

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
January 27th, 2018

Present: Bob Richter, Marcia Ellis (Skype), John Boersma, Jim Neubauer, Sharon Neubauer, Dan Buenz, Dominic Panico, Tim Wilson, 11:48 Joe Leary

Guest: Ray Howley

- I. Meeting was called to Order at 11:03 am.
- II. Minutes of the July 15, 2017 membership meeting and board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Sharon to approve minutes for both meetings and seconded by Dominic. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Financial Report presented by John. Income and expenses were reviewed. There was a balance of \$9,832.24 in the bank account. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Jim to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously. John reported that IRS N990 & state corporate annual report for non-profit organizations were filed.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Current **Membership** – John reported there were 159 members who paid dues in 2017. Seven of them did not pay full dues amount.
 - B. **Riparian issues** – Dan reported on information from the January 25th 2018 Hamilton Township ZBA and DEQ hearings related to the recent Marina Permit application. Dan invited our guest, Ray Howley to comment. Ray, who was the applicant, talked about his perception of the meeting. Dan reported the zoning board denied the 3 variance requests at issue and the DEQ decision is still pending. Dan gave a thorough summary of the committee’s work towards the LOWIA goal of assisting Hamilton and Decatur Townships in updating and making lake ordinances consistent.
- V. New Business
 - A. **Website** – Marci will continue with lake resident interviews if anyone is willing to be interviewed.
 - B. Report on **Lakes & Streams meeting** that Marcia, Dan, Dominic, Bob attended (MLAS). Dan reported there were 20+ lakes represented. Many of them discussed the same type of issues that we are experiencing (keyhole issues and weed control). Dom & Dan attended the MLSA regional mtg Oct. 4 in Lawrence. Starry stonewort and weed control was the main issue discussed. Run off of fields is largest contributor to weeds in lakes. Many solutions were discussed. Solution is multi-layered as not a single solution exists. There is need reduction of runoff, lake treatments (as we are doing) & oxygenators (with many caveats).

They purchased 2 books for the Lake Association to reference. We can check them out from Bob. After everyone has reviewed them they will end up in the Decatur Public Library for reference.

- C. **Dues** invoice needs to be sent out. There was discussion of continuing with the Riparian magazine subscription. Sharon made a motion to keep the dues at \$30 with an “opt out” check box if people do not want to receive the magazine. Seconded by Jim Neubauer. The motion was discussed. Motion passed unanimously.
 - D. John reported that 25 people used the website to make a **payment** with their credit cards. Marci was asked to look in to other options for payment such as Paypal and electronic checks.
 - E. **Bank signatures** – John Boersma & Bob Richter are still on file at Decatur bank
 - F. **PNA fishing club** again stocked 580 walleye in October 2017. Bob will work on a certificate for their club wall to thank them.
 - G. **PLM** told Bob that our lake has very little Eurasian milfoil, but we do have an enormous amount of Starry Stonewort. Next year they anticipate that the lake will need little in regards to milfoil and most of the focus will likely be on addressing Starry Stonewort. Treatments would need to be conducted every 2-3 weeks. Possibly using Komeeen Crystals for some of the high-density areas. Our contract with PLM was made in October of 2104 and will expire in 2019.
 - H. Sharon & Jim is working on **new member bags** and items. Currently members receive a welcome email when they join or renew membership.
 - I. **Picnic** reservation was made immediately after the July 2017 picnic and will be July 21, 2018.
The 4th of July **boat parade** will be on Wednesday, July 4. Jim will take charge of this event.
Sharon will have a **float** in the **4th of July parade** representing the Association.
 - J. Two **Board positions** will be open in 2018. Tim Wilson & Marcia Ellis.
 - K. **Budget** for 2017. There was discussion of line items. Regarding the budget line for water safety equipment: Two, “slow, no wake” signs should be replaced. Bob or Highs marine cannot find the exact sign. Bob will ask Roger Mattens or Wayne Potter if they might remember where these signs were purchased. A motion was made by Dominic to accept the budget with discussed changes. Motion was seconded by Dominic. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Bob will email us the date for our **next meeting** in the spring.

- VII. The **survey** that Hamilton township sent out with tax bills regarding lake ordinances was discussed. Bob reported there were some abnormalities noted in the handling of the results at the Hamilton Township office. Decatur township residents and parts of Hamilton township did not receive the survey. Dan stated that enforcement issues were never discussed in meetings previous to the survey, but there were questions regarding this issue in the survey. In all discussions at the meetings they attended conversation centered around complaint driven circumstances. We are now waiting for Hamilton township to move forward on the ordinances.
- VIII. John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim. We adjourned at 12:45pm.

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2018 BUDGET

DUES	\$4,500.00
RAFFLE	\$100.00
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$4,600.00
 ANNUAL PICNIC	 \$600.00
BOAT PARADE PRIZES	\$200.00
DECATUR TOWN FIREWORKS	\$500.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$1,000.00
MICHIGAN RIPARIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$2,100.00
MLSA	\$250.00
DUES	
OFFICE (PRINTING, STAMPS, INK, PAPER, LOW SIGNS)	\$400.00
PO BOX RENTAL	\$55.00
WTAER SFAETY EQUIPMENT	\$450.00
WEB SITE (DOMAIN NAME)	\$200.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$5,755.00