



**Maple Lake – Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. (POA)
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2019
Maple Lake High School Cafeteria**

Minutes Recorded by Julie Moore, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:01AM by Tony Graham, President

In attendance were 92 Members/Spouses and two representatives from Centra Sota.

Tony opened the meeting by passing around a microphone to allow each property owner in attendance to introduce themselves and share how long they lived on the lake and their location.

Additions to the Agenda – Tony pointed out that representatives from the Centra Sota Coop out of Buffalo were here offering a special price for safe lake weed herbicides. A spokesperson from Centra Sota briefly discussed use and application requirements, and also said the chemical Navigate was available for purchase. Both were truckload specials and safe herbicides for lake use.

Secretary's Report – Last year's minutes were made available both in print at this meeting and on the website. There being no changes or corrections:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes by Mike Polencheck
Seconded by Gary Moore
The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Jamie Heying

A summary of the POA's financial activity for the year was presented.

Checking Account Activity Summary as of 4/25/19:

Beginning Balance:	\$ 84,160
Deposits:	112,986
Expenditures:	(130,355)

Current Balance	<u>\$ 66,791</u>

Not included in the account balance is a loan to the Gambling Account of \$20,000, and a loan to the MLIDWC of \$5,000. Repayment of these loans, expected to occur within the next several months, will increase the account balance by \$25,000, to \$91,791. The POA has already paid for two Ice Houses that will be used as prizes for the 2020 Maple Lake Ice Fishing Derby.

A motion was made by Bob Porter to approve the Treasurer's Report
Seconded by Lisa Breuer
The motion carried unanimously.

Fishing Derby Report – Betty Thomes

This year's derby netted over \$58,156.00 in revenue.

Having ticket sales start early this year was a great idea and added to the revenue. It was also noted that having a Perimeter Loop around the Derby was wise in the event of an emergency and the trial run of the Trolley Service and Shuttle Buses were favorable as well.

Also, Scheels holding the fish registration was wonderful as was the band, Jack Pine Savage. It was reported there were over 3,000 fish houses and 10,000 people in attendance helping bring ticket sales up 10% over last year.

More than 450 fish were registered. The food trucks were great and even ran out of food. Over \$5,000 was given back to the community in the way of donations. It was a very successful Derby.

WRIP – Wright Regional Inspection Program – Tony Graham

Tony reported that the Ordinance establishing the regional boat inspection program expired 4/15/19 due to the refusal of the DNR to grant their approval. The DNR expressed concerns about poor inspection performance, data collection, inspector training and management of the seal expirations once an inspection was made.

The Initiative Foundation Objective was approved by the DNR.

The current lakes that are included in the expansion are Bass, Cedar, Granite, John, Maple, Moose, Pleasant, Sugar and Sylvia.

The Initiative will match 100% of the POA's \$3,000 per month expense for ramp inspections and should cover weekends with 8 to 10 hour shifts.

These measures are more preventive than corrective, but until legislation is passed it's what's available now to control invasive species brought to the lake. It was recommended that POA members take time to research this issue and write letters to their respective legislatures - both Anderson and Ingbrigtsen – supporting their ongoing efforts to pass this legislation.

Tony shared the 2018 treatment and the plan for 2019. A request for 60 acres for treatment was made to the DNR. Tony will also be looking into a new invasive species, Flowering Rush, and available treatments at approximate \$200.00 per acre. The MLIDWC (Maple Lake Improvement District Wright County) will pay for treatment to the extent it was budgeted and funds are collected through the Wright County assessment of \$137.18 per lake property. Any costs exceeding the budgeted assessment amount will be paid for by the POA.

Maple Lake Improvement District Wright County – Bob Johnson

Bob shared information from the Wright County Soil and Water regarding different issues and projects on the lake. Currently being reviewed are a farm field tile issue, a culvert on Donnelly Drive, a grade saturation project, and a holding pond issue to help with the overall water quality on Maple Lake.

The annual MLIDWC property owners meeting will be held the 1st Saturday in August at the Maple Lake Township Hall. POA members should plan on attending as all proposed expenditures exceeding \$5,000 require property owner approval.

A property owner asked for his property to be reviewed on 62nd as an adjacent culvert is depositing excess sand into the lake. This will be added to the list of projects for consideration at the annual meeting next August.

Lawful Gambling – Bob Porter

Bob explained briefly what Lawful Gambling was about. The MLLPOA had an opportunity to become gambling manager at Madigan’s Pub and Grill last July to manage their pull tabs, bingo and meat raffles. The Board set up a committee to research whether taking over this activity was something the POA could handle. After preparing multiple pro forma revenue projections and presenting them to the full board, it was approved in November. Bob reported that gambling revenues and profits are meeting expectations with a first quarter net contribution to the POA of \$5,378 after one time startup costs and \$4,700 donated to local causes.

Boat Parade – Tony Graham

Tony thanked Bob and Mary Smith for all their years of hosting this event but noted there is a need to find new hosts for this year’s event. Holding this event includes organizing the participants and awarding prizes. Members were encouraged to contact Tony if there was any interest in taking over this activity.

Walleye Report – Mike Polencheck

Mike shared his research as it pertained to stocking Maple Lake with walleyes. The past year’s efforts were 2003, ’05, ’06, ’07 and ’08, after which POA funds were redirected to controlling invasive weed species.

The DNR will stock the lake every other even year starting in 2020. The POA will start stocking on the odd years starting in the fall of 2019. The suggested stocking rate is one pound of walleye fingerlings per acre. For Maple Lake this would be 396 pounds. At \$20 per pound the estimated cost will total \$7920. This will be done by fall. The DNR will also conduct a lake survey every five years to track progress and assess effectiveness.

Mike also noted that the DNR was excited to work with the POA on this effort.

Endless Summer Nights – Tony Graham

Tony announced this year’s Chairs are John and Andrea Drontle. The event will be August 30, 2019. Further details will be released once they become available.

It was noted last year’s event was well attended, with great food at Madigans, a successful silent auction fundraiser, and a fun social event for POA members.

Membership – Tony Graham

Tony reminded everyone that annual membership dues could be paid at the front table. He also encouraged members to solicit neighbors to pay dues as well. Last year’s membership rate was 54% of all eligible property owners, a number that he would like to improve for 2019.

Additional/New Business – Tony Graham

Tony asked if there was any new business or last minute comments/questions.

There being none:

A Motion was made by Betty Thomes to adjourn
Seconded by Gary Moore
The motion carried unanimously.

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Membership of Maple Lake – Lake Property Owners Associating, Inc. was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Board of Directors:

Graham, Tony -President
Pribyl, Rob -Vice President
Heying, Jamie -Treasurer
Moore, Julie -Secretary
Breuer Lisa
Decker Paul
Forte Curt
Johnson Bob
Porter Bob
Peterson Brian
Pribyl Ted
Polencheck Mike
Sifferle Jay
Smith Mary
Thomes Greg
Thomes Betty
Tom Valenta
Raiche, Mike -Gambling Manager

Committees:

Pribyl, Angie --Assistant Gambling Manager