



July 26, 2024

Call to Order and Welcome: President, Mark Fouts

Present ✓

President Mark Fouts ✓	Director Wayne Breitenfeldt ✓
Vice President John Kurhajec	Director Cheryl Breitenfeldt. ✓
Treasurer Lori Hubers ✓	Director Joe Hubers ✓
Secretary Patti Hooser	Director Larry Duffee ✓
Webmaster Mike Wallner ✓	Director Jeff Rappold ✓
Welcome Committee Deb Fouts ✓	

Call to Order 9:00AM

- **Approval of Minutes** from March 23, 2024 - Motion made and approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 7/1/24:

\$ 6,989.35 Checking
 \$ 3,200.43 Savings
 \$51,132.97 Money Market balance
\$26,672.21 Lake Improvement Fund
 \$87,994.96 Total of ALL Accounts

Motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer's report

Aquatic Vegetation Situation:

What plants are now present? No EWM observed - lots of new plants.

Continue Volunteer Monitoring - bi-weekly checks, no need to log hours.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster (Mike Wallner): Should we make updates? Currently the website contains outdated information that will need to be reviewed and updated or removed. What we currently use is not a good tool and will cost ~\$500 to update and maintain. Bill Murray has offered to update/maintain this website however there will be a price for keeping this database live, approximately \$287 every two years. Discussion had regarding how the website can be for historical lake information, and possibly links to pertinent DNR data. First issue to solve, is this database necessary?

Website Research Review Committee: Small group, Mike Wallner, Cheryl Breitenfeldt, Mark Fouts, has been formed to meet and discuss next steps. Jeff will put some pertinent questions together for this committee to use while researching the Lakes best fit for housing/repository of all the historical data, which is currently stored in several places. The need to purchase cloud storage was discussed. Mark will contact Mike and Cheryl to review the website options and next steps.

Suggested to ask attendees at Annual Meeting **who has looked at this website?** Also planning to send out a survey, via email, to Lake Residents asking questions: 1. DO WE NEED a Website, Facebook, Cloud storage to communicate and hold data? MLA Dropbox as a shared storage, can be free or up to \$50/person for a yearly subscription.

MLA Facebook page, which has many files and good information for all to access, has/is being updated by Cheryl. She stated approximately 100 people use Facebook. That is a platform where current needs, activities, updates, etc. can be shared and available for all to see.

Boat Landing (John Kurhajec - Mark Fouts reported on John's behalf):

Signage: Mark advised the painted signage on blacktop is fading. Fouts' will purchase paint take care of repainting this signage.

Camera: Jeff and Mark have discussed boat landing usage and boat cleaning via camera to show use of new signs/CBCW tools provided for those using boats in our Lake. Having cameras would allow us to see who actually clean their boats and abide by the CBCW rules. A few residents have cleaned out the pail, which has been used as a garbage receptacle for cans, bottles, dead minnows, etc. not for its intended use. No enforcement with using cameras, and a simple sign to notify those using our landing would be "Smile You're on Camera", depending on legality. Jeff is investigating what would work best for our situation and will share his findings at the next BOD meeting.

Social Committee (Bonnie Duffee): Refreshments for the annual meeting will be provided at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 10th, at the St. Germain large pavilion picnic shelter. **NEEDED...** new Social Committee Chairman as Bonnie will be stepping down; however, she will continue to help this committee as needed.

Sunshine Committee (Bonnie Duffee): Get Well cards have been sent to the following: Maureen Kurhajec

Aerator Report (Joe Hubers): This was a strange year with the weather affecting the ice.

Posts/Rope - perimeter rope needs to be replaced - request for new rope and a new spool not to exceed \$200 has been approved.

New augers will be purchased. Last 2023 BOD meeting we approved an expenditure of no more than \$350 to purchase 2 new hand drills, bits and 2 lithium batteries. These tools make installing the posts much easier and less time consuming.

Sponsors - two people sponsored the aerator this season with only one paying for their sponsorship.

Water Quality (Jeff Rappold): Ten-year trend is about the same historically. Water clarity is status quo. Members can access the link to the Citizen Lake Monitoring Report to read details, reference handout for more details. Jeff has provided the WDNR CLMN water data, reference following link for more details.

<https://dnr-wisconsin.shinyapps.io/WaterExplorer/?stationid=643137>

Fishery (Wayne Breitenfeldt): Discussion was held about the over-harvesting of fish this winter (i.e. Ice Junkies). Appears the fish are moving from "regular" spots, and fish seem smaller and less in number versus last year's history. Perch are lacking and are appearing in different areas of the lake and not schooled up. Wayne stated that the crappies didn't spawn this year. A pan fish survey to be done in 2025.

Welcome Committee (Deb Fouts): Last Welcome packet was mailed 1/7/24. Two new property owners will receive welcome packets 7/26/24, hand-delivered by Lori Hubers: Quincy & Nicole Carolan @ 2066 Wilderness Trail, and Michael Johnson @ 2170 Musky Dam Lane. Lori stated that since it's EOJuly she will invoice them in November when she sends her annual dues invoices to all residents.

Membership & Dues: There are 119 lake owners. 106 people paid dues, 15 people paid nothing. 103 owners paid more than the dues amount. Additional monies received will be applied to the Lake Improvement Fund. We'll be reducing the request for lake improvements by 50% again for the Lake Improvements Fund. Mark will get costs from Joe Palardy for costs of aerator, invasive weed harvesting, water quality, etc. to prove it's necessary to have monies in the coffers for any upcoming fixes or incidentals.

Old Business:

Dam: Joe Hubers and Mark Fouts checked the level of the lake and confirmed elevation is correct. According to the Core of Engineers specs reflect the water level is good. Jeff has provided the USGS flow at MLA dam link, reference following link for more details.

<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/05390680/#parameterCode=00060&showMedian=true&startDT=2024-05-01&endDT=2024-07-25>

New Business:

Annual Meeting (Agenda, handouts, speaker, etc): Will be held Saturday, August 10, at 9:00 AM at the large pavilion in St. Germain Park.

Our DNR lake biologist has been contacted to provide a program at this meeting. He has requested a table and outlet for his presentation.

HANDOUTS for Annual Mtg:

- Larry will have laminated 11x17 Lake Maps to hand out to all residents attending this meeting. Come to the meeting and get your updated laminated map! Mark approved reimbursing Gary Carlson ~\$60 for updating lake map and getting a copy to Larry to reproduce and laminate.
- Jeff will provide 8x10 Lake Maps and Identified Aquatic Plants from our lake plants laminated sheets with weed pictures and descriptions as identifiers for all to know what they're seeing in our lake.
- Cheryl will bring weeds brochures so they're available to take.

BOD Elections:

We have to hold elections at Annual Meeting on August 10, 2024. All have agreed to stay on the BOD for one more year. Need to solicit new members at the Annual meeting.

Adjourned 10:19 AM

Respectfully submitted

Deb Fouts on behalf of Patti Hooser, MLA Secretary