

ML LPOA April 2019 Board Meeting

April 17, 2019

Recorded by Julie Moore

Meeting was called to order by Tony Graham, President, at 6:35 PM at Madigan's.

People in attendance: Tony Graham, Curt Forte, Mike Raiche, Brian Peterson, Mike Polencheck, Ted Pribyl, Bob Porter, Bob Johnson, Greg and Betty Thomes, Tom Valenta, Paul Decker, Rob Pribyl
Absent: Sheila Benson

Welcome by Tony Graham

Secretary's Report – Tony reminded all to review minutes on online. He called for any changes, corrections or revisions, there were none.

A Motion was made by Rob Pribyl to approve the March Minutes

Seconded by Ted Pribyl

All yay in favor – the Motion carried

Treasury Report – Bob Porter shared that we had \$71,978 in our beginning balance with \$8.00 in interest, a Derby deposit of \$23,281.00 or \$85,259.00. We have 2 expenses coming up for 10,403 of which 9,800 pertains to the 2020 fish house which will leave our balance at \$84,863.00.

A Motion was made by Mike Raiche to approve the Treasury Report

Seconded by Bob Johnson

All yay in favor – the Motion carried

Membership Report – Tony Graham wanted to remind the Board that we were about to commence collection of annual dues. There are 296 applicable properties and last year we collected from 159 properties or 53%.

Fishing Derby – Greg Thomes shared points from the derby wrap up meeting. Fish houses have been purchased for next year along with \$2,000 of other prizes. Insurance for the fish houses is being considered. Greg shared recommendations for the 2020 Derby including having an Ice Castle on display, continued use of the ground transportation at that was received well, having credit card capability for the clothing sales would encourage more buyers and continued efforts with the large sponsors and Friday sales proving lucrative. There was also a check list Greg shared on many other tweaks to consider for next year including having the Artic Plunge for another year with possible on-line registration.

Discussions continue to separate the derby from the POA for liability reasons and the ability to sell the derby as an asset at a later date.

Bob Porter indicated that he was exploring this incorporation idea with an attorney which will require bylaws, a Board of Directors with 5 or more people and \$90.00 in fees to incorporate. Bob will continue to meet with the attorney to explore the idea further.

Wrip – Wright County Inspection Program – President Graham reported that the DNR did not grant approval for expansion of WRIP. This means the regional inspection facility in Annandale will be closed until further notice. The WRIP Coalition along with the Wright County board of commissioners and Wright County Soil and Water are in favor of the program and continue working together to find common ground with the DNR. In the interim, the board voted to continue support and involvement with the coalition. The money paid to WRIP will be used to pay for at the ramp inspections at a rate of \$3,000 per month. The initiative foundation has said it will match dollars for the cost of ramp inspections giving us a total of \$6,000 per month to pay for the inspections. This amount will provide approximately 150 hours of inspection per ramp. Maple Lake has two ramps. The inspection schedule is determined by Wright County Soil and Water. Currently Anchor Dock in Annandale works with Wright County Soil and Water to hire and train inspectors to monitor ramps. We need to be part of the WRIP to receive matched funds. Tony recommended we stay with the WRIP coalition and continue support.

A Motion was made by Bob Porter to continue with the WRIP at 18k

Seconded by Curt Forte

All yay were in favor, the Motion carried

Maple Lake Walleye Stocking Report – Mike Polencheck shared his research on the stocking of walleye in the lake. Historically the lake stocked walleyes in the past years 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 with no information past 2008.

Mike had spoken with Joe Stewig, Area Fisheries Manager with the DNR who shared that the lake will continue to be stocked on the even years or 2020 next year. The stocking depends on the ponds available and fish production. The DNR recommended the stocking of fingerling walleyes during the stocking years as the size of this fish would do best given the amount of crappies etc. or predator fish in the lake.

The DNR recommended to stock 396 pounds of fingerling this fall. The cost is estimated at \$20 per pound or \$7,920. Mike P will seek competitive quotes from fisheries in the coming weeks. Also, Joe Stewig would help with the formal permitting process and work as a team on going forward on a bi-annual fish stocking effort.

A Motion was made by Rob Pribyl to spend up to \$8,000 to stock the lake this fall.

Seconded by Brian Peterson

All yay were in favor, the Motion carried

Gambling Report – Mike Raiche shared the actual gambling resulted for 3 months running were around 20k and we are running 1 month behind on reporting. Overall we are trending higher than projections due to the added revenue of e-tabs and e-bingo.

Expenses include \$1,179 payroll. Rent costs and expenses. We now have a locker expense of \$103 per month for storage of gambling related items. Donations to Maple Lake Youth Baseball up to \$2,000 per month. Maple Lake baseball receives this donation because of their volunteer efforts to make bingo night a success. Without their manpower this would not be possible. Bingo is doing well with the next \$500 game to be called inside of 60 numbers and Coverall for \$1,000 inside 60 numbers. Mike indicated the net to the Association to be approximately \$4,000.00.

A Motion was made by Julie Moore to approve making the donation

Seconded by Betty Thomes

All yays were in favor, the Motion carried

Directory Update – Brian Peterson shared the status on the directory of near completion. He discussed the need for Lake Captains for new residents with a sand bucket and perhaps coupons etc. to be included.

Scholarships – Tony Graham mentioned that there is a potential to provide scholarship money to one Maple Lake High School boy and girl graduate. Amounts could be \$1,000 or \$500 for a girl and a boy out of the gambling fund. There was discussion on how this may be perceived, both good and bad and that the funds were intended overall for lake improvement.

A Motion was made by Greg Thomes to give \$1,000 scholarship money out of the gambling fund

Seconded by Brian Peterson

A vote was made, 6 yays and 7 opposed – the Motion failed

QuickBooks – a subscription to an online version of quick books was made. After spending some time in the new quick books it is becoming apparent the online version lacks functionality we are used to. Bob Porter will look into a desktop version of QuickBooks to update and replace our current version.

By Laws – section 11.1 Disbursements state all disbursements of funds shall be made by check...

We have a debit card on our bank account to be used for online transactions. Bob Porter will look into whether necessary or not to change the by-laws.

Board Members – Tony recommended we vote and formally nominate Tom Valenta to the Board. Tom will replace John Jenniges who resigned.

A Motion was made by Brian Peterson to nominate Tom

Seconded by Rob Pribyl

All yays were in favor – the Motion carried

Volunteer Recruitment – Betty Thomes shared an event at the Maple Lake Park to encourage volunteer recruitment. She is looking for someone to volunteer and host a table to share information regarding the fishing derby. If rain, the event will move inside the high school cafeteria. Please reach out to Betty if you are interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Tony Graham.