



ML LPOA Board of Directors Meeting
February 2, 2016
Recorded by Jamie Heying

Meeting called to order by Mike Raiche at 6:48 pm at The V by HH.

Attendees: via phone conference - Kim Holland and Betty Thomes; in-person: Tony Graham, Greg Thomes, Mike Raiche, Curt Forte, Sheila Benson, Jay Sifferle, Paul Decker, Bill Ruddle, and Jamie Heying.
Absent: Bob Porter, Rob Pribyl, Mary Smith, John Jenniges, Gary Carlson.

1) Secretary's Report –Jamie Heying

-no changes to 7/21/15 meeting notes

2) Treasurers Report – Kim Holland

-\$58000 bank balance

-\$1000 written for payout to Naked Cowboys band, not sent yet. Angie Pribyl has the check.

3) Weed and Water Report – Bill Ruddle

-PLM budget/contract. Need to determine our goals for weed management. Treating curly leaf or milfoil, along with what specific areas.

-Our own lake association fall survey wasn't done due to windy and algae level. Our own survey would be looking for concentration areas for future treatment by PLM

-Freshwater conducted independent survey and makes their recommendations.

-PLM in conjunction with Freshwater determine our treatment needs and submit to the DNR for permitting

-DNR wants the independent lake assessment and this allows for ease in permit approval process

-Permit seeks to obtain maximum amount of acreage allowed to treat and from there determine how much we plan to treat. Maximum treatment area is 57 acres. We treated 31 acres last year.

-Consider individual homeowners grouping together to treat invasive weeds on their own properties. The DNR will allow 100% of shoreline and 100 feet out to be treated.

-2 places with E.coli on the lake. Proper MN agencies are aware of finding.

-Water clarity is 15-20 feet. Absent a lot of runoff, spring should be clear.

-Water level is up 1 foot since fall. Note that Mud Lake culvert is plugged and beaver dam on other drainage.

-Motion made by Jay Sifferle to approve a contract with PLM for 2016 and motion seconded by Sheila Benson. No opposition to the vote.

-It was also suggested that an Invasive Species/Water Committee be formed to cover the issues more in-depth. Meeting to be set up within 4 weeks. Mike & Bill to attend County meeting for additional input. Mike will contact Joe Jacobs also for recap of last year's county activities for an update.

4) Membership Report – Mike Raiche

- 2 paid dues already for 2016
- 167/285 = 59% members paid in 2015
- membership dues with directory will go out in the spring, along with a weed report update.

5) Insurance – Greg Thomes

- 2015 insurance expense \$2644
- 2016 proposed expense \$1782
- difference in the premiums accounts for 2015 having a GL policy for only the day of the fishing derby while 2016 has a quote for 12 months of coverage with less premium. Guide One offers 12 month vs just 1 day derby policy for \$1200 vs \$1311 just for the day.
- Motion to approve Guide One policy/2016 proposed insurance coverage made by Mike Raiche and seconded by Tony Graham

6) Fishing Derby – Greg Thomes

- derby postponed to 2/20/16 & the word is out
- aerial photos taken of the lake recently. These were passed around.
- ice depth as of 2/1/16 was 13.5 inches at the tent location and 13.5 inches at the plunge area. The middle area was 10 inches. Straight off the boat launch passed where the lake was plowed was 12 inches.
- Need minimum 18 inches for derby
- 2/8 & 2/9 holes will be drilled again to measure the ice depth
- 2/9/16 the fishing derby committee will determine if the 2/20/16 derby will go on as planned
- \$9550 sponsor donations expected. \$6500 collected and \$3050 is outstanding
- 16 nice prizes on the prize list. Looking to get 25. Approximately \$1500 in prizes were donated. Thank you to Joe Rasset for Otter introduction.
- \$1805 in ticket revenues
- We will incur expenses even if the derby is canceled totaling \$1231.01 operations, \$2063.30 marketing, Close to \$4,000.00 for FD 2016. \$3072.30 prize expenses can be used for next year.
- New banner to display on Highway 55 at beach regarding derby.
- Flyers for derby and plunge were printed.
- Yellow Fish House – tickets to sell; if derby is canceled, consider selling tickets and raffling off at the St Patrick's Day celebration.
- Naked Cowboys band is available 2/20/16. It is unclear if there is a cancellation fee or if we owe them to entire \$1000 if we do not hold the derby. Greg is working on this.
- Plunge needs 15 inches of ice to get the equipment out there to cut the hole and pull out the ice
- Betty has the volunteers on hold pending the decision on the derby

7) Website – Mike Raiche

- a lot of traffic on Facebook and website with Kelly Pribyl updating continuously
- KSTP article was attached to website regarding the confusion on 2 fishing contests
- Greg would like to add a volunteer position for a person to handle press releases with the media.

8) Chamber – Mike Raiche

- paid 2016 dues. We are leprechaun sponsor paying \$100 membership
- Irish party invitation-Chambers party 1 week prior to St Patrick's Day. Sheila Benson will plan to attend the event. The ML LPOA will donate flashlights to the event.

9) Clothing – Mike Raiche

- all sizes in. We only bought security and judge shirts for 2016. These do not have year printed on them, so they will work for next year if derby is not held this year.
- potential to sell ML LPOA clothing at St Patrick's Day with yellow fish house tickets, if derby is canceled.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mike Raiche. Seconded by Sheila Benson. Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.