

The September meeting of the Lake Manitou Association was held September 20, 2018 at the Rochester City Hall. Vice-President Gary Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM starting with the reading of the minutes of the last scheduled meeting. The minutes were approved as read followed by the Treasurers report by Bonnie Moss.

A motion to change the Fiscal year of the Association from July 1st to June 30th yearly to January 1st to December 31st yearly was made by Bonnie Moss and seconded by Kenny Anderson. This would allow all bookkeeping and Tax work to coincide more with the IRS. This change will have to be presented by the Board to the General membership since it will require a By-Law change. Plans are to meet with the General Membership October 27th at 9:00AM at the Moose lodge to explain the reason for the change.

Kenny Anderson made a motion and Jim Ewen seconded the motion to adopt a Top 10 list of projects to outline work needed to be accomplished in the coming 5 years.

They are #1, Address weed control in the navigable areas where unwanted weeds are growing. Kenny and Cliff St. Martin have met with an Aquatic Weed Control company and started work toward pricing and scheduling. The Association will dedicate funding yearly toward controlling the weed situation.

#2 Complete work on a database of property owners and members showing locations and contact numbers. A motion to hire someone for this task was made by Kenny Anderson and Seconded by Greg Robinson.

#3 Proceed with the buoy program using the lighted buoys to delineate certain areas like the Prairie Restricted area and the No Wake zone around the shoreline. A yearly fund shall be set up to provide to the necessary repair and maintenance of the existing buoys and purchase of additional buoys.

#4 Provide monitoring and continuous funding to maintain the sediment containment structures on Graham Ditch that will allow sediment to be removed on an as needed basis.

#5 Work with the Soil and Water Conservation Department to study all the tributaries that ultimately empty into Lake Manitou and work to provide buffer strips to stop the erosion and sediment from reaching the lake.

#6 Finish dredging of the mouth of Graham Ditch and look at other areas that need dredging and the removal of large rocks that are a hazard to boat traffic.

#7 Determine what method can be used to provide for fund raising to accomplish these various needs. The biggest asset is our membership and we hope that increasing the membership to nearly every resident will greatly help with our needs.

#8 Set up on Quicken to better assist in bookkeeping and to better track expenses and future obligations.

#9 Develop a job description to hire someone on a part-time basis to accomplish the upcoming goals and events.

#10 Decide what we can pursue to meet additional objectives such as fill in the Mill Race, set up the Associations part in 911 for the lake, work on the Eco Zone transplant project, weed control equipment, Etc.

Wayne Holleman reported that at meeting time the Association has 345 members and he would love to see that number grow to 600 plus. All Board members agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with the notice that the next meeting will be October 18th with members and residents invited to attend.

Jim Ewen, Secretary