



ML-LPOA Annual Membership Meeting
May 6, 2017
Recorded by Jamie Heying

Meeting called to order by Mike Raiche at 9:00 am at MLHS.

1) Introductions of those in attendance – Tony Graham

-Greg did an ice breaker game related to the overall lake activities

2) Secretary's Report from the 5/7/16 Annual Meeting – Motion to approve by Gary Moore and Seconded by Betty Thomes.

3) Treasurer's Report – Julie Hudek

- \$65,440 starting balance
- \$30,834 deposits
- \$50,061 expenses
- \$46,213 ending balance

-Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Betty Thomes and seconded by Butch Lindenfelser.

3) Committee Report

A) Fishing Derby – Greg Thomes

- After cancellation of event this year the cash flow was nearly even.
- Plans being made for potential options in the event of low ice year
- 2/3/18 is next years fishing derby

B) Adios Summer Event – Jamie Heying

- Boat or drive in event at Moore's cabin last year with meal catered by El Molajete.
- Donations/clothing sales \$959
- Expenses \$1483.46
- Did cost the association some money to put on the event, but well attended social outing for the members
- Next year's event is 9/1/17

C) Boat Parade – Tony Graham

- July 4 line-up at 1:30 in front of Bob & Mary Smith's house for 2:00 pm parade start time
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

D) Saturday Morning Dock Party – Tony Graham

- Saturday 6/24/17 at 9am at Gary & Lois Carlson

E) Membership Report – Tony Graham

- approximately 300 properties on the lake
- approximately 50% of properties are members in the ML LPOA.
- encourage involvement of all property owners to help solicit neighbors to participate

4) 501c3 and Volunteers – Betty Thomes

- As of June 2015 we are 501c3 organization. If you donate, a receipt will be provided to you.
- Bob Porter handles the tax filing and it is uploaded to our website
- If you shop on Amazon.com sign up for AmazonSmile and select ML LPOA and ½% will be donated to our organization.
- Volunteer for events on the lake and get involved. Takes approximately 150 volunteers for the ice fishing derby.
- There is a signup sheet in the entry

5) Invasive Species/Water Quality Management – Mike Raiche

- Review of AIS areas sprayed in the past and what future projection could be if we do not treat the areas.
- \$107K spent on weed controlled, with minimal results
 - \$25K each of the past 3 years
 - Doing nothing this year will raise this close to 37K to catch up
- Reviewing options for treating AIS differently. Combination of chemicals, Weed pulling (DASH unit) are being reviewed.
- Water level/quality/clarity can be found on the www.maplelakepropertyowners.com website, height comparison is referenced from our annual meeting so all understand how the lake has moved through the summer.
- Plan's for treatment of weeds this year are limited due to checkbook balance. A \$7500 budget has been approved to treat the channel.
- Zach Stockman with Aqualogic spoke about a 3 year plan to treat AIS through a multi-faceted approach including chemicals, DASH, hand harvesting.
- Funding to do any of this currently is not available.

6) LID – Mike Raiche

Presented discussion regarding a LID. (Lake Improvement District) All here want to assure the quality of the water is maintained as best possible.

- MN established LID 1973
- Primary reasons: / Water Quality / Water Level / Aquatic Vegetation
- Since 2004 Primary Purpose of LIDS has been for AIS control
- Advantages: We ML-LPOA controls the budget / We vote who is on board to represent / Consistent Funding for projects that we decide.
- Only Lake Residents (within 100 ft. of shore) would be in the LID

Overall goal of the LID is to re-establish the natural condition of the lake and eliminate unwanted invasive species.

- The chair is seeking a motion to explore our ability to re-establish the natural condition of the lake
- Discussion of what this might entail was held
- Motion to investigate LID implementation for all property owners within 100 feet of the lake. Motion made by Brian Peterson and seconded by Donny Latour. Motion carries and LID will be investigated.

7) AIS Update – Bill Ruddle

- Attended COLA (coalition of Lake associations) meeting with focus on Starry Stonewort. The lake does not have it, but two area lakes have it.
- Zebra Muscles – We have sites set for traps to test.
- Watching lake levels with beaver dam and trees holding back the run off of water from the lake. Overall lake height average has moved up the past 3 years.
- Watching 2 specific tiles for e-coli. Substantial improvement has been made on the large lakes tile outlet area.

Motion made to adjourn by Tony Graham and seconded by Betty Thomes. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.