

MCLA MINUTES JANUARY 23, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Jerry Corfman at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Wilke Lake, Carstens Lake, Pigeon Lake, Cedar Lake, Harpts Lake, Hartlaub Lake, Spring Lake, Schuh Lake, Tuma Lake and Lake Michigan.

Minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's report: Jerry Corfman reported that we have \$10,162.22 in the treasury with a major claim to be made with the close out of phase II AIS grant.

Membership: 2013 we had 10 organizational members down one with the closing of the Pigeon Lake Sportsman club. However the club made a donation of \$500 from their dissolving of the club. Jerry reported we have 75 individual members the most in our organizations history.

Jerry reported on the coordination meeting with DNR and MCLA representatives. A summary of the minutes were mailed to the lake representatives. **John Durbrow who was in attendance questioned why Glomski was selected for citizen monitoring funding?**

Matt Ratzczak, from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) reported on the Carstens Lake pilot field tile repair project that has been developed through the urging of MCLA. Farm field tiles that have blow out or holes to the surface because of system failure cause sediment and runoff to enter the tile system and transport runoff that can outlet in our stream, channels and lakes. Crop Consultants employed by the producers will map and inventory the cropland in the watershed for the blow out sites this spring to later develop a cost estimate for the project.

The goal is to have the landowners enrolled for the project by March. An NRCS engineer is also available to look at the tile systems design to identify changes of the system that may need to be made to prevent re-occurring blow outs.

A date in February is currently being explored to meet and plan the project details before the project can be applied to other parts of the State.

Water testing grant with DNR and Manitowoc Fish & Game is exhausted. MCLA would like to as a minimum do sampling on targeted lakes within 2 weeks of ice out. It was suggested that the \$500 Pigeon lake donation could be applied to the sampling costs.

Letter of Support: a letter of support was approved for the City of Kiel's Lake Planning Grant application to develop a management plan for the Kiel Pond. Jerry Corfman will send out this letter of support

Tom Ward reported on the results of the 2013 boat inspections. The number of people and boats inspected this past year were significantly up. There are is a significant number of boaters that have never have been shown how to inspect their boats. 2014 will be the last year of a 3 year grant sponsored by Glacierland RC&D to hire paid boat inspectors. Two inspectors worked in Manitowoc, Calumet and Kewaunee County this year.

Questions from the audience for future meetings:

- When will donation tubes be placed at the remaining lakes? Jerry C. will try to obtain answer from Adam Backus for next meeting
- Can a breakdown of proceeds by boat landing be provided to MCLA for 2013? Jerry C. will try to obtain answer from Adam Backus for next meeting
- Cedar Lake is having problem pulling their weed harvester out at the boat launch do to power loading. Which lakes are up for repairs in 2014?

Lake Reports:

Cedar: the Coast Guard will be providing Life jackets for usage at the boat launch this summer. Cedar Lake thru the County Soil & Water Conservation Dept. approached a landowner whose cropland drains into the lake to see if they would install a sediment basin. The property owner said no way but would be willing to keep the land in hay cover. Recliner chair races will be held this Sunday January 26th on the ice. Teams of 3 people compete by pushing the recliner on skies in competition. 2000 walleye were planted this past month in Cedar, sponsored by Kiel Fish & Game, Cedar Lake Resort, Walleyes Forever, Manitowoc Fish and Game and the Cedar Lake Improvement Association. 2,000 perch were planted this past spring.

Pigeon Lake: Pigeon Lake will be holding an Ice Golf event on Sunday February 9th @ noon. The event is sponsored by Autumn Ridge Golf Course with donations to the Pigeon Lake Association.

Carstens Lake: Ice fishermen are hitting the lake hard this month with over 16 vehicles in the parking lot the last two weekends. Oxygen levels are holding well this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27th. This was later revised to April 3rd at 6:30 PM.