

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association

ANNUAL MEETING

July 17, 2021

Note: Location of the picnic was changed to the VFW pavilion due to flooding at Red Woolfe Park.

- I. Meeting was called to order by President Bob Richter at 12:30pm.
- II. Board members present: Bob Richter, Dan Buenz, Jim Neubauer, Marcia Ellis, Sharon Neubauer, Gregg Moss, Dominic Panico, Nick Virgilio
- III. There was no membership meeting last year due to Covid-19 restrictions. We did have board meetings and the minutes are posted on our website.
- IV. Financial Report from Gregg Moss, Treasurer (see below)
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership – Marcia Ellis, Sharon Neubauer
 - b. Water quality update – Bob read the report (see below) from Andy at Professional Lake Management.
 - c. July 4 boat parade – Bob reviewed winners which can be viewed on our website.
 - d. Riparian issues – Dan and Dominic discussed issues of “keyholes” which are still being reviewed by Hamilton Township. There has been little follow-through due to lack of staffing at EGLE. Bob May is the new enforcement officer for Hamilton Township. They defined the “grandfather” concept, stating if it was illegal at the time of grandfathering, it is still illegal and not acceptable to be considering for “grandfathering”.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Nominations for the Board of Directors – There are 6 positions open, three are 2 year terms and three are for 3 year terms
Nominations for the 2 year terms: Brian Rajzer, Marcia Ellis, Bob Richter
Nominations for the 3 year terms: Tom Connelly, Dawn Kortuma, Julie Nosal
 - b. Election of Board of Directors – All positions were unanimously filled.
- VII. Announcements
 - a. Due to an increase in the price of the Riparian magazine, it will no longer be included in our dues. We will put instructions for ordering the magazine on our website should members wish to order it for themselves.
 - b. We have with and gray long sleeve (\$15) and short sleeve (\$12) t-shirts available for sale. They have a LOW logo printed on them. We also have Youth shirts for \$10.
 - c. Thanks to Apollo Marine in Lawton, MI for gift certificates for the boat parade this year.
 - d. Thanks to Highs Marine for the use of their equipment and for storing and installing our lake buoys. Also for donating gift cards for raffle prizes. Highs Marine enjoyed a catered lunch from Hard Times restaurant this past week compliments of LOWIA as a thank you.
 - e. Thanks to John Neubauer and his son, John, for installing the buoys on the lake this spring. The two buoys by the launch ramp have been moved further out into the lake to where they used to be anchored. A reminder – do not use the buoys for an anchor.

- f. Reminder to friends and family that may use the lake, use a counter clockwise direction for all boat traffic on all inland lakes in Michigan.
 - g. Make sure to visit our LOWIA website for lake activities and water reports when available.
 - h. Thanks to all of our picnic workers.
 - i. Bill Kiss, an association board member for 11 years and past president, passed away in March.
 - j. Huge thanks to Dan Buenz for 17 years, Dominic Panico for 7 years, and Jim Neubauer for 11 years of service on our LOWIA board. We wish you well.
 - k. Jan Roeder discussed dumping sand along the shoreline. Bob has tried to contact Derek Haroldson at EGLE for information on this.
 - l. There was discussion of hours of boating operation by the campground. If anyone has a problem with the boats from the Greenwoods camp they should call Dayna Hardin to report the boat number and the date and time of the incident.
 - m. There was discussion about the tax assessments for the two camps. Roger Mattens advised that at the time the special assessment was drawn up it was negotiated that the campground would pay for 7 shares and Camp Greenwood would pay for 9 shares. (Each property owner pays one share.)
 - n. Bob discussed the young men who fell through the ice while fishing in a channel this past winter. He stressed the need to be thoroughly assessed by EMS after a cold water immersion.
 - o. There was discussion about boats that are tied together blocking access to docks. Everyone is reminded to practice courteous boating on the lake.
- VIII. Motion to adjourn carried at 1:12pm.

Members present:

Tim & Kim Boonstra
Dan & Julene Buenz
Tom & Chris Connelly
Clem & Geri Dauskurda
Don & Karolyn Drenth
Marcia Ellis & Roy Pearson
Florence Erickson
Timothy & Mary Grant
Sheri Graziano
Denny & Diana Hamood
James Henk, Linda & Kevin Coogan
Amanda & Paul Howard
Ray & Tamara Howley
Chris Karolewski
Kelly Kenny (+2)
Alex Kotlarz
Roger Mattens
Bill & Pat Neubauer

John & Sharon Neubauer
Jim Neubauer & Mary Grose
Paul O'Donnell
Dominic & Laurel Panico
Wayne & Marcia Potter
Brian & Danielle Smith
Robert & Janet Richter
Janet Roeder
Nick Virgilio
Ed & Julie Wainwright
John & Audrey Witvoet
50 members

Report from Professional Lake Management

- 1). Eurasian watermilfoil is under control and not causing issues in the lake
- 2). Starry stonewort growth is in full swing as is typical mid to late summer. Originally we had LOW on the schedule for this week but am pushing it to next week. The reason is that we made a special trip for the critical fish spawning areas. Legally we can only treat every two weeks for Starry stonewort so bumping treatment a week allows us to get the whole lake back on one schedule. We plan on tightening up the treatments for a 6 week period so that we can make headway on "burning down" the starry stonewort. Basically being out every two weeks. Fortunately, there are no restrictions with the treatment.

No reports on 2021 water quality yet since we typically wait until all the data is in before we complete the reports. We did sample for E. coli last week and things were good. All 3 samples were less than 10cfu. We did the camp beach, the public beach and the north shore.

Really that is all I have in terms of updates. If you have any specific concerns, please let me know.

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June 30, 2021 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 1-1- 2021
\$10,277.13

Printing, Stamps & Office Supplies	\$183.93
Riparian Magazines	\$1,134.00
P.O Box Expense	\$56.00
Michigan Lake and Streams 2020 dues	\$170.00
Auto-Owners Commerical Liab. Insurance	\$268.00

Total Expenses **\$1,811.93**

2020 Membership Dues
\$2,180.00

2020 Membership Dues Electronically
\$465.32

Total Deposits **\$2,645.32**

Ending Balance 6-30-2021 **\$11,110.52**