

Lake Manitou Association

Minutes

June 15, 2017

President Tim Lowe called the meeting to order

Minutes – With no discussion requested, Cliff moved for approval with second by Shane. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Bonnie had forwarded a copy of the letter outlining the terms of a non-permanent fund for LMA to Board members. Mary Ellen suggested the letter needs to be signed and dated. When Bonnie has the signed letter, she will transfer \$50,000 to the non-perm fund and Abby will set up the link button on our website for donations.

Bonnie explained the Hardesty's invoice is higher than expected because the membership cards and envelopes were printed and inserted for renewal and we also printed more copies than before.

Bonnie has received 2 checks for \$30 for membership renewals and 1 for \$25. Our minimum membership is \$50. It was agreed she will call the check owners to ask if they want to add to their checks for a membership or would they like to just donate the amount of their checks.

Bonnie received an invoice from The Sentinel for \$319.18 for the membership ads. Gloria moved to approve the bill with a second from Kenny. Motion passed. Following these discussions, Abby moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by David. Motion approved.

Nominations / Annual Meeting – Mary Ellen announced list of current nominees. Abby stated she has received questions about proxy and absentee ballots. Our current bylaws do not allow this however we can consider a bylaw change for next year's annual meeting. Would need to be sent to all membership at least 30 days before next annual meeting and then voted on at the annual meeting.

Lisa Reffitt announced she will sell Lakefest raffle and dinner tickets at the annual meeting for those interested.

Buoys – Gary announced they now have 70 buoys out including 26 around the prairie. Abby noted the prairie buoys are still not being heeded. It was noted the southern point buoy of the prairie leaves almost no room for boats because of the proximity to the buoy at 200 ft protecting the shore. Gary asked Cliff if he would get him Jon Cook’s contact information to discuss if the DNR would allow the prairie buoy to be relocated.

Gary has 10 more information buoys to put out however they say “no boats” so he has ordered new stickers to say “no wake”. He hopes to have all buoys completed by end of next week. They have found cables rust off so they are changing to chains which will be more secure. It was noted boaters are dragging the round red buoys all over the lake at night. Let Gary know if you note misplaced buoys.

Membership/Fundraising – Bonnie reports there are currently 233 members with 10 of them being Diamond members.

Lisa Reffitt reported the Lakefest plans are moving along. Dinner tickets are \$25@ with a reservation for a table of 8 will be \$20. Sally & Johnnie will play music and handle the auction.

Bonnie reports the ski show will be July 1. Moose will be offering burgers and hot dogs for sale in addition to a raffle for a “ski bench”.

Ron Holcomb reported the Fishing Clinic only has 6 new kids signed up so far. We will announce it to the membership again and then they will open it to non-members kids.

Website/Newsletter – Abby reports the Website is live and running. She can upload now and while it still needs a little tweaking, it is getting to where she wants.

The newsletters are out and Abby will have extras at the Annual Meeting.

Plantings – Cliff reports Clarke has their first survey done and we may have the results by the annual meeting this Saturday. Kenny advised he sent the report from Indiana Clean Water to Clarke.

Dredging – Kenny reported the Site 2 & 4 agreement signed by Ray Dausman & Dennis Grossnickle as well as all Board members is waiting for the judge to sign. When that happens, he will contact Merrill Bros. to get started.

They are working on the verbiage for the LARE application including what the study will include.

Gary asked how LARE decides who gets how much. For example Bruce Lake got \$120,000 and we are being told we get \$7500. Kenny does not know the answer but he is now getting mixed signals on the original \$75,000 he was told we would get. Still trying to get an answer on what amount we have available. It was noted with the amount spent on Lake Manitou in last 10 years, there may be an inclination to help other lakes right now.

Tourism Board – Gloria said they have met and she is making sure the board understands that Lake Manitou is the crown jewel of Fulton County. Her original term was for 1 year but the Mayor has asked if she can stay on till December as representative of LMA. All agreed and thanked her for her willingness.

Tim adjourned the meeting