

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, INC
2024 ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 29, 2024 9:00 AM CRANDON HIGH SCHOOL



Board Members Present: Mark Truymen, Gary Goeman, Julie Janquart, Winnie May, Kim Vele
Attendees: 44 Individuals (Including Five Board Members)

I. Welcome

President Mark Truymen opened the meeting at 9:05, welcoming all and then leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the current board and committee members. Julie Janquart then directed attendees to review the proposed agenda, asking for any other items to be added. With there being no additions, she asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written which Phil Resch motioned. The motion was seconded by John Wolf and carried by unanimous vote.

II. Officer Reports:

A. Membership Data

Secretary Julie Janquart reported the current 2024 membership count as including 192 Individual and 6 Business members, not including today's signees, yielding \$4,800 and \$300 respectively in revenue for the association. She then mentioned that the goal is to exceed the total membership from 2023 of 220 members.

B. 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes Review & Approval

Julie Janquart requested attendees to review the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes and then after a brief pause, she asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to which there were none. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written which was made by Ken Hermus, seconded by Kayla Reed and carried with a unanimous vote.

C. 2023 Audit Report

With treasurer Lynn Smith being unable to attend this meeting due to illness, Mark Truymen, who was in attendance at the Audit meeting on June 20, 2024 along with members Cindy Bahr and Jan Bellucci, reported that the 2023 Financial Records to be in good standing after one minor error was found and corrected.

D. Financial Report

Substituting for Lynn Smith, Mark Truymen reviewed all income and expenses on record for the period from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 (See attached 2024 Annual Meeting Financial Report), then indicating a positive balance of \$26,548.93 remaining thus far. Mark explained that much of the funding for this period fluctuates each year and that the only revenue items we can continue to expect to remain steady are the membership fees and the CBCW Grant. He further indicated that estimated fixed expenses for every year equal approximately \$22,293.00, emphasizing that without the fundraising through the Weeds-n-Walleyes Banquet and July 4th picnic we would be in the red every year of operation. At this point Mark drew attention to the net profit of \$22,560.00 raised during the W-n-W banquet, giving Michelle Bauer credit for this effort to which the attendees applauded. He then recognized Gary Goeman as also being an integral part of both fundraising events which the audience also recognized.

III. Program & Project Reports

A. Clean Boats Clean Waters Program

Program Coordinator Kim Reed summarized the 2024 program operation as having four inspectors working both landings during the busiest times on weekends and various days. Indicating that the state did not have a budget this year to fund the usual handouts given each year for annual Landing Blitz program which starts today (June 29, 2024), Kim thanked the LMA Board for supporting the program by enabling the purchase of floatable key chains that are handed out at the landings during this time. She also informed attendees that on June 14th Derek, the FLOW AIS Coordinator was on the north end of the lake doing a similar inspection but was also asking for information relating to boater behavior. In conclusion, Kim asked "if you are by the landing and see Emma, Adessa, Rachel or Aryanna, stop in and say Hi and let them know they're doing a good job and that we appreciate their time.

B. Loon Report

Loon Ranger Kayla Reed informed attendees that Ice-Out was April 4th and the loon nest in Farmers Bay (FB) was placed on April 14th although the loons were not on the lake yet at that point. The Peterson Bay (PB) nest went in shortly after the ice-out. She went on to say the Farmer's Bay pair took to the nest May 4th and hatched a pair of loons on June 2nd while the pair in Peterson's Bay hatched a pair shortly thereafter. Unfortunately, one of the loon hatchlings in FB was no longer seen by June 7th but the remaining chick is doing well. In summary she said the parents in PB seem to be a bit more successful and this pair of chicks is doing well! Kayla then asked people to be on the alert for the loons as they venture out on the lake further from their nesting areas to find more food and to take note that there are two pairs of "floating pairs" living on the lake this year. Concluding her report, Kayla informed attendees that the work of the Loon Ranger is being transitioned over to her sister, McKenzie Reed and mother Kim as Kayla will be living in South Dakota for three years.

