

Minutes – Lake Minnewawa Association – April 8TH 2017 Board Meeting

Board Members Present – meeting called to order at 9:15 AM

Dale Kratochwill - President	Greg Pfeifer	Barb Bass – Absent
Chuck Munson – Vice President	John Montour	Jerry Bass - Excused
Robbie Danko - Treasurer	Dan Westberg	Sue Reinhart – Excused
Dave Warwick - Secretary		Sue Westberg - Excused

Treasures Report – Robbie D.

- Checking Balance \$6,129.31
- Money Market Fund \$5,062.69
- Bank CD \$5,899.09
- Year To Date Total Expenses \$21,002.72
- Year To Date Total Income \$2.21
- 2016 Summary
- Give To The Max program netted ~\$3000 income – lots of little gifts with one large donation.

Harvesting – John M.

- Driveshaft for conveyor #1 is being replaced by Aquarius. Parts are being sent under warranty; should be ready by the start of the season
- Dale to advertise for harvester machine operator and truck driver in local papers through the month of April – 8 hr shifts (7-3)
- Dale will also try Craig's List – free; targeting the Duluth and Brainerd areas - it may not bring anything in but is worth a try
- Minimum age limit for operators is 18 years old but over 21 is preferred.

Fish Stocking – Greg P.

- In the future, we may need to underwrite walleye stocking program; must work through the DNR so that the DNR is included in the research.
- Stocking will not be done in 2019 to give the DNR a chance to see if natural reproduction is taking hold.
- They are definitely stocking 2017 and 2018 pending budget cuts.
- Greg will create a write-up on fisheries update for the spring newsletter.
- DNR (Rick) would like to see a pan fish limit.
- Ask Rick if he would be willing to come to a special event to talk about fishing / fish stocking.

Old Business

- Service door on the LMA garage to be replaced. Also, the lock box will be changed or upgraded. Dan Westberg will donate a new electronic lock that uses a keypad. He recommended a schlage deadbolt.



- Bad septic system has been reported by a full time resident on the lake. Aitkin County is the branch of local government that needs to resolve the issue. Dave will ask the resident involved to take the lead by taking water samples that demonstrate that there is a problem. The neighbors around him don't want to get involved. LMA and Dave Warwick (board member) has put in some effort but the resident that brought up the problem in the first place NEEDS to get involved.
- Truck and trailer insurance – If we are going to suspend road coverage on the truck, someone needs to remember to put it back on. This has been a problem in the past. It is a max additional \$320 just to leave it on year round. Started for the year now but the board needs to discuss this again at the October meeting to decide whether to suspend the insurance in the fall.
- Window stickers for members – keep the stickers and make them available to people at events rather than mailing them out.
- Chuck provided LMA letterhead with envelopes – consumed and will not replace. Will just use MS word and labels
- Dave Warwick has been getting familiar with Skype determined that it is possible to do multi-party teleconferences for times when the board may not be able to convene a quorum or when a special meeting is required for an issue that cannot wait until a regular board meeting. Dave will have detailed instructions to review by the next board meeting.
- Jobs list – Dale reviewed the Jobs list and tried to put names in for people to head up each task. If no one can be found for a particular task, Dale recommends that the board considers eliminating the task until a lead person can be found to head it up.
- Need to increase volunteers for the board. People on the lake need to understand that the LMA may cease to exist if more people do not get involved. The time may be over for soft requests.

New Business

2017 Budget – see attached

- Robbie increased the administrative budget to \$1900 (to cover normal expenditures).
- Proposed eliminating lawn care at the LMA barn but no discussion or decision was made.
- Add \$3500 for AIS to cover possible matching dollars from a grant for boat landing inspections.
- Taxes due \$380 / year – Robbie will pay in full for the year.
- Electric Utility Bill budget reduced from \$600 to \$550.
- Fuel for harvester operations– \$1400 to anticipate that there will be more active this year.
- Web site is \$400 – e-commerce app for the web site is \$10/ month was canceled for the winter but will be restarted for May.
- Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Association is an origination involved with legislation and lobbying and should be supported; \$150 / yr to belong; the board voted to rejoin with one no vote; the budget to dues and subscriptions will be increased to \$200 to cover that cost.
- Loan – budget was amended to reflect the actual loan amount. Goal is to complete paying off the harvester machine loan by the end of the year.

- Robbie proposed that we should we create a separate account for the capital fund for harvester maintenance. Some discussion but the decision was to move ahead with the creation of the extra account to keep funds separate from the general budget. Robbie will do it and come up with a creative account name.
- LID may give some extra money toward retiring the loan on the harvester if it is available later in the year.

AIS Monitoring Program

- Sue Westberg has indicated that she is willing to take the lead on AIS issue for another year.
- Dale sent in a grant application to Aitkin co. asking for more hrs. for boat launch inspections – no response yet.
- Need to encourage people to spend time at the landing during weekend inspection hours and log the hours with LMA so that we can have a record 'In-Kind Hours' spent by LMA.
- MN DNR is started a grant program which Sue applied for last year but which we were not selected for. Application needs to be in by April 24. LMA would split the cost of \$24 / hr. Recommendation to apply to staff the landing for 17 weekends from fishing opener to labor day; motion to apply and incur the cost of \$1632 for the year for 8 hr / weekend. The board voted unanimously to re-apply and allocate money in the budget to cover the hrs.
- Dale got an email from an organization that will locate and file for grants for the LMA. The board voted not to pursue it at this time but to ask about what type of grants they would expect to find and what the fees were. Dale will ask and will report back to the board next month.
- Placemats will be done again this year if awarded grant funds from Aitkin County.
- Dale will apply to the DNR for new signs, which are free to LMA, however, mounting hardware and posts must be purchased by LMA. New Signs to be located at various landing location on lake.
- Dale suggested that the meeting next month will be May 6th to avoid the fishing opener. Several said that they would check their calendars contact Dale if there would be a problem.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Submitted:

Dave Warwick

LMA Secretary