



ML LPOA Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018

Recorded by Julie Moore

Meeting was called to order by Tony Graham at 7:05 PM at the Maple Lake American Legion.

Attendees: Tony Graham, Julie Moore, Bob Johnson Bill Ruddle, Bob Porter, Mike Raiche, Lisa Breuer, Jamie Heying, Betty Thomes, Mike Polencheck, Ted Pribyl, Paul Decker and guest speaker Chris Hector.

Welcome by Tony Graham, President.

Guest Speaker – Chris Hector from Lake Sylvia made a presentation about WRIP – Wright Regional Inspection Program as well as WRIC Wright County Inspection Coalition.

The program is to hold watercraft inspections to keep invasive species out of the lakes. Currently the State of Minnesota does provide aid to Lake Associations for inspections.

Lake Sylvia has been dealing with both zebra mussels along with starry stonewort since 2013.

By creating a centralized inspection location to cover all Wright County Lakes, he believes Maple Lake would benefit greatly from being included in the program. Current lakes in the program include Lake John, Lake Sylvia and Pleasant Lake. The other lakes that are joining are Sugar, Cedar, Moose, Bass and Granite Lake.

Watercraft inspection site is located in Annandale near Anchor Dock. The inspections are available from ice out to October annually and are manned 15 minutes before sunrise and 15 minutes after sunset. The watercraft is inspected for AIS and decontaminated if necessary. The watercraft is then sealed to the trailer. When the watercraft is launched at a lake the seal is broken and deposited in a lock box at the ramp. Ramp inspections will check the broken seal to make sure there is a matching vehicle and trailer at the ramp. If an inspection finds a vehicle without a corresponding seal, evidence will be provided to the Wright County Sheriff's department and a citation will be issued to the watercraft owner for violation. Violation of this county ordinance is a misdemeanor.

There was discussion and questions amongst the group concerning location of the inspection site and inconvenience to boaters, is there enough sheriff coverage to ensure compliance, the value of the program and the cost if we didn't join.

The current cost for Lake Sylvia is \$25,000 per year – Maple Lake's cost is estimated at \$18,000 per year and are looking for a 3 year commitment from.

Prior research discussed such as having both of our boat launches equipped with cameras with audio. The cost of such would be \$60,000.00.

The majority of the board believes this to be a very good method to protect our lake from the spread of AIS

A committee will be formed to research becoming a member of WRIP and a presentation of the committees findings will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

Secretary's Report for the September Meeting is located on the website – please see Julie or Tony if you have any corrections or changes.

Treasurer's Report – we have spent \$1,700.00 to fund deposits for the Ice Fishing Derby's tent, Permits for both state and county, DNR and alcohol – leaving a remaining balance in the account at \$52,988.00.

A motion was made by Betty Thomes and seconded by Julie Moore to accept the treasure's report.

Membership Report – Tony Graham updated the committee on our current results:

- a) 2018 YTD – 158 Paid / 52 % (with 2 more coming)
- b) 2017 YR – 135 Paid / 45%
- c) 2016 YR – 156 Paid / 52%
- d) 303 residents

Revenue Opportunity:

Mike Raiche on behalf of Bob Porter, and Angie Pribyl; lead a presentation on a revenue opportunity in the form of charitable gambling.

An opportunity to run the charitable gambling at Madigan's has presented itself this past summer. The group through extensive research provided analysis of cost/gain opportunity to have the ML LPOA become the gambling manager at Madigan's. As gambling manager we would oversee pull tabs, bingo and meat raffle. The ML LPOA would benefit from the gambling proceeds.

The president of the ML LPOA and the gambling manager will attend a training seminar to become certified with the State of Minnesota. This manager would manage the pull tabs and other gambling methods with regular safeguards of financial reconciliations. As well as managing a safe storage location to archive pull tab box sales and history for state audit purposes and rules.

The gaming start up expense is estimated at \$13,185.00 and would provide all necessary equipment and certification costs.

This exhaustive pro/con research, revealed pull tabs to be the financial leader and bingo as a possible lost leader. However, all gambling components need to be offered.

It was determined that the overall impact would be favorable with an annual "net" estimation of an added 35 to 40k to the ML LPOA. This, after acknowledging some negative tax affects due to having 2 revenue streams into our non-profit – even with the tax, the possible gain still could still add the 35k + mentioned above.

It was also discussed that Mike Raiche would take the Gambling Manager position and Angie Pribyl would assist. An approximate cost of around 2k per month which was included in the financial analysis above.

An answer was needed know to ensure timely execution of licensure, and advising Madigan's and the departing non-profit time for our group to commence activity the beginning of 2019.

A motion was made by Bob Johnson to become the gambling manager at Madigan's and seconded by Betty Thomas. The motion was approved 9 yes and 1 no.

Tony thanked the committee for the extensive time and effort researching this opportunity.

Tony Graham adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Board of Directors:

Tony Graham – President

Rob Pribyl - Vice President

Jamie Heying - Treasurer

Julie Moore – Secretary

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Betty Thomes, Greg Thomes, Mary Smith, Shelia Benson, Bob Johnson, Jay Sifferle, Mike Polencheck, Ted Pribyl, Brian Peterson, John Jenniges, Mike Raiche, Curt Forte, Lisa Breuer, Paul Decker