C. Eagle Report

Mark Truymen reminded attendees of the inconsistent functioning of the eagle camera, explaining that an individual known to Gary Goeman did an assessment of the camera to diagnose the problem finding that the camera needs replacement. Mark explained that exploration for a replacement is underway which may include the purchase or donation of a second camera for another eagle's nest

from the company we are currently working with. Gary Goeman then asked for a show of hands to determine how many people really go online to access the nest camera and the camera at Charlie's to assess the worthiness of this expenditure which could be costly. Many attendees indicated regular use of this feature on our website for both cameras. With that Gary indicated they would continue the pursuit of new equipment which would be installed later this year after the eagles vacate the nest for this year. Mark then asked if there was any eagle activity at the other nests on the lake to which Jan and Mark Bellucci reported there seemed to be little activity at the nest by their property on the northwest side of the lake. *Post Meeting update: Lynn Smith reported seeing the eagles quite often now in the nest adjacent to her property on the northwest side of the lake.*

IV. Lake Health & Fishery Update [Aquatic Plant & AIS / Fisheries & Habitat Committees]

A. 2023 Fall Mapping Results & Strawberry Bay Treatment Project Update

AP & AIS Committee Chairman Grant Reed summarized a comparison of 2022 and 2023 Fall EWM Survey maps (see PowerPoint slides), that in Strawberry Bay where the treatment was done there is not much there since the treatment was complete, showing continued effectiveness. In looking at the 2023 map, he explained that the committee will continue monitoring a couple areas including the one on the northeast region of the lake near the north landing. He concluded by saying that there are no plans for any other treatments at this time as overall the lake does very well without it. Gary Mueller then expressed concern for the number of weeds in Peterson Bay, asking that with the pending all-lake survey, emphasis be placed on looking more closely at the Peterson Bay. Kim Reed added that there is also an increase of native plants in Farmer's Bay also, which Grant Reed explained that weather-related factors in the last couple years have decreased the "die-off" that is typical, hence more weeds. Chris Mueller pointed out an increased number of snails this year and Grant explained that like many things on the lake, it is likely just part of the cycle.

B. 2024 Fall Aquatic Plant Survey by Onterra / DNR Grant Funding

Grant Reed explained financial details (see PowerPoint slides) of the upcoming fall Grant-Funded Point Intercept Survey (PIS) which is required by the DNR to be completed every 5 years as part of our 10-Year Lake Management Plan. Explaining that this survey studies all aquatic plants in the lake to determine plant types, location and concentrations throughout the lake, Grant said that the comparison between the 2013 and 2018 PIS showed a decrease in aquatic plants. That said he is looking forward to learning the results from this survey which the association will receive in 2025.

C. Water Quality Data

Grant Reed explained that data presented at this meeting comes from SWIMS, a DNR data gathering web page for all lakes in Wisconsin, noting that recent changes in their reporting process yield less data than in years past. As such Grant summarized Water Clarity and Trophic State data (see PowerPoint slides), pointing out that water clarity over the past three years has been excellent and that phosphorus and chlorophyll are diminishing over the last four years, which means the lake "is getting better and better". Phil Resch then applauded all property owners for their efforts in taking care of our lake.

D. Bullhead Reduction Project 2024

Fisheries & Habitat Committee Chairman Phil Resch informed attendees that we are entering our fourth season with the Bullhead Reduction project, saying that this program "is messing with Mother Nature to a certain degree" through our efforts to reduce bullhead enabling an increase in the walleye population. He summarized 2023 project results for the electroshocking and minnow/egg bullhead harvest completed by Mike Preul, Mole Lake Fisheries and LMA volunteers, explaining that these efforts including the previous two years have clearly impacted the walleye population as was indicated by Greg Matzke's 2023 Fall Walleye survey summary. Addressing the 2024 campaign, Phil reported that Mike Preul's crew has wrapped up the electroshocking phase collecting 4,402 individual bullheads (4,534 pounds) with an average length of 11.7" and 1.03 lbs. Asking attendees to join in on our efforts, Phil invited people to complete Volunteer Agreement forms, drop off their captured minnows, eggs and adult bullheads at the collection site which opens Saturday July 6th and operates every Saturday from 2:00pm to 4:pm for 6 consecutive weeks. Grant Reed then informed attendees that the total number of volunteer forms submitted this year was significantly lower than previous years, encouraging people to sign up today.

