

The July meeting of the Lake Manitou Association came to order at 7:00PM, July 19, 2018 at the Rochester City Hall. The first order of business was to elect officers for the coming fiscal year. They are as follows:

President: David Heyde

Vice President: Gary Bryant

Secretary: Jim Ewen

Treasurer: Bonnie Moss

Mary Ellen Lowe read the minutes of the last scheduled meeting which was the Lake Associations Annual Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

In the absence of Bonnie Moss, Abby Renie provided the Treasurers report in written form and is attached with this report. Wayne Holleman gave the membership report stating that 286 members have paid their dues showing income of \$37,350.00 The amount of money received for dues does not represent the yearly cost of membership since there are varying levels of membership. Abby stated she has recently received another 5 member's dues.

Kenny Anderson reported there has been good weed growth evident starting in the Northwest corner of the Prairie Restricted Area and hopefully it will spread to the remainder of the Prairie. Kenny announced the dredging of the remaining portion of Graham Ditch is slated for possibly some time in October to allow the farmers to harvest the crops before the spoil is deposited on their fields. He also advised that there is a world of information available on YouTube-Lake Manitou along with details and video of the projects that have been completed.

Abby Renie reported the Ski Show was a success and well attended and the Association, after expenses were totaled, showed around \$200.00 profit.

Mary Ellen Lowe announced that the annual Fishing Clinic is postponed one week until July 29th.

David Heyde commented after a presentation by Glen Jones at the annual Association meeting, the Association needs to work with the Soil and Water Conservation District and with area farmers in an attempt to receive cleaner water and more nutrient free water that enters into the Lake Manitou watershed. He stated the sediment ponds on Graham Ditch need to be monitored and the Association should consider a possible 5 year recurring project to clean the silt from them to maintain their effectiveness. That period could be shortened as a result of heavy rains bringing more silt into the ponds. There was a question from a member asking what LARE is. Kenny responded by stating LARE stands for Lake And River Enhancement and is the funding mechanism for projects like Lake Manitou and others throughout the state.

Jim Ewen announced he would like the Association to consider supporting a project to allow local contractors to dump clean fill in the Race ditch between Lakeshore Drive and Ewing Road to serve two purposes. One to lessen the danger of an open ditch near heavily traveled streets and the other to make a park-like atmosphere that can beautify one of the gateways into the Lake Manitou area. He will check on the possibility of that being accomplished. He would also like the Association to work with 911 for anyone caught on the lake after hours

with a motor problem and needing assistance such as being towed to shore or to provide assistance for other problems that might arise. Also, in response to someone at the Annual meeting saying that when she asked her neighbor to join the Association, the neighbor asked what the Association does for her, Jim would like the Association to assemble a packet or at least a letter, listing all the things the Association does and make it available to everyone who may have the same question. Finally, he would like to see the Association work hand in hand with area farmers, to explore the possibility of planting Filter strips and even explore planting cover crops to reduce erosion over the winter. Jim will report to the Board on these projects at the next meeting. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully,

Jim Ewen, Secy.