

Fall Meeting Minutes
Moose Lake Advancement Association
September 18, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Stone Bank School

1. Call meeting to order 6:35 pm. – Greg O’Hearn
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Roll call of Officers - All Officers and Board Members at Large present.
Minutes of previous meeting - from Spring. Motion to approve the minutes from Spring May 22, 2019, Minutes were voted on and approved.
The number of member-voters in attendance was 41.

3. Treasurer's Report – Sue Laabs YTD expenses. weed control was \$3,775.00. 70 total members. Membership is slightly down from last year. Currently have \$13,760.49 in the bank account. A question came up about doing the weed treatment every other year. This years weed treatment was not as successful as in years past. This will be addressed with the weed treatment company. People have noticed floating weeds with roots. Not sure if this is natural occurrence or someone is pulling weeds and not throwing them on the shoreline. Kevin Laabs believes it could be muskrats or a natural occurrence as the weeds are showing up on everyone’s shoreline.

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion approved.

4. President’s Report – Greg O’Hearn

Invasive weed treatment was not as successful. Mark Olson to follow up with the weed treatment company to find out why and what we can do different next year.

More communication will be posted on the website so gets to everyone. This will be the standard way to communicate. Emails and other forms of communication will continue to go out to do our best to communicate with as many people as possible, however the website will be the official communication.

Updating the Articles and Bylaws - ~~We are organized with the state of WI as a non profit but looking to be a 501-c3 with the IRS.~~ We are proposing changes to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to (1) eliminate inconsistencies between the two documents; (2) update both

documents to be in compliance with current state statutes; (3) update the Articles in accordance with IRS rules so we can apply for 501(c)(3) status.

High water issues. Completed the lake report and submitted to the county, DNR, and other appropriate parties. We had meetings with the county, and the county said they will help us go through the permitting process but will not pay. We also have further information from the DNR and they are requesting an alternative analysis report and a public hearing. To move this along we need to have another meeting with the DNR to define better what they are looking for in an alternative analysis report, understand what the public hearings entail, as well as determine how the grants work and who can apply for them and receive them. We need further research to determine the probable cost of the continued research, reports and project. Once this information is gathered a budget can be prepared and a funding mechanism can be created, if needed. In order to move this along we may need to spend some money.

Mr. Hulbert asked a question if the DNR would allow creating an outlet. There is feedback from the DNR that allows Moose Lake to pursue an outlet for the lake.

A question was asked if we have an easement. Currently we don't have an easement, but we also don't have enough information to pursue an easement yet. Further information is still being gathered before we can present something to the county or the town.

Dick Aaron would like to see more detail in the report and sent his comments to the board. Everyone agrees this is a complicated problem. He made his letter available to anyone who would like to read it.

A proposal was put forward to allow the board to spend up to \$2,000 without calling a special vote. The money is only to be used for the exploration of solving the high water issues. Motion was approved. 31 votes to approve, 10 votes disapprove. Motion approved. If any money is spent, the board will keep the receipts and detail of the expenses.

5. Reports of Committees

Mark Invasive weed treatment – Mark not present. Greg updated the members and the weed treatment was not as successful this year and we will look into that with the weed treatment company.

Jan Facebook – No update

Greg Website – The website will be the official form of communication for members

Sue Membership – Membership is at 70 members, slightly down from last year.

Charlie Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation

The Articles and Bylaws have been updated so they align with each other. It was determined we should amend the original articles of incorporation. We are non stock / not for profit. Various changes had been proposed and were posted on the website 10 days prior to the membership meeting. Motion to approve the updated Articles of Incorporation. Motioned and seconded ~~approved~~. Vote: unanimous approval.

Bylaws were updated. Changed a definition of a member to an entity that owns shoreline on the lake. One vote is allowed per membership. Every regular or special meeting will be posted 10 days before the meeting takes place on the website. Change to an annual group on a calendar year. A quorum was determined to be 30% of the members.

The membership added the following to the by-laws as Article One, Section 2:

Any person claiming an interest in the member entity may cast the vote of the member entity. Any dispute of that person's authority to cast the vote which is raised by any person claiming an interest in the member entity must be resolved outside of the Association before the disputed vote may be counted.

Motion to approve the amended Bylaws. Motioned and seconded ~~approved~~. Vote: unanimous approval.

Special Resolutions: 1) Officers elected in the Spring of 2020 will have their terms expire Dec 31, 2020; 2) Dues for Spring 2020 will cover the membership from Spring 2020 to Dec 31, 2020 and shall be \$30.

Motion to approve the resolutions. Motioned and seconded ~~approved~~. Vote: unanimous approval

6. Old Business

Another look at the minutes for Fall, 2018 no comments from the members present.

Memo from Mr. Hulbert stated he thought spring fed lakes cannot be drained. The DNR states Moose Lake has the right ability to pursue create an outlet for the lake.

7. New Business

Memo from Mr. Hulbert suggesting to create a committee to look into the enforcement of rules on the lake for speed boating and hours of use. A committee has been formed to explore this.

8. Adjournment – There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was approved at 8:05.