E. Spearing Update

Phil Resch reported that the Mole Lake tribe speared 584 walleyes this year which was the safe harvest level.

V. Fundraising & Public Relations Events [Outreach Committee]

A. July 5th Events: Boat Parade (1:00) & Picnic (2:00)

Mark Truymen summarized event details for the 2024 boat parade and picnic which will take place at Charlie's Resort on Friday, July 5th with start times of 1:00pm and 2:00pm respectively. Mark then added that volunteers are always needed/wanted, even if an individual only wants to help for an hour selling raffle tickets, for example to give a volunteer a break.

B. Weeds-n-Walleyes Banquet

Michelle Bauer, adding to Mark Truymen's request for volunteers, indicated the date for the banquet was set for October 19, 2024 at Mole Lake Convention Center, apologizing for the later date due to personal conflicts earlier in the month as is the typical date. She encouraged people to sign up quickly as with the lower number of seats available last year's event sold out with interested individuals being turned away. She indicated that other options may be explored for next year's event location. Michelle asked attendees to start reaching out to businesses for raffle donations and/or drop off their own personal donations for baskets and silent auctions.

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

Mark Truymen told attendees that we have reserved space for booths at both events and need volunteers willing to work at one or both events even if they can only be there for an hour or two. Work includes selling apparel and promoting our association. He explained that without volunteers staffing the booth we will not be able to have them, which happened two years ago.

D. Apparel Sales

Mark Truymen informed attendees who may have not noticed on their way into the meeting that we had apparel items for sale at a reduced cost of \$15 for T-shirts and \$25 for all other items for today's meeting only. He then indicated that these items would also be for sale at the picnic for the regular cost, encouraging people to buy today for savings.

VI. Officer Election

A. Nomination Criteria

Mark Truymen briefly reviewed the nomination criteria listed on the PowerPoint slide.

B. Nominations & Voting

Mark informed attendees of the three positions up for election this year as being vice-president, secretary and director #1, explaining that Gary Goeman, V-P and Julie Janquart, Sec have termed out meaning that according to LMA By-Laws neither can hold their respective positions any longer.

Vice-President: Mark Truymen asked for nominations from the floor to which Brent Gagnon nominated Gary Goeman to which Mark reiterated that Gary has termed-out. Asking for any other nominations and not receiving any, Mark indicated the need to move on to the next position without a vote. Vacant

Secretary: Mark Truymen asked for nominations from the floor to which there were none. With that Mark indicated the need to move on to the next position without a vote. Vacant

Director #1: Mark Truymen indicated Winnie May has accepted a nomination before this meeting to run for her position then asked attendees for any other nominees to which there were none. He then asked all in favor of Winnie May as director #1 to which she receive a unanimous vote.

At this point individual attendees brought up the names of Brent Gagnon and John Wolf as possibly serving in a vacant position to which each person, citing personal reasons, declined. Another individual asked for more information related to the duties of the secretary position to which Julie Janquart summarized the main key tasks assigned according to the by-laws as well as several other duties not included in the by-laws.

VII. Other Business

A. Member Questions / Concerns

There were no questions or concerns from attendees.

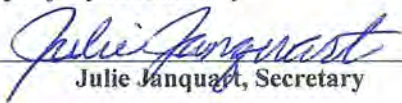
B. Door Prize Drawing

There were five door prize winners including Andy Basten, Kayla Reed, Jan Bellucci, Karen Fischer and Connie Koenig, who each won their choice of one apparel item.

C. Adjournment

A motion was made by Brent Gagnon to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by McKenzie Reed and then carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by


Julie Janquart, Secretary

July 3, 2024