

May 2022 Minutes

Lake Manitou Association

Board members present at the May 19, 2022 meeting were Steve Hearn, Nickie McBee, Joe Martin, Nick Bokan, Gary Bryant, Mary Ellen Lowe, Wayne Holleman, Cathy Simmons (phone), Chris McGuire, and Greg Robinson

Vice-President Holleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Minutes were presented and approved following a motion by Steve which was seconded by Joe.

Treasurer report was discussed. Motion to accept was made by Cathy with a second by Steve. Motion passed.

Membership: Wayne reported as of today, we have 367 members for 2022 with dues of \$84,150. This is very good membership at this time of year. It is agreed the early billing letters have been successful. Wayne will send board members a list of past members not yet renewed for follow up and there will be a note in the May newsletter that dues must be paid before voting for board members at the annual meeting.

Aquatic Plants: (Kenny emailed his report to board members as he was not able to attend this evening.) Aquatic was wanting to treat areas 4 -3 and 10 last week. If you have been on the lake, areas 4 and 3 do not have weeds as of today and 10 is just starting to show where we dredged. South of area 10 which is close to impassable is loaded up with plants 50 offshore. Aquatic should be monitoring our permitted areas and as soon as the plants present themselves, we will treat them.

Buoys: (Kenny) Most buoys are in. In addition to the 9 extra we purchased we had 3 broken and 1 destroyed from last year. We had extra parts to salvage the 3 broken and we had a shell of another we used with some old parts to make a new one, so we dodged a bullet not having to purchase 4 to replace them. All will be in by the end of the week. Keep an eye out for any that do not light up at night and let me know. We checked the lights out before, but I think we might be needing to replace some batteries which I have in stock. Also getting some conversation on the red flashing lights. I think we need not jump to conclusions until the new wears off. My answer to those I talk to is if we don't want to enforce the prairie for its intended purposes, we should start the petition to remove it.

(Kenny follow up email:) All the buoys are in. We have one old buoy that is sinking, and Gary will get it out tomorrow. We have one more lighted buoy to replace it with and then we will be out. In looking at the placement of the new ones I would recommend we order two more, one to go over on the southwest coast and one for a replacement. I have used up most of my parts, but I do have 4 operational lights left. We will be monitoring the lights operation in the next couple weeks and anticipate having to use some of the lights in stock to replace some that may

be non-operational. Reminder I will not be there tonight so can we take a vote to order two more?

The Board discussed the red flashing lights on the prairie lights and a motion was made by Steve to first ask Gary to check the lights to see if they can be switched to standard non flashing and /or if they can be switched to white bulbs. Joe seconded and motion passed. Gary will let us know what he finds. Nick pointed out the red flashing lights in the middle of the lake may be a potential issue for the airport. He will check with the airport and report back to us. Steve made a motion that we order 2 additional buoys as Kenny suggested. Greg seconded the motion **which** passed. Gary will bill the buoys to LMA at his cost of \$405@.

Ramp Signs: (Kenny) Sign for the ramp just north of the Elks is ordered and should be installed by the first of June. They will inspect the other sign by lakeshore when they install the first one and let me know if they need to replace the panel or letters. I can get a cost to get approved at that time.

Endowment Fund: Cathy has almost everything in place for LMA to accept the Harley funds. Following contact with several past and present members, it has been determined that the LMA incorporation papers and seal are no longer available. A copy of the paperwork will be taken from the Indiana Secretary of State files and a new seal will be ordered. When all are received Cathy and David will complete the account and take receipt of the Harley donation to LMA.

Events – It was agreed the **Annual Meeting will be held June 18 at 9AM** and will last approval 1 hr. There will be a Q & A period during this meeting.

Following is a message from Kenny concerning events for this year: David, we decided not to do a meet and greet except at the annual meeting; we are doing a q and a at the elks in August. Everything on the newsletter.

Poker Run on July 30

Fall Q & A on August 27

Newsletter – Newsletter is almost ready and will go out within the week. Everyone should get scheduled dates or announcements to Kenny as he will coordinate the newsletter with Jennifer Wilcox. We will also remind everyone that dues must be paid before the Annual Meeting to be allowed to vote for new Board members.

Open Forum: Guests present were Mike Boyer who wanted to hear the Board discussion on the prairie red flashing lights and Phyllis Brown who shared that when her husband Jack passed, there were memorial contributions of approximately \$1000 donated to LMA in his name.

Steve noted that Kenny would like us to start a petition to do away with the prairie. One of the initial questions is if that will affect LMA receiving LARE grants. Could be a topic at the annual meeting.

Mary Ellen, Steve, Greg and Kenny terms will expire this year. They are all running for re-election. Kenny also reported he was asked by a person who does not live on the lake if she could run for the Board election. Kenny did not find anything in the by-laws one way or the other.

Steve moved for adjournment at approx. 7:30. Approved.

*The following item is carried over from March meeting and will be addressed at June meeting:

New Committee – David will set a meeting with the Corp of Engineers and IDEM. We hope we can work together to find ways to prevent sediment from running into the lake.