



# MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

***“The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes and watersheds for the benefit of all.”***

MCLA Board Meeting of May 3, 2015

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In attendance: John Durbrow, Jerry Korfman, Dick Jens, Bill Braam, Gene Weyer, Phil Knauf, Chuck Kiehn, Tom Payne, Dan Dufek.

The agenda is attached for the meeting.

First up was open discussion of changes to the 2008 MCLA By-Laws proposed by the MCLA officers. By-Laws with proposed changes are attached.

Board members encouraged to forward any/all input for changes to the By-Laws, both for proposed changes and for currently existing statements of the By-Laws. Was a short review of the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Several points were discussed.

- 1 Who can be a director. Changes made included clarity that a board member from a lake association is not necessarily an individual member unless is a paid member. Also that a director not representing a lake association can be appointed to the board by a vote of the board.
- 2 Membership. There was discussion on who can be a member. Gene W to review statutes. Gene sent a document out on 5/3 entitled **Requirements for Qualified Nonprofit Conservation Organizations and Lake Associations**. The following was taken from the document.

Allow membership to individuals who

- ✍ Live within one mile of the lake at least one month each year
- ✍ Own real estate within one mile of the lake.
- ✍ All members must be allowed to vote.
- ✍ Charge annual membership fees as set by the DNR.
- ✍ Have at least 25 members.

## Committee Organization

Membership committee: Do a general mailing to all members. Board Members to request all of their individual lake association members to join the MCLA. Many may not be aware that although they are members of their lake association, they are not automatically members of the MCLA. Need a better method to deliver message of MCLA to all people. Any person(s) interested in joining the Membership Committee can send their name to Bill Braam.

Finance and Fund Raising Committee: Need an active committee. Dick and John are members at this time. Anyone interested should check the MCLA website. Three of the four ad spots are already taken. One more available.

MCLA does get some funds from the banquet but not sufficient. Need to have something for people to get excited about – projects, activities etc.

Water Monitoring: Don't have money to fully test all lakes. Some to get minimum testing – aka phosphorus. Received \$250 from Manitowoc County Fish and Game to support water testing.

AIS Committee: LIS fiscal agreement. Tom and John on committee. Have a grant of \$120K for 3 years. There are 200 Lake Michigan shore owners. Need each owners approval to spray.

Banquet and Events: Working to get items for banquet. Need to be sure we have raffle license from state.

Communications: MCLA website is up and running. All encouraged to visit the site. Many photographs of each lake taken by air.

General Activities: Silver Creek – entire diversion/dike re-done by engineering firm. \$19K hydrolysis analysis was already done. Opinion: Box culvert should come out but need access to lake per DNR. If true, need reconfig. of area. Engr proposals will be at the next meeting of the committee. Fish kill at lake was less severe than previously thought. DNR did netting – said healthier fish at lake than expected.

Currently are aerating 2 lakes. Additional lakes needing aeration? DNR not condoning temp aeration. Brian Robley handles aeration for 2 lakes.

Gene W. – check hot to get aeration calibrated and cost of new ones and oxygen monitoring unit.

Manitowoc Cty Land Use Plan: John and Gene on this planning committee. Water conservation main issue. Group to come up with actionable plans.

Policy Initiatives: Should MCLA get involved in policies of bladder and other hi-wake watercraft? Board consensus is not to at this time. Get information into next newsletter. Point is the hazards of high wakes on shore lines and in people safety.

John made point that Gary VanVreede of the Fish and Wildlife (Federal) is willing to support any projects up to \$3,000 without much difficulty. All members encouraged to get ideas from lakes.

Insurance: John made mention that there is no directors/officers liability coverage in our policy. Cost may be approx. \$500 for \$500,000 coverage.

LNRP has one in their polity. Currently there is an umbrella in our policy for the organization but not for individuals. Should resolve this.

End of meeting.

Bill Braam

Secretary

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