

Lake of the Woods Improvement Association, Inc.

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

July 16th, 2022

I. Meeting was called to order by the Board President, Bob Richter.

II. Roll Call of Board Members present: Bob Richter, Marcia Ellis, Sharon Neubauer, Greg Moss, Nick Virgilio, Julie Nosal.

Absent: Dawn Kortum, Tom Connelly, Brian Rajzer

For list of members attending see below.

III. Bob mistakenly announced that we did not have a member mtg in 2021, we did, and the minutes of that 2021 member mtg are posted on our website. We did have board meetings via Zoom throughout the 2021-2022 year and those also are posted on our website.

IV. Greg Moss gave a financial report. There is a bank balance of \$12,554.81. Currently there are outstanding bills for the picnic (catered) and the MLSA corporate dues.

V. Committee Reports

A. Membership – Greg reported that, including those who signed up today, we have 105 members. This number is down 20 members from last year's total membership.

B. Water Quality Update – Bob read the email from PLM:

The only update of real importance is that, now that July 1st has come, we will be treating more frequently for starry stonewort. A new condition on our permits is that we cannot address it until July 1st, which does create some issues for many lake residents (not just Lake of the Woods residents). We did get a two day allowance on Lake of the Woods to be able to treat the last 2 days in June but it was like pulling teeth. We will try to be out every 2.5 weeks to try to get ahead of it.

C. 4th of July Boat Parade: Thanks to Jim Rau at Apollo Marine in Lawton for supplying all the boat parade prizes. Bob thanked Nick Virgilio & family for being the Grand Marshal this year. We did not have a judge on the longer part of the big channel so we apologize for not bringing the boats past the houses on that end. We promise that will not happen again! Thanks to the following families that

were our judges, Malberg, Neubauer, Reynolds, Panico, Iwan, and Buenz. We had a wonderful evening with 9 boats participating.

1st place, Kay Reynolds and family, with a Back to the 80's theme including a Rubiks cube on their pontoon bimini.

2nd place, the Richter family, who were RDTRPN back to Woodstock in their VW pontoon, and included two little ones with bell bottom outfits, daisies and peace signs. They even had SCHLITZ adult beverages, and there was a sign saying 687miles to Yagurs farm. (Woodstock!!)

3rd place, the Boonstra family, with Space Jam theme.

4th place, the Schultz family, with a Splish Splash theme, with everyone looking like they just got out of a shower!

Then we had the Younker family with Cheeseburger in Paradise, Paul and Amanda Howard with a Jurassic park theme. (I'm betting that Paul lost 10 pounds wearing that dinosaur suit the whole parade!) Then we had Dave with a cow on the roof, the Morgan family with a USA theme pulling an eagle float, and finally Brian Blackman with a boat decorated in USA theme.

D. Riparian issues, we have posted on our website exactly where the access areas are located on the lake.

VI. New Business.

There were 5 nominations for the Board of Directors for 3 open positions. All are three-year terms. Nick Virgilio, Greg Moss, Sharon Neubauer, Mike Lyons and Kim Boonstra, all of whom were nominated and seconded and voted upon.

Election results were incumbents Greg Moss, Nick Virgilio and member Mike Lyons were elected for a three-year term.

VII. Announcements

The Van Buren County Marine officers were asked to attend today to explain rules and regulations on the lake and answer any questions. However, they did not show up.

If you see anything of a concern with the kids campground ie, boats and such, remember the date, time, and color of boat and we will talk to Dayna at the campground.

Don't forget that if you still wish to receive the Riparian magazine, there is a link on our website to subscribe to it.

We have T-shirts for sale. \$12.00 for the short sleeve and \$15.00 for the long sleeve. Also kids and youth shirts for \$10.00.

Thanks to Highs Marine for the use of their equipment for installing our buoys and for storing our lake buoys.

Thanks to John Neubauer, John's neighbor Larry, and Jim Neubauer for installing the buoys on the lake this spring. The two buoys by the launch ramp have been moved further out into the lake where they used to be anchored. A reminder: do not use the buoys for an anchor. We have a request in with the town of Decatur that another shallow area buoy be placed by the island on the lake.

Reminder to friends and family that might use the lake, all inland lakes in Michigan, including ours, are a counter clockwise direction for boat traffic. If you VRBO your house, please let the renters know of this regulation.

Make sure to visit our website blog page for what's happening on the lake and water reports when available. <https://www.lakeofthewoodsmi.org/whats-happening-on-the-lake-blog>

Swim rafts do not require reflectors.

There was a request to move the shallow area buoy further away from the island due to shallowness of the water.

There was a request to have mute swans removed from the lake. Bob will contact the DNR.

Stocking of the lake. Bob received the following email from the DNR.

We stocked walleyes in Lake of the Woods in 2021. The fish were delivered in two batches. On October 7, 2021, we stocked 479 fish that averaged 5.91 inches. On October 13, 2021, we stocked 931 fish that averaged 7.05 inches. The next walleye stocking likely will occur in 2023.

Thanks to all the picnic workers.

50/50 prize award in the amount of \$71 went to Kim Boonstra.

Member concerns were the following:

Some groups that are anchoring on the south side of the lake have been seen sinking their glass beer bottles in the water. Please be respectful of our lake and do not continue doing this.

People have sand brought in, have it dumped on the shoreline, and it gets into the water...which you are not supposed to do. You need a permit to do this.

Michigan has a noise ordinance: Fireworks must be not set off after 11:45 p.m., except for Dec. 31, Jan 1st, which is 1 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

Members that were in attendance

RSVP:

Dan & Julene Buenz

Bob & Janet Richter

Dominic & Laurel Panico

John & Sharon Neubauer

Ray & Tamara Howley

Roy Pearson & Marcia Ellis

Roger & Carol Mattens

Julie Nosal

Wayne & Marsha Potter

Greg & Sylvia Moss

Nick Virgilio

Jan Roeder

Tim & Kim Boonstra

Bill & Vicki Mach

Clarence & Helen Koy

Brian & Grace McDonough

Joe & Chris Karolewski

Paul & Amanda Howard

Joe Panice

Alex Kotlarz

Sherri Graziano

Clem & Gerry Dauskurdas

Others:

Janice Malburg

Cindy Richardson

Diane Chaddock & John Fannin

Danielle & Brian Smith

Chris Czopek

Joan & Brownie Grosvenor

Paul Rossi & Libbey VanWhy

Respectfully submitted:

Recording Secretary, Marcia Ellis