earlier this year, this item was tabled to the next meeting at which time the board will review, modify and/or approve.

**C. Membership Data [Added during Meeting]**

Mark Truymen asked if there was any data available regarding membership totals thus far to which Julie Janquart indicated that in total, we have 174 members with nine of those being businesses.

**IV. Website Membership Square Signup: Update & Next Step**

Michelle Bauer was unable to set up usage of the Square Account as per the discussion at the previous board meeting, due to time constraints. Julie Janquart asked where things were in the process of getting the account set up for future use. Other board members were unaware of Michelle's intentions related to if or when she would be able to do so and with that Mark Truymen asked Winnie May to check with Michelle before the next meeting and report back to the board. Tabled to next meeting.

**V. Annual Meeting (July 6) & Picnic/Parade (July 5) Dates**

Mark reminded the board that the decision for the annual meeting date of June, 29, 2024 was approved at the last meeting, however he expressed concern that attendance would be lower due to not as many members being up at that time suggesting we consider changing it to July 6, 2024. Winnie May and Kim Vele felt strongly that there were too many personal conflicts for people to attend during a busy July 4<sup>th</sup> week, preferring to keep the date already agreed upon. Julie suggested that the meeting could once again start at 9:00 am as there would not be time constraints from the school district due to the city parade if kept on June 29<sup>th</sup>. To resolve Mark's concern Gary Goeman suggested we could have a Zoom meeting thinking Michelle Bauer could set it up and Julie Janquart suggested video recording the meeting and posting to the website. Gary Goeman will consult with Michelle Bauer on these options and the consensus was to keep the date of June 29 pending approval from Crandon School District.

Mark informed the board that the Boat Parade/Picnic date was set for Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> prior to this meeting as Charlie's needed earlier confirmation from LMA in order to complete their own event plans. With that Mark asked that board members encourage more involvement from others.

**VI. Chamber Membership Discussion**

Mark Truymen brought this topic up wondering if LMA should become a member of "Visit Forest County", formerly known as the Crandon Chamber of Commerce, at a cost of \$60.00 per year. He explained that this organization shares funds through applications, with non-profit groups for a variety of planned activities. After a very brief and positive discussion, Julie Janquart made a motion to approve the annual membership in Visit Forest County, which was seconded by Kim Vele and carried by unanimous vote.

**VII. Forest County 5% Donation Discontinuation: Meeting Preparation Summary**

*Background Summary:* Travis Wollenberg, Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department Head informed Mark Truymen March 19, 2024 via email, that County Supervisors were exploring the idea of dropping the 5% Annual Donation to Lake Metonga Association for AIS and EWM control, inviting board members to attend the next committee meeting on April 22, 2024.

Mark Truymen and Julie Janquart, who had worked on this project together compiling documentation and financial data in preparation for the county committee meeting on April 22, 2024 shared the detailed plans with the board. Mark also shared some of the county supervisors' concerns expressed to Travis Wollenberg regarding why they want to end this annual donation. Julie and Mark summarized the intended discussion with the county supervisors as focusing on water quality projects and costs over the last twenty years. In attendance at the county meeting will be Mark Truymen, Gary Mueller, and Winnie May with a report back to this board at the next meeting in May.

### VIII. Clothing Inventory Reduction

With there being an excess amount of inventory currently stored in Mark Truyman's garage, Mark asked the board for suggestions toward the idea of decreasing inventory significantly. Board members suggested ideas including selling some items at cost; giving some items out as raffle prizes at the picnic / annual meeting door prize drawing / bullhead removal drawing; and "sale" signage posted at festival booths. Mark then indicated he would bring these ideas to Chris Ebben and inform the board of their decision(s) at the next meeting. Tabled

### IX. FCAL Fall Forum (8/16/24) at Lake Lucerne

Mark Truyman informed the board about the Fall Forum 8-16-24 hosted by FCAL at the Lake Lucerne Association pavilion as including very interesting speakers and topics focused on lake maintenance activities. A suggestion was made that Mark include this information in this newsletter article to encourage property owners to attend. Mark then asked board members to consider volunteering to replace him as LMA's representative at future FCAL meetings.

### X. Committee Reports

#### A. Aquatic Weeds & AIS

##### 1. Any new business and updates

Kim Vele reminded the board that the grants applied for by Grant Reed on behalf of LMA for the 2024 All Lake Point Intercept survey and fall Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) survey have been approved as noted in an earlier email sent to all board members. She also mentioned that the report we received by email late last fall from Onterra pertaining to the results of the 2023 EWM survey was complete.

##### 2. Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) [Added at I. Agenda]

Mark Truyman read an email from Kim Reed to the board in which she explained that the DNR would not be sponsoring the distribution of towels to boaters at landings during the "Landing Blitz" over the fourth of July week as was done in years past. With that Kim wanted to know if LMA would want to sponsor purchasing something to be handed out and volunteered to research and submit to the board some possible "giveaways" such as towels or floatable key chains. With there being ample time, the board directed Mark to contact Kim and permit her to explore and present some options to be approved at the next meeting. Tabled

#### B. Fisheries & Habitat (Janquart)

##### 1. Any new business and updates

Julie Janquart summarized information received from Phil Resch, Committee Chairperson via email pertaining to this year's Bullhead Reduction Project indicating that the collection site will be utilized once again every Saturday starting July 6<sup>th</sup>, with the expectation of handing out incentives again and budgetary expenses to be about the same. She also indicated that Mike Preul's crew would be out electroshocking in about two to three weeks. Julie informed the board that she believed there was adequate money left in the budget from the funds approved two years ago, then asked about how the funds from the W-n-W sponsor tables would be tracked in the budget.

