

Lake Manitou Association

Annual Meeting

June 19, 2021 Minutes

President David Heyde called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with 11 Board members and approximately 60 members present.

Meeting started with introduction of current Board members followed by an explanation of the election of new Board members and request for any nominations from the floor. With no additional nominations, the nominees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

LMA members were then asked to complete their ballots which were gathered by Cathy Simmons who asked Kathryn Rebber, a non-board member to assist her with counting votes.

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes – were read by Mary Ellen Lowe. With not additions or corrections, Kenny Anderson moved for approval with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Holleman. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report – Nikki McBee provided the financial report showing assets of \$365,272.60

Membership Report – Wayne Holleman reported we have 299 members year to date in addition to several memberships paid at beginning of this meeting. Last year there were 367 paid members so we are getting closer to meeting that number. Everyone present was encouraged to mention LMA to their neighbors and friends and suggest they join.

Aquatic Plant Report – Kenny Anderson reported that parts of the lake have been treated twice this year. He reported we are currently unable to get the weed packs we have had in years past. He recommended folks purchase them directly online. Some people in the channels have arranged for private treatment and that is allowed.

Dredging Report- Kenny Anderson reported there are 2 sites to be dredged that are funded by LMA. The focus has been to dredge to allow boats to get in and out of their pier area. The dredging will begin mid-July. Kenny is still working to get the DNR to permit dredging of Rain Creek. There was a question concerning the ditch across from Bryant's boating company. David Heyde advised he has talked with Seth White just yesterday and it is agreed that ditch is owned by the county and they will maintain it. Kenny also advised the group that in the first dredging, the old ice house, on the east side of the lake, which has caused so many props to be destroyed was dredged out.

Fish Study – David Heyde reported that late last year Hermann Bros. did an electrofishing study for us. The results were shared with the DNR who now want to do their own study. In May they

did a study of the large mouth bass population. This week they will test to determine all types and size of the fish in Manitou. They will then share their report with David Heyde.

Fulton County Conservation Officer John Cook spoke briefly about the recent boater education class sponsored by DNR in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited. Very successful. During a Q & A session, John explained that boaters should always be mindful of their neighbors, that anyone with an aeration system should know it must be 625 feet out and must be turned off from October thru March. The space between the buoys and shore is not for boating. Boaters are to idle out perpendicular to shore until they are outside of the buoys. John stated 3 rules for boaters: have their state sticker on correctly, have their lights on and boat outside the buoys, There was also discussion about cut-off lanyards. At this time they are only required on PWC. Concerning PWC John also cautioned that it is not safe to have a small child in front of you on a PWC. If you choose to do so, make sure the lanyard is on your wrist. There was a question concerning wakeboarding – yes you can wakeboard after dusk and you can go 10 miles per hour with lights on. Life vests must be worn.

David Heyde offered kudos to the city for fixing the city boat ramp by the dam landing so there is no drop off – it is now safe to use for boats.

Open Forum – It was asked if we have fewer buoys than previous years. Kenny explained that the lighted buoys are \$550 @ and that we place them as close as possible to guide boaters. There was praise for the lighted buoys. It was asked about the previous round orange buoys that were on the lake. It was explained and confirmed by John Cook that those buoys are not a legal buoy. While the DNR normally would not remove them from the lake, they could not actually be used in guiding boaters.

David Heyde announced the election results. The Board of Directors joining the returning Board in July 2021 are: Nick Bokan, Gary Bryant, Wayne Holleman, Joe Martin and Chris McGuire.

David Heyde thanked everyone for attending and reminded all that we will have Q & A meetings a few times each year and we will publicize those meetings. In the meantime, feel free to contact any Board member with questions or concerns.

Meeting adjourned.

Reminders:

July 3 Jake Dodd band concert at the Moose Lodge sponsored by Hearn Construction

July 24 Poker Run

August 28 Q & A /year end meeting/ Meet & Greet at Elks. Elks will have hamburgers and drinks