

LAKE MANITOU ASSOCIATION

APRIL 19 2018

MINUTES

President Tim Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Tim introduced guest speaker, Glen Jones of the Fulton County Soil & Water Conservation District. Glen explained the SWCD and LMA have a mutual interest. They agree that Lake Manitou is one of the greatest assets in Fulton County. It will be even better if we improve the water quality. SWCD received a Clean Water Indiana grant for \$55,500 to improve the water quality of Lake Manitou. The best thing we can all do to help the water quality is to control the water shed which is 28,000 acres feeding into Manitou. Glen stated better than trapping the sediment would be to stop it from ever getting to the Lake. One of their projects will be to send midsummer notes to those who plant within the water shed to get cover crops. SWCD will offer cost sharing of those crops of \$20/acre which will basically cover the cost.

Then hopefully in July we will hear favorable results on the LARE grant application.

Glen advised Mt. Zion and Millark are both almost full of sediment. He hopes dredging those areas could be done in the future.

Maxinkuckee Lake has a watershed about 1/3 the size of the Manitou watershed. Also, our depth is much less than theirs. Both things help Maxinkuckee remain a much cleaner lake.

Glen would like to spend time explaining some of this to all members who attend the Annual Meeting. He asked for 15 minutes on the agenda. Tim agreed.

Secretary Report - Minutes were distributed before the meeting for review. Cliff moved and Wayne seconded for approval. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report - Report was also passed out before the meeting for review. David H. moved and David H. seconded for approval. Motion passed.

Buoys - Gary reported the new lighted cylinder buoys (30) have arrived. Bryants are currently adding a weight to each buoy to help them stay put. Weights are being made at Rochester Cement Products.

The Prairie buoys will have solar lights on the top only. They will begin placing buoys as soon as the weather improves.

Events & Fundraising - Bonnie announced the Ski Show is set for June 30 at 3:00. She has acquired sponsors to cover the cost. Abby explained they are hoping to make this

a family event. They are working on concessions and maybe a band from 12:00 noon till 5:00 that day. Abby also announced that Rochester Homes has agreed to display their Firework show that evening. They will continue working on these plans. It was also noted they are working with the Moose to assure we get all funds for the day except for bar receipts.

On August 25, Abby is planning a party at the Moose. A Hog Roast with a band has been suggested. Since this will replace the Lakefest of past years, the raffle drawing will occur at this event. She also suggested we reduce the raffle prizes from \$15,000 to \$10,000. There may also be a Poker Run that day. They are calling this event the "Roast and Toast".

Abby announced the VFW fireworks for Rochester will be held on July 3 with a raindate of July 4 at the airport. Abby moved and Wayne seconded a motion that LMA donate \$2000 to the fireworks. Motion passed

Abby announced the Holcombs will chair the Youth Fishing Clinic again this year on July 21. More details will follow.

On June 9, 10:00 AM, Abby is planning a Nature Walk at the Judy Burton Preserve. That is the same day as the Moose Lodge opening of the lake.

Membership - Wayne announced there will be a change on membership levels for raffle tickets. This year will be: \$50 membership - 0 raffle tickets; \$100 membership - 2 raffle tickets; \$250 membership - 4 raffle tickets; \$500 membership - 6 raffle tickets.

It was also discussed that it was approved in 2016 to change the membership year to a calendar year however, it was not changed in the bylaws at the annual meeting. That change will be brought up for approval at the June 16 Annual Meeting.

Calendars - Abby announced Janet Holcomb is unable to chair the calendar contest this year due to personal commitments. No one else volunteered to take it on.

Website - Abby announced no one has been found to take it over. Kenny advised items of interest including the links to the videos he has been making are being added to the website. This is great so people understand where the money is going to and how valuable the work is.

Dredging - Kenny stated we are on track to start the Graham Ditch dredging this fall.

The LARE study for Rain Creek was discussed with the Board Members. It was previously emailed to all members. No comments were made. At this point, we will wait until the Soil & Water Conservation District's LARE study gets funded. We could possibly revisit the Rain Creek study.

Clarke - Cliff stated no new reports from Clarke yet this Spring.

Meeting was adjourned.