

The Lake Manitou Association met Thursday, 8-16-2018 at the Rochester City Hall.

President David Heyde called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asked for the Secretaries report of the last scheduled meeting. The report was read and approved followed by the Treasurers Report by Bonnie Moss. It too was read and approved.

Abby Renie reported on the upcoming event sponsored by the Lake Association which will include a Poker Run on the lake, a hog roast, a \$10,000 raffle, and other things all to be held at the Moose Lodge, Saturday August 25th. Tickets are available from Lake Association members.

Wayne Holleman reported the Association has over 300 members at this time and would like to see that number increase to 600 which is close to the number of residents on the lake. There was some discussion about how we can increase the membership and asked the Board to make suggestions how more people might be asked to join.

Kenny Anderson reported that the dredging on the final portion of Graham Ditch (White Creek) is scheduled for October and everything appears to be right on schedule. He suggested the Board consider the next projects which will be to address the growth of bad weeds in a couple of locations and the removal of a large rock on the southeast shore that is an obstruction to navigation. Kenny will check into the permitting on proposed cleanup of the lake and report at the September meeting.

Vice president Gary Bryant reported he and Brady Bryant have mapped the location of the buoys surrounding the Prairie for similar replacement next Spring. The Buoys delineate the Restricted area called the Prairie to prevent boat traffic from hurting the growth of good weeds by driving through that area. Gary will sell the old red buoys that were used before the new white and lighted buoys were purchased and installed. He noted that some residents have put some privately owned buoys in the lake, but the association and law enforcement can't attest to their location or accuracy.

President David Heyde stated he would like to see the Association organize a 5 year plan to guide the Association toward the future and set goals to work toward. Kenny Anderson stated that in conjunction to that master plan, he would like the board to make a Top 10 list of immediate and future goals that can be included in the master plan.

Jim Ewen reported that work toward filling the Race ditch is proceeding well and will meet with the Rochester City Council on August 28th. He reported having met with the Soil and Water Conservation District and the Farm Service Administration concerning the planting of Filter Strips and winter cover crops to prevent erosion and nutrients from entering the creeks that feed the lake. He also reported that Gail Karas, Fulton County 911 Coordinator, was receptive to extending 911 to Lake Manitou and suggested that it be considered a year round measure, that 911 can call a designated Association member to help in non-emergency calls requesting assistance. She asked to be notified when we can start.

The next Lake Manitou meeting will be September 20, 2018 at the City Hall, at 7:00PM. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend to provide valuable input to the Board. Visitors are also welcome and should consider a membership in the Association.

Jim Ewen, Secretary