

## MUSKELLUNGE LAKE ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Freyling. The Board was introduced to the audience after they were welcomed by the President.

Mark Christensen, Superintendent/Manager of the Montcalm Co Road Commission spoke to the audience present, about the road culvert under Stanton Road that the outlet creek goes through. He clarified questions asked and explained as to why there is a layer of gravel on the bottom of the culvert. It has NOT washed down from the lake or creek; it was put there due to regulations by the DEQ, when installing the culvert. Next topic – There has been a problem on Clausen Road with runoff from a field above Clausen for years. This runoff goes into the lake and as it travels down from the hill has caused washout at the road, as well as sand, etc. ending up in the lake. Scott Petersen, Trustee from the Clausen Road area, stated to Mark that this is again a problem, and Mark said he would see that it is checked again. Mark also stated that due to the severe winter, there are not a lot of funds to do work required. Issue of a bad road (Muskie) which leads into the boat ramp was discussed. Mark said that the Road Commission was aware of the problem and would be doing some patching there in the near future. Mark also stated that there is legislation on the floors of the capitol in Lansing: 1) regarding a gas tax increase; 2) regarding the sales tax on gas and that the sales tax is NOT used toward roads. He suggested that we contact our Reps and let them know our feelings on the road bills. Our reps are: Senator Judy Emmons – Email address is [senjemmons@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senjemmons@senate.michigan.gov) and State Representative Rick Outman – Email address is [rickoutman@house.mi.gov](mailto:rickoutman@house.mi.gov). Let them know your feelings. They encourage your comments on issues they work on. Current issues are called “transportation funding”. Our thanks to Mark for coming and speaking on his own time.

Business Meeting: Minutes of the 2013 Annual meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer’s report was given, showing a balance of \$2,042.65 in the account and \$687.37 in the fish fund account. A motion made by Doug Hills, seconded by Greg Thebo to approve the treasurer’s report. Treasurer Roger Knoper also presented the proposed budget for 2014. This amount was for \$904.00. Greg Thebo made motion to increase MLSA dues to \$75 from \$50.00. We pay \$1.00 per member to MLSA for membership in their organization. Greg’s motion also included an addition of \$125.00 for costs pertaining to website. Second to motion was made by Jim Brandt. New Budget amount would be \$1,054.00. Approved by membership.

Committee Reports: **Adopt a Road** – Scott Peterson - Roads have been picked up once. Next pick up is scheduled for July. We always can use additional people to volunteer to help pick up our section of road. Greg Thebo volunteered to do the Section from Paris to Black Road. Scott will follow up on this program. **CLMP Water Clarity Program** – Mike Russell not present. Secretary Carole Petersen gave the report from the book that the Michigan Clean Water Corp issues at the end of each year. The average water clarity averaged between 7-8 feet for the 17 times the testing was done. Our lake is classified as a mesotrophic lake, which is a median lake in comparison to other lakes that test. **Outlet Board Committee** – Randy Mencarelli was not present. Jeff Hedges reported. Conclusion: Effective as of this annual meeting, the Lake Association has resolved that until a petition would be circulated regarding

setting a lake level, this association would not be in a position to be liable for any type of activity regarding the outlet boards being put in or taken out, etc. It would be cost prohibitive for us, as an association to do anything regarding any type of dam, survey, etc. to set lake levels. We are therefore calling this a moot point and will not address it in future meetings. Any questions or comments should be addressed to the President, Jack Freyling.

Greg Thebo, chairman of the Muskellunge Lake Board gave an overview of what this group is and has done regarding weed control. Major point was that they have reduced the assessment amount again this year. The Board has discussed issues regarding the muck. A question was asked as to if there could be some type of notification given to lake owners as to the week they would be spraying. It would give residents an idea of when to plan to NOT have guests, when the lake should not be used. Could this info possibly be put on our website? Greg said he would discuss with Tony Groves, Engineer for the spraying project. Harvey Stark, who is the Association Rep on the Lake Board, spoke also. He had gone around the lake with Tony to do the survey of the weed situation prior to the spraying. It was noted that in the north end, there was a large concentration of milfoil. They are going to try to do a 100% weed kill of that area to try to reduce the weed growth, and in turn, this may allow more water to flow into the lake from the inlet, which may reduce the muck problem. There was about 15 acres total around the lake that they planned to spray. Another area was near the boat launch, which could mean milfoil is being transported when boats come in to our lake from another lake. Remember to remind family/friends when coming to the lake with their watercraft, to please make sure the unit and trailer have been remotely cleaned, prior to bringing it to our launch and putting it into the lake. If you have concerns regarding the lake, PLEASE contact your Trustee and they will try to follow through channels and resolve your issue. Harvey also spoke of using the milfoil weevil which would eat the milfoil, but this is not what would be best for our lake at this point in time. We were also reminded that if you fertilize, those containing phosphorous should no longer be used on lawns. It will wash into the lake and fertilize the weeds. Our thanks to Greg and Harvey for their service on the Lake Board.

OLD BUSINESS: Both the north end muck issue and the runoff on Clausen Road were discussed earlier in the meeting. Adopt a Highway was also discussed earlier.

NEW BUSINESS: Do we want to continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce, lining up the parade participants for Jubilee? We have done this for the past 14 years. No decision made. If you want to work on this, let Carole Petersen know by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: These are 2-year terms. All officers, with the exception of the Secretary, have said they would remain in their positions but other volunteers are welcome. Motion made, seconded and approved to retain existing members agreeing to stay. No volunteers came forward during the meeting for the position of Secretary. (See notes below)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Carole Petersen, Secretary

## **AFTER THE MEETING**

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

- Note from Carole Petersen: The being my last secretarial duty, I would like to thank EVERYONE for all of their volunteerism over the past years that I have been on the Board. It is now time for someone new to “take the reins”, so to speak. REMEMBER, THE LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL ONLY BE AS STRONG AS YOU WANT IT TO BE. JOIN AND BE INVOLVED. Membership dues are currently due. Contact Roger Knoper @ 616-984-2830. Dues should be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- THANK YOU to Sandy Tiffany of Nielsen Drive for volunteering after the meeting to fulfill duties of Secretary of the Lake Association Board.