

Fall Meeting Minutes

Moose Lake Advancement Association

September 15, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Stone Bank Community Park

1. Meeting was called to order by President Greg O’Hearn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call of Officers: Greg O’Hearn, President; Charlie Harkins, VP; Sue Laabs, Treasurer; Dave Hartleip, Dir; Gerry Dolphin, Dir; Gery Sawall, Dir; Bob Mikulec, Dir in attendance. Kyle Strigenz, Secretary and Yvonne Lindl, Dir were out of town.
3. The MLAA June 1, 2021 membership meeting minutes were motioned (Gerry Dolphin), seconded (Tom Kielma) and approved by unanimous membership vote.
4. Sue Laabs presented the Treasurer's report. Highlights:
 - Membership numbers and dollars are up this year. 2020 was a transition year with \$30 dues to 2021 calendar year with \$45 dues.
 - Lake weed control expense down due to less treatment per DNR determination.
 - Had \$3,000 reimbursement of legal expense of Town of Merton regarding possible lake outlet.
 - End of the year expect disbursements will exceed receipts by several hundred dollars.

The Treasurer’s report was motioned, seconded, and voted approved by unanimous membership vote.

5. Greg O’Hearn provided the President’s report. Highlights:
 - The lake has obviously lowered due to the drought. The lower water elevation removed lake restrictions on the lake for the first time in many years. He reiterated the lake rules.
 - He received a letter from the Town of Merton Lake Patrol. If Lake Patrol not there to witness, the observer is to: Take photo of issue, get boat ID, write statement, and be willing to testify. Greg noted this was a high threshold, but apparently what is happening on other lakes.
 - There was a suggestion to invite the Lake Patrol person to the Spring meeting. Greg said he did invite that person to the Fall meeting but scheduling could not be arranged.
 - Greg noted the Town Attorney letter of May 28th to the MLA membership: *“The Town understands the high water level of the lake has been, and is continuing to be, an issue for residents and other stakeholders. However, the Town is not statutorily required to take any action regarding the high water level and it is the Town’s belief that it is not the best situated party to resolve this issue.”*

A June 25th Town Attorney letter to the DNR states: *“At this time, the Town does not propose to take any action regarding the high water level of the Lake, but in the event that the Town gets involved in the future, or assists the Association, the Town would like direction from the DNR as to what would be required to resolve this high lake level issue.”*

Response back from the DNR, then to Town Atty, then to Town, then to us to answer some questions was almost three months. Also new Town Atty and new DNR person involved.

- Bottom line, we still need to obtain an easement, either with the help of the Town or without their help in order to move forward. Have been talking to property owners.

There was some questions and discussions by members on technical issues regarding high water. There was discussion about what really was the Town's position on a lake outlet. Greg indicated it is hard to read the Town Board, except by their actions.

6. Reports of Committees

- Invasive weed treatment 2021 – Sue Laabs noted less treatment this year per DNR determination.
- Social Committee – Jan Grimm and Teresa Schmeling now co-chairs. Boat tie-up occurred with about 7 boats and 40 people. Movie night (outdoors) scheduled at Holahan's on Sept 25th.
- Facebook – Jan Grimm handles.
- Website – Greg O'Hearn handles. Note items in Lost & Found, also most agendas, minutes and some other letters and reports published.
- Canada Goose – Gerry Dolphin noted they only found one nest and need additional help finding nests next year.

Charlie Harkins suggested a new Welcoming Committee. Sue Keely and Mary Harkins volunteered to head.

7. Old Business - none

8. New Business

- Jerry Dolphin indicated he needs members to adopt a lake buoy and detach anchor and bring in buoy and store for winter and be willing to install in spring. Discussion on need for a few replacement buoys and who pays. Will check with Town of Merton and DNR.

9. Charlie Harkins received a motion and a second for the current slate of Officers and Directors. The slate of Officers and Directors was unanimously voted into office.

- 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

10. Adjournment – Motion, seconded and vote to adjourn at approximately 7:45 pm.