

LAKE ALEXANDER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at the Scandia Valley Town Hall with approximately 87 members and 8 guests in attendance. Chairman Dr. Bill Faber called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M, and asked for a moment of silence for deceased association members including Zera Johnson, Rick Lindmeier, Sedona Hough and others named in our hearts.

An expression of thanks was given to Little Falls Coborns for their generous donation of rolls and doughnuts.

Board Members present were Dr. Bill Faber, Darline Molde, Chuck Schiemo, Alice Sunde, Dave Schleichert, Tom Trutwin, and Doug Cook. Guests that were introduced included Morrison County Deputy Sheriff Jason Worlie; Morrison County Assessor, Jean Popp; and Morrison County District 1 Commissioner Mike LeMeiur.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Jay Lowry, seconded by Pete Hanson, to approve the minutes of the July 9th, 2016 annual meeting as printed and mailed to all littoral property owners. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Alice Sunde, handed out a printout of transactions from July 10, 2016 to July 8, 2017. Receipts, including dues monies totaled \$4,650.00, and expenses totaled \$2,328.26, giving the checking account a balance of \$9,727.65. Investments, which include Certificates of Deposits, total \$19,244.37, giving our association a grand total of \$28,972.02. A motion was made by Diane Johnson, seconded by Mark Johnson, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Level and Bogs:

In the thoroughfare bay, there is a measuring device to monitor the lake level. Matt Skjonsby checked past records, and determined that the average deviation of water levels in the past 50 years has been less than two inches.

To date, only one very small bog was reported.

Water Quality:

Secchi disc readings, a means monitoring water clarity, are taken several times a year in the east, west, and central areas of the lake. One recent reading in the west end reported 17.5 feet clarity in 34 feet of water. An earlier reading in the east end of Lake Alex reported 24 feet of clarity.

Water samples for chemical monitoring are taken by Steve Sunde and are sent to RMB Laboratories for analysis of chlorophyll A, nitrates, and phosphate. The MPCA website has full reports of both studies.

Fisheries:

Walleye stocking of 1.5 million to 3 million fry is done every year. Studies show there is two to three percent survival rate for the fry. Last fall, 106 muskie fingerlings were stocked. Electrofishing will take place this fall. The DNR does extensive fish surveys every four years, the last one being in 2014. Therefore, in the spring of 2018, the DNR will implement the use of trap nets and gill nets for a current survey.

Reports of the 2014 survey showed that all fish species were of the normal size and numbers. Large and small mouth bass were over the average size, tulibee population was high, and the walleye average weight was 2.3 pounds. Fishermen are encouraged to catch and release the larger sunfish and blue gills.

Membership:

Membership dues received before July 8th numbered 226 with 33 additional membership being paid at registration. Total paid membership to date is now 259. Association membership reached 325 last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Morrison County Grant Monies:

Morrison County received \$131,000 from the state to be used for Aquatic Invasive Species. Education was the focus last year with pamphlets, posters, and signage distributed at county lakes. Chuck Schiemo reported that this summer four volunteers from Lake Alex attended a training session on procedures to collect water samples in three areas of the lake for the detection of Veligers, the earliest stage of Zebra Mussels. Water samples are sent to Morrison County which is covering the cost of testing equipment and analysis by RMB Laboratories.

Veligers attach to lake weeds; therefore it is important to clear your boat of all weeds, hand dry the boat, and/or dry dock it for 24 hours.

Web Site:

Lake Alexander's web site is minnesotawaters.org—click on Lake and Rivers Groups; click on page 10 for Lake Alexander Property Owners Association.

Testing for Pollution of Lake Water:

Potato fields, north of County Road #3, are ditched and the drainage from the fields run through the Bernhart Ponds and ultimately into Lake Alex. It was learned that potatoes are planted every four years, with corn, wheat and soybeans alternating. However, water samples from the drainage ditch will continue to be taken each year when there is a run-off into the lake.

Report of Quad Lakes Meetings:

Chuck Schiemo reported that representatives from Fish Trap, Shamineau, Crookneck, and Alexander meet several times during the year and discuss concerns. A \$25,000 grant was received to install signs that marked locations of AIS at all public boat landings. Thanks to a \$5,000 grant, a pilot project was initiated this year on Fish Trap to conduct AIS inspections at their landings using volunteers from local civic groups.

A big thank you was extended to the Sheriff's' department for their prompt response to our request for installing a buoy to mark a large rock on the east end, warning boaters to beware of potential damage to boats and motors.

NEW BUSINESS

Shoreline Restoration:

Doug Cook conducted a slide show presentation on shoreline restoration, the purpose of which is to create a program to restore shorelines to their natural state in order to protect property values, water quality and fisheries issues. The goal is to have property owners establish a buffer zone with a minimum width of 10 feet from the water line and a minimum length of 75% of the shoreline. If a lot is less than 100 feet, 20 feet of cleared shoreline is acceptable. Project may include removal of structures within 50 feet of the high water mark, removal of sod, establishing a buffer zone, planting native plants and installing a rain garden. The proposal includes an application filled out by the property owner, after which the LAPOA Board and a Soil and Water Conservation representative visits and approves the project. The LAPOA then approves reimbursement to the property owner, and will match 50% of the cost up to a maximum of \$500.00 per project application.

A motion was made by Buford Johnson, seconded by Jim Lilienthal, to approve this project. Motion carried. More information can be obtained on the association's web site or by contacting Doug Cook or Dr. Faber.

Election of Board Members:

Chuck Schiemo, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, put the following names in nomination for Board Positions: Eugene Chapeau, Darline Molde, and Dave Schleichert, each to serve a three year term. There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Brian Yetter, seconded by Cindy Sobiech, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion carried.

A huge "Thank You" was extended to Tom Trutwin for his 15 years of service as a LAPOA Board Member!!

Adjourn

A motion was made by Pete Hanson, seconded by Mary Lindmeier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10: 45 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Alexander Lake Improvement District immediately followed the adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darline Molde, Secretary

