

## Lakes Melissa-Sallie Annual Meeting June 19, 2021

**Meeting was called to order by President Mike Becraft** with a welcome to all attendees, a thank you to all who supported the Molly Ridge endeavor and a moment of remembrance for lake residents who passed away this past year, including: Shirley Meyer, Lucy Randgaard, Beverly Tyson Woodward Thompson, Connie ReneeThortsen Cook, Jane Conmy Reff, Elizabeth Ristvedt Albright, and Jocelyn Burdick.

**No Secretary's Report** available for 2019 meeting (no meeting in 2020)

**Treasurer's Report by Jim Bond.** Our association is in good financial shape with around \$114,000 balance. Dues payments have been great. Jim fielded questions on why the bank fees were high and what WCI (West Central Initiative) was and why. Report approved.

**Becker County Update by Commissioner John Okeson.** Offices are open and available after COVID. Update on road projects: County 22 and 17 will begin; West Lake Drive has been postponed. Other projects: 6.4 million Becker County Museum has begun, and the project is still in need of donations; 22 million airport expansion is completed; in-progress is the 11 million public works. As with many businesses the County struggles with staffing. They are looking for an additional Tram operator. Questions about truck noise at the round about by the golf course; low flying small plane noise and that something needs to be done to make the Washington Avenue round abouts more visible.

**Lake View Update by Chairman Phil Hansen.** Compost areas are orderly and neat. Roadside seaweed pick-up is Memorial Day through the first Tuesday of October...can only be seaweed, please keep sticks and garbage out of the pile or it will not be picked up. Driveways need to have a culvert installed. Road work on Fern Beach Drive will begin next year and coincide with the County's work on 22. Discussion on width of road, bike paths, property right of ways etc. If work is done on Fern Beach Boulevard and Resort Road it will be property owner cost shared. Sealcoating will be done on North Melissa Drive, Dakota, Fairhaven, East Fox, and Barnes. A request for the township to take over the care and maintenance of Pizza Master's Park. Phil is going to work with the County Park and Rec and seek out donations for upgrading the playground equipment.

**Buck's Mills update by Dr. Nick Kludt/DNR.** Buck's Mills is an aging piece of infrastructure owned by the DNR Fisheries. Constructed in the 1930's it holds much history and memories, however; now is the time to plan and act to upgrade this area. As it sits, right now, it is an ecological barrier to fish populations and a safety risk. It is proposed to reconstruct this area like the Dunton Lock's area and several other areas around the state. Nick will host tours of Buck's Mills for those interested. He answered many questions including: will lake levels be affected (No); will allowing carp passage damage the lakes (unlikely), and questions about sturgeon breeding and populations.

**Pelican River Water shed update by Administrator Tera Guetter.** The Watershed has a great new website [www.prwd.org](http://www.prwd.org) This website holds a wealth of information. Please use it. Tera reminded attendees that the Watershed is a local agency by the people for the people. Office is open and available for everyone. Tera touched on invasive species, water treatments, lake monitoring and that this Watershed won an award for the treatment of Flowering Rush. She encouraged anyone with questions/concerns to please contact them.

**Activities Report by Carolyn Becraft.** Office will be opened/a volunteer signup sheet was passed around. There is new clothing arriving. The lending library is up and running. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade will be counterclockwise this year. The office has Tram passes for sale.

**Home Tour Update by Judy Hatlie.** Home Tour will be in 2022. Judy listed three homes on Sallie and two on Melissa with a third home she is hoping to secure. They will need hostesses at each home on the tour.

**AIS Report by Gordy Knudsvig.** Gordy praised the work of the University of MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center and the Pelican Watershed. Updated attendees on treatment, invasive species control and more invasive species to watch for.

**Head Beach Captain's Report by Rick Michaelson.** Things are running smoothly; thanks for prompt dues payments.

**President's Update by Mike Becraft.** Information was given on volunteer opportunities at Tamarac Wildlife Refuge and with Let's Go Fishing. Buoys are out on Melissa, the Food Panty Drive, in the fall, will be monetary donations again. Please be considerate of your neighbors when putting in boat houses, screen porches etc. We all enjoy a view of the lake. Motion was made by Jim Bond and seconded by Dave Anderson to increase our donation to MN Aquatic Invasive Research Center to \$3000. Approved. Beach signs need work. Motion made by Jim Bond and seconded by Hans Tronnes to approve a budget of up to \$6,000. Approved. A push to recruit new/younger members to the board. We do currently have Kristine Christensen replacing Jim Bond as Treasurer; Mary Rotter replacing Sandy Alinder as Secretary, Roger Demers will replace Wanda Roden as Data Base Chair. Mike Becraft will finish out his term this year as President and Susan Roberts as VP. Replacements for these offices will be needed. Your consideration is appreciated!

### **Introduction of new Beach Captains**

**Data Base update by Wanda Roden.** A huge thank you for updating your emails, addresses etc. Everything is looking great! Thank you for paying dues!

**Country Club Bar/Restaurant Remodel update by Bruce Meyer.** Come enjoy the new remodel! Great menu-great food-great atmosphere!

**Open Discussion. Adjourned at 12:15**

**Post Meeting Election of Executive Board and Beach Captains**