

Lake Manuka Board Association, Inc.
Annual Member Meeting
February 14, 2009
The Sugar Bowl
Gaylord, MI

Attendance: A quorum was established and a brief meeting was held. Board members in attendance were Bob Gurchiek, Ernie Bourdage, Deloris Studier, Chuck Winger, Kay Winger, Larry Patritto and Doug Weight

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Association President, Chuck Winger at 8:15 am. The minutes from the 2008 meeting were approved by motion.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed with a \$1000 correction noted from the Lake Study Account. Actual ending balance in the Lake study account is \$3945.28 vs. \$2945.28 as indicated in the report.

Old Business:

A mailing was completed by Chuck Winger with a survey regarding Weed Management.

The DNR performed a lake study through the fall which lasted 4 days including the netting of species for survey. The DNR report from the survey is pending in April. Species such as Crappie, Blue Gill were among the wildlife identified.

Members of the Lake Preservation Committee participated in the Michigan Lakes and Streams conference.

The Communications Committee reported and received feedback that the website is in need of updating. Chairman Drukker reported this will be addressed.

Results of the Weed Cutting Survey are as follows: 69 of 200 mailings were returned. 17 indicated no to weed cutting with the remainder in favor of the cutting.

Several incremental discussions were held regarding the Kolke Creek watershed issue and it was noted this was recently resolved in the court system. It is expected that no water, treated or otherwise from the Merit Energy production facility will be transferred into Kolke Creek.

The Preservation Committee requested advise with regard to visiting the Twin Lakes aeration equipment to understand the impact on muck levels. The board suggested there is still interest in the effectivity of this method.

New Business:

President Winger commented on the financial balance in the Board Account indicating that there are no planned expenditures of the funds. President Winger proposed that the Board extend the current membership from 2008 to 2009 without cost or fees. It was also suggested that a letter be distributed with this information, but also include an invitation to new members to join the Association for the 2008 fee of \$25.00.

President Winger's motion was countered by Doug Weight with a motion to reduce dues given the current account balance and sound fiscal management. An amount of \$10 was offered as a possible reduced fee. This amount was proposed in the form of a motion by Bob Gurchiek. Discussion was held on this motion regarding appropriate communication to the Association regarding general project status, safe boating and clean water practices and the results of the weed cutting vote. The motion was amended to reflect the above and passed by unanimous vote of the Board.

A date for the association members meeting was requested by President Winger. It was agreed that the Saturday, May 23 of Memorial Day weekend at 9:00 am should be the date of the meeting at the Hayes Township Hall.

A discussion was initiated by President Winger that the Board should actively communicate with the township to communicate the Association's negative view of the permissible extraction of water from Lake Manuka to support road construction activities. It was generally agreed that additional fact finding is necessary prior to this communication including an understanding of the government bodies or officials that authorize the practice.

President Winger concluded the meeting by thanking those in attendance for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Drukker
Secretary