

August 2021 Minutes
Lake Manitou Association

Board members present: David Heyde, Mary Ellen Lowe, Kenny Anderson, Cathy Simmons, Nick Bokan, Greg Robison, Joe Martin, Abby Renie, Gary Bryant, Wayne Holleman, Chris McGuire

Guests present: Ray Dausman

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on 8/19/21 by President David Heyde.

Joe made a motion to approve July minutes. Wayne offered a second and motion passed.

Kenny made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Joe seconded and motion passed.

Dredging: Kenny reported SRS is currently onsite in area 10 doing some private property dredging in the channels. They should complete that by August 19. Complete 2021 dredging should be complete and equipment removed by the end of the following week.

Wayne announced current membership is 340 paid. As of 8/18/21 membership dues total \$86,550 for this year. That is the highest dues amount for this time of year that we are aware of. We agreed we will complete one more blitz to reach past members who have not paid this year. Abby will ask Jennifer about preparing a vetted list for us to use to make personal contacts. We will also announce a reminder at the 8/28 LMA Q & A. It was announced that several renewing members went with a \$50 donation rather than the minimum of \$100 dues. In the future we will enforce the \$100 dues as required to participate in the board elections.

Ditches: It was confirmed the Moore ditch is a county owned ditch. It needs to be cleaned and Gary will encourage the county to get that done.

Graham Ditch needs to be dredged also. Kenny will research costs and email the board members for approval when he has bids.

Aquatic Plants – Kenny reported the plant spraying is completed for the year. The last area in the cove by Dam Landing was just finished. They did report there is still a lot of eelgrass. Kenny suggested in the future we hire more frequent but smaller areas of treatment. David will work with Tom Bacula on the best way to handle the plant treatment schedule.

David and Kenny shared info about the field trip that some board members took to determine the need for more buoys to fill the needs reported by lake residents. We located 9 new locations that will be on the map for next spring. It was also reported that islands do have shorelines so buoys 200 ft off island shorelines are enforceable. Kenny advised there is no DNR funding available for buoy purchases. Cathy suggested we put used buoys still in stock out to supplement the official buoys in an attempt to emphasize the 200 ft mark. Gary said Brady will create and include a map of 2022 buoy locations in a future newsletter. Prairie buoys will

continue to have flashing lights. Anyone noticing broken or unworking lights should make Kenny aware. At this time the lights are approx. \$80@. A motion was made to spend up to \$5000 for addition perimeter buoys for next year. Moved by Joe and seconded by Cathy. Motion passed. Wayne also moved that we spend up to \$2000 for flashing red lights with a second by Joe. Motion passed with 2 nays noted.

LMA Endowed Funds (\$5000) Kathy has called the community foundation to get a meeting scheduled where we can market our fund. Giving Tuesday is the day after Thanksgiving and on that day, the foundation is giving us another \$5000 for matches of money donated to the LMA fund that day.

Fishery – No update from DNR to report as of today. They are working with David as LMA contact.

Open Forum: There will be a Polka Band performing on Admiral's Court on 8/28.

There will be a water quality test done in a couple of weeks. The report on the last test is still absent.

Kenny will call a meeting to brainstorm what our long term goals would be for the lake. David suggested that when an official meeting is called, we invite DNR and IDEM and Army Corp of Engineers to discuss ideas with us.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36

Event Reminders:

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