

July 2021 Minutes

Lake Manitou Association

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

Guests present: Jay Albright and Susan and Bill Morris and Ray Dausman

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM on 7/15/21 by President David Heyde, with all Directors present. David thanked the Simons' for allowing us last minute meeting space.

Kenny made a motion to approve June minutes. Wayne offered a second and motion passed.

Greg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Nick seconded and motion passed.

Election of officers was a short bit of business as Kenny made a motion to keep the slate of officers the same as the year just completed. Nick seconded. David asked if current officers are willing to serve again. With their agreement, the motion passed. President: David Heyde; Vice President Wayne Holleman; Secretary Mary Ellen Lowe; Treasurer Nickie McBee.

David mentioned a Thank You note was received from the local VFW in appreciation of LMA donation toward fireworks.

Wayne announced 9 additional memberships have come in for an additional \$2500 in dues. At this point, we have 336 members with dues totaling \$83,500.

Jay Albright, Director of Northern Indiana Community Foundation took the floor to announce NICF wants to create a new Endowment Fund for the LMA. It will begin with \$5000 seed money from the Foundation. This type of fund has shown substantial growth for other organizations and can do the same for LMA. Cathy, as a member of both NICF and LMA Boards, explained her non-participation in this decision as full disclosure. It was agreed to accept this Fund with gratitude. Kenny moved that we create a committee to maintain and promote this account and suggested Cathy chair this committee. Joe seconded motion and it passed.

Kenny announced dredging started this week. They have been hampered by heavy rains. They started with dredging some of the private areas which will allow them an area to place their barge. Max Bordon and Mike Gibson are Kenny's contacts for notifying the land owners in the dredging areas. It is up to these owners to handle the removal of their piers if they are having private dredging done.

Aquatic Plants – A report on 6/16 indicates the eelwood plant is flourishing around the dam area. Most other plants and weeds are gone. The second treatment is planned the week beginning July 19. As the second treatment, this should help control the weed growth.

Ray Dausman asked what the goal of aquatic treatment is and how we will know if we have been successful. Tier-2 testing by the State will guide us. David is working with DNR biologist Tom Bacula . He explained we are only treating 2 – 3 % of the lake which allows a natural balance which supports fish and wildlife. Our goal is to improve the lake for recreational and fishing use.

Buoys – some Board members have received calls from members requesting more buoys around the lake. It was reported there is concern for children swimming when boats have been inside the 200 ft area. Gary stated the lighted buoys cost \$400 @ and he will sell them to LMA at cost. Kenny will plan a boat ride for the Board next week to review the buoys situation.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38

Event Reminders:

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