##### 2. Weeds-n-Walleye "Bullhead Project Sponsor Table" [Added during XB1. Discussion]

With two sponsor tables @ \$500.00 each paid for by Don Le Master and Ed Smith at the 2023 Weeds-n-Walleye Banquet, Julie Janquart suggested that she document the money as part of the budget for this committee, explaining that she has a documented record of all funds budgeted by the board and expenses for each year of operation. As such Julie will acknowledge the sponsorship from Don Le Master and Ed Smith publicly through newsletter and newspaper articles. The board's response to these ideas was positive.

#### C. Outreach (May)

##### 1. Constant Contact Update

Julie Janquart informed the board that, as per approval at the last meeting, she registered with Constant Contact for a single membership at a cost of \$12.00 per month to be automatically withdrawn from the LMA Co-Vantage Credit Card. She explained that as per previous discussions, individual board members will have the username and password and be able to send group emails as needed.

##### 2. Business Membership Website Page: Process Planning

Having received the current list of 2024 Business members from Julie Janquart recently, Winnie May will continue the process of reaching out to each business to acquire from them photos or business cards and a synopsis of the business for website posting. To expedite this process in the future, after receipt of membership forms from Lynn Smith, a copy of each business form will be sent electronically by Julie Janquart to Winnie May for follow-up.

##### 3. Kentuck Festival Days July 27 Help needed.

Mark Truyman reminded the board that the festival date is July 27, 2024, explaining that he will be able to help set up the booth but will be unavailable to work the remainder of the day. With that, Winnie May indicated that she would be able to help during some of the day.

##### 4. Content Updates on the Website

Julie Janquart mentioned that she found some items on the website that warrant updating and without the list of possible changes in hand said she would go back into the website, make a list, and forward it to Winnie May to enable changes. Mark Truyman asked Winnie if Matt had received the new links for the cameras and installed them on the website to which she said she would contact him to check.

##### 5. Floaty Day [Added during Meeting]

Mark Truyman informed the board that Michelle Bauer indicated him to prior to this meeting that, through her personal Facebook page, she was planning an afternoon in early June to have a gathering of interested property owners at the south end of the lake by the county park with the goal of people meeting and getting to know their lake neighbors. He asked for input regarding the idea of LMA supporting this project in some form. Board members responded favorably to the idea, agreeing to have Michelle

write an article for the upcoming newsletter and posting her information on the LMA Facebook page with Michelle being responsible for the organization of this event.

**XI. Eagle Camera Replacement**

With problems continuing periodically with the eagle camera, Mark brought up the topic to explore with the board the option of purchasing a new camera, indicating that the two guys who re-positioned the camera last year are willing to help with the installation if we opt to go in this direction. All board members commented immediately that the webcam on the eagle's nest is a primary reason for most people to log onto the website as it is very popular. Having experience with selecting and purchasing camera equipment for his businesses, Gary Goeman talked about some camera features that would be conducive to our needs, to which Mark Truymen mentioned that Michelle Bauer had some equipment knowledge also. Board consensus was to move forward with purchasing new equipment for the current eagle's nest replacement and possibly hooking up a second camera near Lynn Smith's on the west shore. Julie Janquart asked if Gary Goeman would be willing to work with Michelle Bauer to gather information and prepare recommendations to the board for approval later in the year after the eagle's have moved on. Gary agreed to do so and would contact Michelle upon return to the area.

**XII. 2024 Board Member Positions / Election**

Julie Janquart reminded the board of the positions up for election this year as being Vice-President (Goeman), Secretary (Janquart) and Director (May), with Janquart and Goeman termed-out. Once again Julie indicated willingness to serve on the board in a director position, maintaining responsibility for membership only, but not continue in the capacity of secretary even if the by-laws were changed feeling it is time for a new person. Gary Goeman also mentioned a desire to step down soon. Mark asked Kim Vele regarding her willingness to run for the secretary position, to which she replied she liked the idea of finding a new person but if that option does not work, she would serve as secretary if needed. Mark then asked Julie Janquart to write a newsletter article informing the membership of the board openings and charged the board with reaching out to possible interested individuals.

**XIII. Newsletter: 2024 Volume 1 Schedule (Deadline: 5/13/24)**

Board members were reminded that all articles must be sent to Winnie May by May 13, 2024. Winnie indicated that with this deadline both versions of the newsletter will be out by early June, with Winnie using Constant Contact to send the electronic version.

**XIV. Next Meeting:**

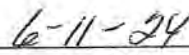
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 5:00 PM Location to be determined.

**XV. Adjournment**

Julie Janquart made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Winnie May and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

  
Secretary

  
Date