

March 2021 Minutes

Lake Manitou Association

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President David Heyde with 9 Directors present.

David started the meeting by asking for Board agreement that Mary Ellen will cover for Jim Ewen until his return. Approved.

Minutes of last meeting were approved with motion by Kenny A. and second by Greg R. David explained about the Google Drive and reminded all that they can refer to it for minutes and other information pertaining to the Association.

Wayne H. reported membership is at 132 equaling \$27,750 as of 3/11/21. Agreed that is a great start but we must continue to encourage lake residents to join.

Cathy S. has suggested we look into a way for residents to contribute to lake projects, aside from membership dues. Kenny will check on FCCF rules for use of funds run through the foundation. Donations and membership dues to LMA are tax deductible and we need to publicize that fact. We need to continue to brainstorm on ideas for accepting donations.

Kenny updated us on the dredging project: Last fall 4 approved sites were completed. Dredging went very well and resulted in the waterways being improved. Unsure of total weight of material removed but Kenny assures us it was a lot. This year the plan is to complete sites 5 & 6 plus some private areas requested by residents. Kenny is working closely with the residents to advise them of the cost to them for the additional dredging. He also noted dredging may start in July on some of the private areas. Abby R. moved that we approve dredging on sites 5 & 6 not to exceed \$10,500 and that we allow private dredging that is allowed by the permit. Nick second and motion was approved. Kenny stated SRS dredging will handle personal dredging requested in areas 7, 8 & 10 and will bill the residents directly.

David reported he was contacted by the County Surveyor that the beaver dam under the Bessmore Rd bridge is still there. There was discussion on who would be responsible for paying for removal of the dam. It was agreed Fulton County will pay for the removal.

A proposed budget for 2021 was presented by David showing income and expenses expected for the year. The budget was discussed in detail with agreement that we must come up with some money making ideas to cover the proposed projects to improve the lake quality. Abby moved for approval of the budget as presented with Joe seconding. Budget was approved.

Kenny advised Aquatic Weed Control has applied for permits. They are waiting for state approval. In the meantime, letters have been sent to all in the channels advising of this intended project. LARE funding for the Tier 2 weed control has been denied.

It was announced David Howath of Ducks Unlimited will be hosting a Boater Safety Day on Saturday May 15. It will consist of 3 hours training/ lunch/ 3 hours of training. The event is no charge. LMA will help promote the event.

Gary announced the buoys will be placed by May. The DNR approved the size of the reduced area of the prairie and buoys will be set accordingly.

Meeting was adjourned 8:06PM