



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

"The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes

MCLA Meeting of January 25th, 2018 6:30 PM
County Offices Manitowoc

Minutes of Meeting:

Tom Ward, President, welcomed and introduced Officers.

Clint Ward presented 'Technology of Ice Fishing'.

1. Roll call of Lakes: Carstens, Michigan, Horseshoe, Long Lake, Cedar, Silver, Twin, Tuma, Harpts, Bullhead, Wilke.

2. MCLA operations: From the Executive Committee meeting: We want to keep business meetings as short as possible by running general business thru Executive committee and bringing motions to the regular meeting: encourage Lake representatives to attend or an alternate and take back information to their Association; encourage more lake users such as Sportsman and Kayakers to become MCLA members.

3. Dates and days of meetings: Best toward end of month, as township meetings are at the beginning. For now, Thursdays and staying centralized seems best at present location. If representatives cannot make it, perhaps they can find alternates. Next meeting will be Thursday March 22nd.

4. Future meetings: For our March meeting, can county executives come? We need a variety of ideas. Semi social, snacks, time to talk? Some topics are fish management, zoning, phosphorous treatment. Get more information on WI Lakes convention taking place in April.

Carstens Lake plan is going to be implemented. First year aeration of Weyers Lake seems to have reduced phosphorous levels. (The Tri County Lakes Association put money into a Alum treatment.) Alum worked for a couple times at Bullhead Lake.

There are very limited option beside alum treatment to remove phosphorus once it has entered a lake.

5. Treasurers report, Jerry Corfman: After one more grant submission on 12/31/17, balance was \$4,622. If the grant is completely reimbursed, (\$18,628), total will be \$23,250.

2018-2019 Officers:

President:
Tom Ward

Vice President:
Dave Pozorski

Treasurer:
Marcia Salm

Secretary:
Hanna Edelglass

Past Presidents:
Gene Weyer
John S. Durbrow

Director: Hartlaub
Bill Pohlmann

Director: Silver Lake
Jaret Paltzer

Director: Cedar
Phil Knauf

Director: Horseshoe
Robert Christian

Director: Carstens
Brian Robley

Director: Pigeon
Jerry Gospodarek

Director: Wilke
Tom Payne

Director: Long Lake
Chuck Kiehn

Membership fees so far, for 2018, are \$1,405. Re duplicates: recommendation was, to note clearly the year of membership. Once we get the account set up, we are ready for identifying annual expenses for our next meeting.

Motion made, seconded, to receive treasurers report.

6. Wisconsin Lakes Convention, April 18th - 20th: Two members from executive committee or Directors are encouraged to go to WI Lakes Convention. President of WLA Mary Knipper is encouraging MCLA to apply for the Group Stewardship Award due Feb. 9th. Two letters for support from independent parties are needed. Tom Ward will work on the nomination.

Motion made, seconded, to sponsor registration for two people to attend the WLA annual conference.

7. Lake Reports:

Harpts Lake has their ice fishing contest next weekend.

Tuma Lake project. Manitowoc County & Township rebuild road and landing. File for grant by April 9th.

Wilke Lake. Four new people were elected for Lake. See Newsletter. Tom W. commented that the new officers of Wilke Lake had a long history of family connections to the lake, which shows that a Lake is also a social community, is open and inviting and is like a village. MCLA should encourage a community concept and maybe have testimony from other lakes to tell their story at future programs.

Dave P: please let him know names and companies of realtors around your Lake to allow us to seek sponsors for our Website. The MCLA website gets over 200 hits every month. We have 98 members, 50 are not paid up at this time.

General comments re Oxygen levels: good to know if there is a downward trend from local oxygen testing by volunteers so we can check other lakes when needed. Discussion followed about the lake oxygen response to snow melts and runoff events. Brian Robley stated that if a lot of brown sediment water enters the lake it can draw down oxygen. More sampling after melts would be helpful. Tom W. stated he would like to form a committee of Stake holders to discuss the need for aerators in lakes threatened by severe winters to see if its feasible to have a portable aerator or standby aerators. Silver Lake has a large investment in the current fish population that we would not want to lose, other lakes with potential winter kill are Gass, Tuma, Twin and Long. MCLA should not wait until there is a crisis in a future winter.

Tom W. will contact the Fish Manager Steve Hogler, to see when his fish survey data will be available for presentation on Bullhead and Long Lakes. We are waiting on data for fish.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Secretary Approval:

Hanna Edelglass