

Minutes of Lake Manitou Association Board Meeting 9/16/2021

Wayne Holleman called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Board members in attendance were: Chris McGuire, Kenny Anderson, Abbie Renie, Greg Robinson, Nick Bokan, Steve Hearn, Joe Martin, Cathy Simmons and Gary Bryant.

Minutes from the August meeting were provided prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Kenny Anderson to approve; seconded by Steve Hearn and approved by the board.

Treasurer Nicki McBee provided the updated financial reports in advance of the meeting. Kenny Anderson moved to accept; Greg Robinson seconded, and the reports were approved unanimously.

Wayne Holleman provided a membership report as of 9/16. We currently have 356 members, which is down 22 members from last year at this time. However, the membership income year to date is \$88,950, compared to \$82,930 for last year to date. Wayne will be assigning territories to specific board members in the coming week. Kenny Anderson suggested that we discuss how we can improve our membership drive in the future. Several suggestions presented included: sending invoices to all residents beginning in January, mailing personal letters to those who have never joined, and considering paid positions for recruiting membership. Abbie Renie suggested that a subcommittee review options, and a meeting was set for 9/27.

Kenny Anderson presented a report on the dredging projects. They are still working, but it is expected that the work will be completed in another week. LMA has not been billed yet, but he anticipates a bill to be submitted within 2-3 days of completed work. Approximately 13 residents participated in the private pay option to have their lakefronts dredged. There have been positive responses received from residents who live in the dredged areas. No problems have been reported. Kenny still needs to talk with a resident in the Graham Ditch area before that area is dredged.

A treatment update on the aquatic plant control was made by Kenny Anderson. \$15,516 was spent this year out of the \$17,000 budget. He recommended that next year more frequent treatments should be made in certain areas, especially near the dam, which experienced excessive floating and growth plants this season. More frequent and aggressive treatment is needed next year. Abbie Renie suggested that we review the budget and return to an allocation closer to the \$40,000 that was spent last year.

Gary Bryant will begin taking buoys out of the lake in the next few weeks. Since the storage area usually provided for the winter is not available this year, Gary is looking

for alternatives around the lake. Later this fall, he will order the nine new buoys approved at our August meeting.

Regarding the request from an island owner for the LMA to place some buoys around the island shoreline areas, Kenny Anderson recommended that it should remain the responsibility of the island owners. He believes it is possible for them to obtain buoys from the state. However, since LMA has some old buoys that are not being used, those will be made available to island owners for \$5 each., and owners will assume the responsibility for placing, removing and storing buoys.

There are no social events still on the calendar for the remainder of the calendar year. Plans will begin soon for the 2022 calendar.

Water testing occurred on two occasions, in three locations this year: the dam area, Graham Ditch and Rain Creek. Reports showed that phosphorus was higher going over the dam than what is coming into the lake. There was more e coli coming into the lake than going over the dam. The Soil and Water Conservation district has been doing testing in the lake for e coli. Kenny Anderson stated that we need to determine more direction on how to address these issues, so that action can be taken to obtain positive results, rather than a continuation to simply collect data.

The following topics were discussed during open forum:

A short discussion was held about signage at both lake landings. Some suggestions included adding information regarding ingress/egress laws and illegal cruising inside buoys; possibility of providing lighting for signs. Any suggestions should be directed to Kenny Anderson.

A date for the next newsletter needs to be set.

Nick Bokan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. It was seconded by Joe Martin and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,