



August 10, 2024 MLA Annual Meeting

**Call to Order and Welcome: Vice President, John Kurhajec**

**Call to Order 9:05 AM**

BOD Present: John Kurhajec, Lori Hubers, Wayne Breitenfeldt, Cheryl Breitenfeldt, Larry Duffee, Joe Hubers, Jeff Rappold

42 total in attendance.

**Guest Presentation:** Eric Wegleitner, Wisconsin DNR Fisheries biologist in Vilas County presented information on the stocking history of Muskellunge Lake from 1933. He then detailed the process of surveys of our fishery and how the population is estimated. He described fish stocking efforts and the balance between natural reproduction and stocking. Eric indicated that Muskellunge Lake is on the plans to have a detailed survey of panfish in 2025.

**Approval of Minutes** from August, 2023. Motion made and approved.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

Savings amount to date: \$3,200

Balance in checking is: \$3,989

Lake Improvement Fund: \$26,672

Money mkt: \$51,152

Total: \$87,994

We have rebuilt the savings for the next big expense, so we are reducing the requested amount for the Lake Improvement Fund to \$50. Out of 119 properties, 106 are paid members, and 103 paid dues and lake improvement funds.

Motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer's report

**Lake Management plan:** There are six major goals of the LMP. EWM control and active monitoring are well underway. There is still much work to be done on Water Quality, Fishery, Shorelines and Protected Land Use. The 2022 plan can be found at [www.muskellungelake.org](http://www.muskellungelake.org) We are entering our third year with no EWM found! Yay!

**Lake Courtesy:** A laminated reminder was distributed to attendees about being considerate as we all share this neighborhood. A reminder was given to be careful when boating in shallow water, as sediment can be stirred up that puts nutrients/fertilizer back into the water column. A laminated handout of the aquatic plants that are regularly found here was distributed. If you see an unusual plant in the lake, please bring this to the board's

attention. Quick Prevention is key if something is discovered.

**Grants CBCW:** All grants are now closed and all outstanding expenses have been paid. Monitoring and preventing new introduction of invasives is more important than ever. Training for CBCW inspections can be done online at any time on the Vilas County website. Remind your visitors and guests about the importance of cleaning their boat before entering our lake and again when leaving. Also, Wake boats are not allowed in this township.

**Website:** Our website built in 2012 is now in need of some updates. A few key questions were asked of those attending. Have you used it in the past several years? Did you find what you were looking for? The responses were mixed as expected, and this information will be shared with the committee. Facebook is now used as our primary means of communication. An email survey about the website will be sent in the future so all can comment.

**Boat Landing:** There is new signage at the landing. Without asking MLA, Vilas Forestry expanded the parking lot at the landing. The QR code for boat landing fees goes entirely to Vilas County.

**Aerator:** We are again adding some new rope and new drills for installing the posts. We also have a new power outage monitor. The plan is to install the fence on January 4, 2025.

**Dam:** We surveyed the outlet dam elevations and compared this to the historic established benchmark. The numbers show the elevation of the dam and spillway are exactly where the original 1993 documents indicated they should be.

**Social/Sunshine:** The social committee is looking for a new chairperson. If you are interested, contact Bonnie. The winter social was a success, with 57 people in attendance and \$1,400 raised for MLA. Four new property owners are enjoying their time on the lake.

**Election of Officers:** All of the current officers and BOD members are willing to stay on for another term. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept their reelection to their position.

The coveted MLA mug was won by new owners Gill and Ann Johnson.

Adjourned 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted

Patti Hooser

MLA Secretary