

Fall Meeting Minutes
Moose Lake Advancement Association
September 23, 2020
Stone Bank Community Park

1. Call meeting to order 6:30 pm – Greg O’Hearn
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Roll call of Officers – Kyle Strigenz

Present: Kyle Strigenz, Greg O’Hearn, Sue Laabs, Charlie Harkins, Yvonne Lindl, Dave Hartleip, Bob Mikulec, Gery Sawall Not present: Gerry Dolphin,

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting – Spring, 2020 Motion to approved and seconded. Voted unanimous approval.

4. Treasurer's Report – Sue Laabs

We have 74 members. The board is recommending dues stay constant at \$45. Motion to keep the dues at \$45. Motion to approve, seconded and voted approval.

Sue confirmed the 501(c)3 status was approved for the Moose Lake Advancement Association.

Motion to approve the treasure’s report, motion approved, seconded. Voted unanimous approval.

5. President’s Report – Greg O’Hearn

The lake property owner’s survey was conducted by an accounting firm which summarized the survey responses and sent to the Town of Merton board. 84% of lake property owners responded, and 80% of the respondents are in favor of solving the high water issue on the lake. 77% are willing to pay towards a fix. The Town would now like feedback from the DNR. The Town will contact the DNR for an assurance on the viability of any fix. The Town received a summary of the votes with all the comments.

A question was asked if the Town is willing to contribute any money. Greg’s response was, to his knowledge the Town is not willing to contribute any funds, this is why MLAA included a question in the survey around the willingness of the property owner to pay for a fix.

A question was asked if the residents should also put pressure on the Town to push this issue along or leave it up the Town board. Greg’s response was, if the Town drags their feet, then we can reinforce to the Town Board that we are constituents and put pressure on at that time.

Another question was asked, If the Town doesn’t have to come up with the money, why are they dragging their feet. Greg indicated he did not know.

There was a questions as to time frame are we looking for a response from the Town. Greg will follow-up with the Town in two weeks to see if they have a response. Will this be fixed in 2 summers? 5 summers? Greg said any project would need an engineer hired, with likely a public comment period and/or public hearing and an easement acquired. Greg feels the absolute earliest for a fix would be Fall, 2021.

Kevin Laabs had a suggestion to contact our local representative to help move the DNR along. Greg indicated that we had done this at the time the Lake Report was submitted to the County.

Benny Bryson posed the question if we ever determined why Moose Lake is so high. Others responded the answer is rain, and that over the last decade we have had more annual rain than normal.

As of today, the lake is 8" inches higher than the ordinary high-water mark

6. Reports of Committees

Invasive weed treatment 2020 – Mark Olson: June 23rd the treatment of the lake occurred. 4 acres were treated. This year's treatments were closer to the shore than in the past, mostly on the east and north side, to the southeast. The weed treatment was a success. Moving forward Kevin Laabs will take over the duties. Everything thanked Mark Olson for his years of work on the weed treatment.

Facebook – Jan Grimm: If anyone has any news, send to Jan and she will post.

Website – Greg O'Hearn: All information about the lake, minutes, etc are on the website. Mailings have been changed to be handled through Mail Chimp. Members will now be responsible for updating their own email address.

7. Old Business: The board received a letter from Ed Langer. In the letter Ed asserted individual members under the 1939 Articles of Incorporation and probably all residents and property owners within a mile of the lake should be included for any Article changes. The Articles state that MLAA members can amend the Articles and by-laws.

In the letter Ed Langer asserted the MLAA is not a Lake District. Greg indicated that is correct.

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In the letter Ed Langer asserted the MLAA cannot apply for financial support because it is not a Lake District. Greg indicated that we looked into DNR funding, and even if we were a Lake District, the likelihood of getting any grant was low based on DNR scoring system.

In the letter Ed Langer asserted the MLAA did not properly amend its by-laws. Greg indicated that he believes we did, however this still requires more board discussion.

Somebody asked if Mr. Langer is a member of the Association. Greg's response was, he is not currently a member.

8. New Business: A couple issues have come up with lighting on properties, everyone should be respectful about lighting on their property so it does not act like a flood light and disturb others, especially people across or on the.

There has been a request to form a committee for Canadian Geese. Gerry Dolphin has volunteered to head the committee. If anyone has a Geese problem or would like find out how they can help or participate on the committee, please reach out to Gerry Dolphin.

The Moose Lake Silent Sports Association has proposed amendments to lake ordinances to the Town Board. The MLAA intends to continue to focus on a fix to high water issues. The MLAA will also monitor the Town Board agenda for any items regarding lake ordinance changes.

Jan Grimm wanted to talk about the social activities. Is it important to the group and should we continue doing it moving forward? The consensus is, it is important and people in attendance feel we should keep doing it. Mark Olson volunteered to help out. Suzanne Keely also volunteered to help out. Several others spoke up and want social activities to continue. The boat float, Packer's party, ice fishing party, etc. It was noted that some activities will likely be limited due to the pandemic.

9. Election of Officers

- President: Greg O'Hearn
- Vice President: Charlie Harkins
- Treasurer: Sue Laabs
- Secretary: Kyle Strigenz
- Director: Dave Hartleip
- Director: Yvonne Lindl
- Director: Gerry Dolphin
- Director: Gery Sawall
- Director: Bob Mikulec

Greg noted the election today is for the MLAA board that will serve calendar year 2021, beginning January 1st. There was a motion and a second to elect the slate of 9 current board members. The vote was unanimous for the 9 board members listed.

There were 39 memberships represented at the meeting so there was a quorum. There were 51 people in attendance

10. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn, motion seconded and voted approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.