

LMSA Annual Membership Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the LMSA Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Mike Becraft. Mike welcomed the group and thanked those that braved the weather to attend. He announced Jim Dixon's 94th birthday.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by Sandy Alinder. Carolyn Becraft made a motion to approve, seconded by Birch Burdick. Approved as distributed. Sandy will transition out of the Secretary position this year. She will assist a new volunteer.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Ann Bond reported on the Financial Report available to all members. She related that \$24 of every membership fee goes toward annual expenses. The remaining \$11 per member is set aside for future needs. The report was approved by members.

Becker County Update

John Okeson spoke of planned construction on Highway 59 from County 20 (Fair Hills Road) to Willow Street. There will be detours on County 17. Becker County is constructing a new \$22 million jail-set to open in December. Other projects include the airport expansion and resurface work on County 22. The Strata gravel pit was voted down for expansion. On Winter Patrol issues, he reported a few break-ins early on Sallie. The majority of the winter was spent contacting owners about open doors.

Lakeview Township Update

Phil Hansen spoke on behalf of our other two Supervisors: Ken Shroyer and Bill Jordan. Phil discussed Clean-up Week and the yard waste sites. He answered questions and reminded members that stumps and logs (over 4 inches) are not allowed. Lakes Shipping in town will take Styrofoam. The Township has installed cameras and the Sheriff is contacted if there are concerns. A speed sign will be moving around the lakes this summer. Contact Phil if you would like the sign near your property. He also talked about the major expenses that tax dollars support—including roads, fire protection, property assessor, clean up week, and elections. He invited members to join the monthly Township meetings.

Pelican River Watershed District Update

Brent Alcott provided handouts with information about our lakes. They will be focusing on the effects of zebra mussels and the water clarity, nutrients in water. Reported on treatments for curly-leaf pondweed and flowering rush treatments. He discussed a cost share program available to help homeowners purchase plants to protect water quality. He answered questions from members about snails, roadside pickup and reduction in clams.

Activities Chair- Carolyn Becraft

Carolyn talked about the strength of the Association depends on having volunteers. She thanked the volunteers. New clothing is available for purchase. The lending library is full and she thanked Mary Mahoney for the children's books. The boat parade will be clockwise this year. Head judges for the boat parade are being selected and awards will be given out. The office also has tram passes available for purchase for \$100/season. She thanked John Okeson for his work getting the tram open. She introduced Judy Hatlie, who gave an update on the Home Tour for 2018. Tickets are \$20 and available at the office, from committee members, and at LakeGirl. Carolyn distributed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to indicate when they can help.

President's Updates-Mike Becraft

- Mike reported that the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge is looking for volunteers.
- DNR Launch sites-At the Beach Captain's meeting, there was concern for the condition of the access sites. Mike contacted Dave Schotzko, head of DNR Parks and Trails in Bemidji, who came and did a site visit. As a result, both Sallie and Melissa had work done to improve the sites.
- Lake Sallie Fishing Pier-Mike was contacted by the Lakes Melissa and Sallie Walleye Foundation about repairing the fishing pier. There were flyers distributed this Spring. Currently, they have raised approximately \$13,000 in private donations. The County and DNR have applied for grants to cover the remaining funds needed. The LMSA will hold any action until grant application process is completed.
- **Buoys:** Mike obtained the permits from the Sheriff's Office. The buoys are in place on Melissa.
- **Food Pantry Drive, Labor Day-**Donations continue to increase (3600 pounds in 2017). Mike will again work with the Becker County Food Pantry to have the truck at the Office.
- **Lake Signs-**working on a few with peeling paint.
- **Shoreham Memorial Garden-**need volunteers to assist with maintaining. (Note: Judy Knudsvig and Kathy Mohn volunteered after the meeting).
- **AIS Report-**Mike talked about the Becker County AIS Coordinator declining funding from both the Township and Association this year. They have money for the inspectors that they have been able to hire. He talked about Starry Stonewort, an invasive plant in seven Minnesota lakes north of our area. It regrows into mats that can impede boat traffic at launch sites. There was a conference organized by Becker County COLA and the Pelican River Watershed District last week. The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) is part of the University of Minnesota. It is the only research center of this kind in the country. Mike reported that the Board and the Beach Captains felt the \$2000 allocated for AIS efforts should go to the MAISRC for 2018. He asked for a motion for \$2000 to donate to MAISRC. Moved by Rick Michaelson, Seconded by Mary Ann Bond. Motion approved by members.

Vice President's Update-Susan Roberts

- **New and Old Beach Captains:** We have vacancies on both lakes for Beach Captains. We also have new beach captains. She will be working with the Head Beach Captains to move the signs to keep current.

Database Update-Wanda Roden

Wanda is working on a new electronic data base through Member Planet. She will need email addresses to invite people to join. On this new data base, members can add information to their own profile and change demographics. She assured members that only she and Hans Tronnes have access to emails on the site. We will have the option to pay dues on-line in the future.

Open Discussion

Website: Phil Hansen tried to contact someone through the website and did not get a response. We will be updating the website this year.

Detroit Country Club- Bruce Meyer spoke on behalf of the restaurant. Hours are expanded.

Boat Parade photographs-available for purchase.

Elections-Mike called for election of Beach Captains. There were 2 new additions and previous captains were re-elected as listed in the packet. The Beach Captains elected the 2018 Officers

President-Mike Becraft

Vice President-Susan Roberts

Secretary-Sandy Alinder

Treasurer/Asst Treasurer-Jim Bond and Kristine Christensen

Adjournment

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1115am

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Sandy Alinder

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