

LAKE ALEXANDER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the Scandia Valley Town Hall with approximately 102 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 Virginia Anderson, John Beaty, Larry Godejohn, Jim Lilienthal, Chris Posner, Ruby Sauter, Martha Thielen, Pat Larson, Rueben Weber, and others named in our hearts.

Board Members present were Dr. Bill Faber, Doug Cook, Jim McGonigle, Darline Molde, Alice Sunde, Matt Skjonsby, and Dave Schleichert. Guests that were introduced included Karl Klemen, Morrison County Water Patrol, and Mike LeMeur, Morrison County Commissioner.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Scott Beaty, seconded by Ken Shorter, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2019 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 12, 2019 to August 13, 2021. Receipts, which include paid dues, totaled \$6,155.50 and expenses totaling \$7,332.07, gave the checking account a balance of \$13,034.86. Investments, of which include Certificates of Deposits, total \$19,140.29, giving our association a grand total of \$32,175.

15. A motion was made by Pam Schilling, seconded by John Piper, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

Paid membership for the 2021 fiscal year now stands at 314!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Level:

Matt Skjonsby reported that two years ago, lake levels were almost a historic high with a level reading of 1277.28 on October 4, 2019. This year has been a very dry year with a low level reading of 1275.20 as of July 22, 2021, and readings show the lake level is 18 inches lower than July of 2019. Much of the loss of lake water is due to evaporation. There is a beaver dam near Azure Road (Old Highway 10) that is holding back flow of water out of Fish Trap Lake.

Water Quality/Secchi Disc Monitoring:

Due to low water levels, aquatic native vegetation has been topping out.

Dave Schleichert reported that secchi disc readings, which measures water clarity, showed 21 feet in the spring when water is most clear, and summer readings have been averaging about 15 feet of clarity. The MPCA website has full reports of secchi disc readings.

Fisheries:

The overall fish population is in good condition. Blue gill length on average is 6", and it is important to release fish larger than 8". Black crappies are averaging close to 10" with a healthy population of fish over 12".

Electrofishing was done last fall, and it revealed that walleyes 7"- 9" were in the lake, which could only be the result of natural reproduction since there was no walleye stocking last year. A gill net study is scheduled for August 23--27th, and also the DNR plans to do walleye electrofishing this fall. As usual the DNR will be doing ice-out netting to update population estimates.

Morrison County Land Use/Planning and Zoning:

The Pine Bluff Development Proposal (Weyerhaeuser properties) involves 259 natural pristine acres, including 3,000 feet of shoreline. Three large parcels have been sold that were part of the original proposal. A letter was read from the Weyerhaeuser family stating they propose to sell remaining large size parcels to families that will maintain the pristine beauty of the land. There are no plans to develop a marina, a campground or anything other than for personal use only. For questions and/or concerns with the sale of the property, contact their broker, Rob Birkeland, from Larson Group Real Estate. His phone number is 218-831-0788 and the e-mail address is Rob@lgkwpro.com Mike LeMeur, MC Commissioner, is another contact person for additional information.

Shoreline Restoration:

This program began four 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. Doug had a slide presentation showing three programs that are available to property owners.

1. The LAPOA will match funds up to \$500.00 when 75% of the shoreline has been restored to its natural state. For information on obtaining an application from the LAPOA, contact Doug Cook at douglascook@yahoo.com
 2. Steward Conservation Program requires an applicant to do a 10 question survey online before the project can be approved. It is sponsored by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. The link for this project will be posted on the Lake Alexander web site.
 3. Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) officials will come and look at the property owner's shoreline and give recommendations and options for erosion problems and restoration. Matching grant monies are available, and it may be obtained in addition to the LAPOA grant monies.
- DNR signs are available to property owners whose shoreline has been restored to its natural state, the purpose for the signs being to encourage neighbors to do the same in order to maintain a healthy lake.

NEW BUSINESS

Clean-Up Day-September 18, 2021:

The LAPOA is sponsoring a clean-up day, enabling local residents to dispose of unwanted possessions, including tires, furniture, mattresses, appliances and electronics. Flyers were handed out listing charges for items. The Scandia Valley Town Hall will be the site with hours from 8 AM to noon on Saturday, September 18th.

This will be available to all local residents; however, the Lake Association will pay the first \$10.00 for items brought in by members of the LAPOA whose dues are current.

Election of Board Members:

Chairman Dr. Faber announced that the Board received the resignation of Board Member Mark Schmitz due to leaving the area, and Jim McGonigle was appointed to fill out the two year term.

Matt Skjonsby, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, put the following names in nomination for Board Positions: Eugene Champeau, Darline Molde and Cade Roberts to serve a three year term. There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Pat Haggerty, seconded by Ken Shorter, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion carried.

A Thank You was extended to Dave Schleichert who is retiring after serving on the Board for 10 years.

VRBO:

Comments were made concerning the Vacation Rentals By Owners, several of which are located on the lake. If property owners have an issue or complaint, they should contact their Morrison County Commissioner to voice their concerns.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Cade Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10: 15 A.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Darline Molde, Secretary