

LAKE ALEXANDER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at the Scandia Valley Town Hall with approximately 94 members and 2 guests in attendance. Chairman Dr. Bill Faber called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M, and asked for a moment of silence for deceased association members including Chuck Marsh, Mary Ellen Moody, Marty Reker, and others named in our hearts.

Board Members present were Dr. Bill Faber, Doug Cook, Darline Molde, Chuck Schiemo, Alice Sunde, Matt Skjonsby, Dave Schleichert, and Jerrid Sandstrom. Guests that were introduced included Jason Worlie, MC Deputy Sheriff, and Mike Becker, Soil and Water Conservation District.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Bob Mooney, seconded by Scott Beaty, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2018 Annual Meeting as printed and mailed to all association members. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Alice Sunde, handed out a printout of transactions from July 13, 2018 to July 12, 2019. Receipts, which include dues monies, totaled \$4,925.00 and expenses totaling \$3,439.09, gave the checking account a balance of \$14,211.43. Investments, of which include Certificates of Deposits, total \$18,755.25 giving our association a grand total of \$32,966.68. A motion was made by Ken Shorter, seconded by Tom Nieland, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Level:

Matt Skjonsby reported lake level readings, at present, is about in the middle of readings taken in the past ten years. Concerns were expressed that high water levels are causing shoreline erosions. Other comments received were that boat traffic, wake boarding, and jet skis close to the shorelines are a problem, and signs for no wake zones should be posted. Volunteers for a committee to study the water level include Bob Kegaries and Tom Nieland.

Water Quality:

Secchi disc readings, which measures water clarity, are taken in the east, central, and west areas of the lake by Steve Sunde, Dale Ness, and Dave Schleichert. The average readings have been in the 13-14 feet clarity range. Spring readings, when the water is most clear, were 17-20 feet range. The MPCA website has full reports of secchi disc readings and chemical monitoring.

Fisheries:

Every four years the DNR conducts a lake assessment on fish species using trap nets, gill nets, and electrofishing, the most recent assessment done in 2018. Walleye levels remain consistent, most being in the 15-25' range. Northern pike numbers are low, with large and small mouth bass and muskie numbers remaining stable. Tullipees (ciscoes), a cold water fish, are present in the lake.

In the week of May 13th, 1.25 million walleye fry were stocked in the lake, with the survival rate estimated at 2-3%. Stocking of walleye fry is done every year since there is no evidence of natural reproduction. The DNR plans to stock muskie fingerlings this year, with their goal being one muskie for every five acres of water.

Membership:

Membership dues received before July 13th numbered 261, and with additional dues being paid at registration, paid membership now stands at 277. Association membership reached 336 this past year.

Shoreline Restoration:

This program began two years ago under the leadership of Doug Cook, with the goal to improve lake water quality by reducing shoreline erosion and establishing a buffer zone using native plants. Matching grants are available from the LAPOA and the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). To date, the LAPOA has approved two shoreline restoration projects and awarded two \$500.00 matching grants. For information on obtaining an application form for a project, contact Doug Cook at douglascook@yahoo.com

Mike Becker, SWCD, had a slide presentation with a cost sharing program to encourage property owners to return their shoreline to its natural habitat. The grant comes with different criteria such as terracing, nutrient management, forest conservation, and strip cropping. Grant monies are available up to \$2500 or up to 50% of the project that has to remain intact for 10 years. Officials from SWCD also will come out on site to offer technical support to property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Contributions:

U of M AIS Research Center:

A motion was made by Bob Mooney, seconded by Trish Danielowski, to donate \$500.00 to the University Of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, an institution doing research statewide to combat all invasive species including genetic work on zebra mussels. Motion carried.

Scandia Valley Fire Department:

. A motion was made by Bob Mooney, seconded by David Kegaries, to donate \$2001.00 to the Scandia Valley Fire Department for cold and ice rescue and recovery suits. Motion carried.

Election of Board Members:

Matt Skjonsby, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, put the following names in nomination for Board Positions: Doug Cook, Alice Sunde, and Mark Schmitz to serve a three year term. There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Al Rausch, seconded by Bob Mooney, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion carried.

A round of applause was given to Chuck Schiemo who is retiring after serving on the Board for 12 years. Thank You, Chuck, for all those years of diligent and valuable service.

Zebra Mussels:

Dr. Faber announced that the DNR had a scuba diving team on Lake Alexander on July 11th, 2019, searching for the presence of zebra mussels. Two ½ inch zebras were found near the East access, and an additional two were found west of Soldiers Island. An official announcement by the DNR will be made on July 18th when infestation signs will be posted.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ron Nieland, seconded by Ken Shorter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10: 16 A.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Darline Molde, Secretary

