

## November 2021 Minutes

### Lake Manitou Association

Board members present at the November 18, 2021 meeting were David Heyde, Steve Hearn, Nickie McBee, Joe Martin, Nick Bokan, Gary Bryant, Mary Ellen Lowe, Greg Robison, Wayne Holleman, Cathy Simmons, Chris McGuire, Kenny Anderson and Abby Renie

President Heyde called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

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

Treasurer report was discussed with agreement the Foundation Endowment funds will always be separate as will the funds donated "in memory of". Report was approved with a motion by Wayne and a second by Joe.

Wayne reported on the membership of 2021. As of 11/15/21 there are 371 paid members bringing in \$92,200 dues paid. It was noted the membership in 2020 was also 371. For 2022 there will be a specific newsletter for the purpose of membership notices. Jennifer Wilcox will mail the newsletter after Kenny creates it.

Aquatic Plants – No new areas suggested by Aquatic Plant Weed Control for treatment. Tom Baccula advised David the DNR is a little more receptive today on aquatic plant treatment. Most agreed there are several areas we have not treated that should be if the DNR will approve. Kenny will check to see if there is a cost per area approved for DNR permitting. In the meantime, following the meeting, anyone with suggested areas will mark the map for consideration when Kenny requests permitting.

Buoys – Gary stated the buoys are out and being stored at the Moose Lodge. New buoys are ordered. Gary also noted if there is a company or individual interested in taking over the placing and removing buoys, he would be happy to turn it over. For the record, at this time, we have 22 buoys for the prairie with a total of 64 buoys for the entire lake.

Endowment Fund – Cathy announced there have been 19 commitments of \$500 each. Only 8 have been turned in as of today. She will be sending reminder notes that Giving Tuesday is the 30<sup>th</sup> and the pledges must be turned in by then. It was noted that 2 of the pledges are non-lake residents and 2 are business pledges while the balance are LMA members.

Events – There are several ideas for 2022 but no definite plans at this time.

Newsletter – Kenny will handle a final 2021 newsletter before the end of the year. David agreed to assist him.

Open Issues – Ray Dausman is concerned about how the fishermen are being affected by the plant eradication. Ray believes that there are not many fish being caught in Manitou at this time. David responded – he has talked with the Bass Club and they feel the fishing is good and they are doing well. He also pointed out the lake is 700 acres and we have only worked on plant control in approx. 60 acres.

New Committee – David has been working with the Corp of Engineers and IDEM. He hopes to get a committee together to work with these organizations before the beginning of 2022. By working together it is hoped we will be able to do much more to keep Lake Manitou healthy.

Fishery – No update on this

Meeting – There will be no Board meeting until March 17, 2022 when we will meet again at the Moose Lodge