

Muskellunge Lake Association, Inc.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE – Mark Fouts, mark@markfouts.com 715-828-2127

Hello MLA friends,

We hope that this newsletter finds you all well. As I write this welcome note, there is a thin layer of ice surfacing on the lake.

In this newsletter, you will find several updates regarding what the committees have been doing to keep things running smoothly on your lake.

Please note that on your invoices this year, we have set the Lake Improvement Fund Levy at \$100, half of what it has been the last two years. Although we have dealt with the EWM problem successfully, we know the odds are in favor of it returning. As stated at the annual meeting, we have moved into a solid prevention mode with a focus on education again.

As a reminder, we have the aerator sponsorship program available again this year. The sponsorship for the electricity for the three months' use is around \$1100. Last year we had three generous contributors that each took one month of invoices. THAT WAS AWESOME!

Please contact a board member if you are willing to sponsor.

Thanks for everything that you all do to keep our lake great.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lori Hubers, Wilderness3hb@aol.com 920-738-7049

Description	Amount
48-month CD	-
Current checking balance	2,074.10
Allocated to Lake Improvement	11,045.57
Current savings balance	3,194.43
Money Market balance	50,291.64
Total of all accounts as of 11/16/23	66,605.74
Lake Owners Paying Dues	104



WELCOME COMMITTEE – Deb Fouts,

Since our last meeting, May 31, 2022, the following three new property owners;

1. Klika's place on Evergreen was sold to :
Jeffrey Bohlman of Wisconsin Rapids
2. Larson place on Balsam was sold to :
Brian and Andrea Sasman of Kronenwetter
3. Saller place on Evergreen was sold to
Paul and Karen Fahrenkrug of West Bend

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Bonnie Duffee larrnbonn@gmail.com 715-477-0792

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Cards sent since the last newsletter:

- Get Well card to Joe Hubers after his shoulder surgery (sent 7-28-23)
- Get Well card to Bob Sambs after his hospitalization (sent 8-16-23)
- Sympathy card sent to the Johnson Family on the passing of Linda Kay Johnson (sent 8-15-23)
- Sympathy card sent to Mark and Deb Fouts on the death of Mark's Mom (sent 8-20-23)
- Get Well card sent to Kurt Dressnadt after he suffered a torn Achilles tendon (sent 9-7-23)
- Sympathy card sent to Jeff and Jean Rappold on the death of their mother,
- Evora Rappold (sent 10-5-23)

Please remember to give me a call or send an email if you feel I should send a card to someone.
Thank you.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Bonnie Duffee larrnbonn@gmail.com 715-477-0792 with Cheryl Breitenfeldt and Peggy Dosemagen.

We are planning our Annual MLA Winter Social. The date we have picked is February 3, 2024. We will be going back to the VFW this year. We have always had good food and a wonderful time there and it helps support our Veterans.

We always appreciate donations of baskets for our raffle. Last year we had some beautiful basket arrangements. We will be sending out more information in late December or early January.

We look forward to seeing everyone then.

WEBMASTER – Mike Wallner, mikewallner@hotmail.com 715-423-1673

Updated as needed.

FACEBOOK - Cheryl Breitenfeldt, breitenfeldts@gmail.com

Updated as needed.



BOAT LANDING – John Kurhajec, jwk42247@gmail.com 715-479-1703

A big thank you to Mike Wallner, Joe Hubers and Mark Fouts for all the design and installation work on the new signage at the boat landing. It is truly a work of art. It is our hope that the sign and the tools attached will encourage visitors to our lake to clear their boats and trailers of any invasives.

Once again, I would encourage members of the MLA and any lake residents to take the required DNR sponsored course to become certified to inspect boats next spring and summer. The required course is now available on line making the process much easier. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact John Kurhajec at 262.930.0368.

FISHERIES – Wayne Breitenfeldt, breitenfeldtw@gmail.com 920-684-5459

In September, 2023, the DNR stocked 67 large fingerling muskies in our lake. These are usually about 9 to 13 inches in length. Please handle them with care while releasing them if you happen to catch one.

AERATOR – Joe Hubers, jozo49@aol.com 920-850-8733

Change made to the phone services. Ended business with Frontier which was costing 300.00 per year. Now using I-Socket with a 200.00 initial hookup fee and a monthly fee of 4.98 vs 30.00. Total yearly fee for I-Socket is 59.00.

Rope used around open aerator water was a tangled mess when pulled from the water in Spring. It was approved for Joe to purchase 650' of new rope for this year's project. 2024 aerator fence install will be Saturday, January 6, 2024. Volunteers are needed to help with the installation and attend the chili feed following. Let Joe Hubers know if you can help or having any questions.

In the past, fencing has been put up to keep snowmobiles from coming onto the lake through the aerator driveway used to set up the aerator. It will be discussed if we need to install again this year.

Joe and Mark have installed the heat tape in the pipe for the winter.

American Family dropped our insurance policy in September for the aerator shed, new insurance was purchased through Klinner Insurance.

WATER QUALITY – Jeff Rappold, musky.board@gmail.com 920-585-9133

An interesting year as we review our water quality testing data. We had a very late ice out this spring and this actually led to exceptional water clarity through most of June. We then expected to see significant weed growth due to this clarity. While we did enjoy this clear water, the usual algae induced loss of clarity was back by mid-August. Remember, Phosphorous is the primary nutrient in our lake. Limit fertilizer and be aware of runoff from your property. Minimize stirring up the bottom when boating in shallow water. These all impact clarity but they also remix the nutrients back into the lake.

Your MLA has been formally reporting water quality data since before 1990. While we all tend to reflect on a snapshot in time, reviewing the data over time is important. The WDNR has created a new water quality reporting tool that shows all of our data over time. It might be worth a look. Linked here.



<https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/waterquality/Station.aspx?id=643137> Open the “Water Explorer” tool and you’ll be able to graphically see all the data we have collected over time.

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL – Jeff Rappold, musky.board@gmail.com 920-585-9133

As we reported earlier, a group of MLA volunteers were on the lake on Sept 9 completing another Point Intercept study. We go to several hundred predefined GPS points, drag a rake, and catalog the aquatic plants we find there. The good news is, for the second summer we could find no EWM. We have battled this invader beginning in 2016. While we can enjoy our success, our attention to invasives impacting our lake is far from done. We must shift our efforts to prevention and ongoing regular monitoring. We need your help as many lakes around us now have invasive issues. Remind your guests of their responsibility. They will find new signage and tools at the landing. Please volunteer some of your time at the landing doing CBCW education for visitors. Training can now be done online making participation easier than ever.

CALENDAR and SPECIAL EVENTS

1. January 6, 2024 - Aerator Installation
2. February 3, 2024 - Winter Social

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