

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Annual Membership Meeting

Recorded – August 10th, 2024

Call to Order at 10:04 am by Dave Lewis

Roll Call – *Those Present* – Dave Lewis (President), Alex Henry (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Myle Turpen (Vice-President), Joan Parks, Karen Slenk, Randy Walsdorf, Martha Boetcher, Jim Samuels, Sandy Brogan, Julia Harris, Bruce Miller

Those Not Present –

Excused: Laura Angera

Absent: Jim Parker

Membership and Guest(s) –

Approval of Minutes - Regarding minutes taken 07-13-2024 – Corrections to be made: Alex: two typos and add that Sandy as unofficial manager of affiliation form. Myle motioned to approve the July minutes with approved changes, Mike 2nd- Approved

Officers' Reports-

Treasurer – Mike –

Income – \$ 2565

Payments – \$ 1923

Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro

Myle motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Alex 2nd – Report Accepted

Committee Reports

MTRFRD Report- Nothing to report

Fish & Wildlife Management – Dave contacted Stoney Creek walleye quote. Reopening conversation from last meeting. Discussion on possibly ordering less. Agreement that half would be good. Dave will ask for a new quote for a lesser amount. Myle motioned to approve up to half the amount of the fund to half the fish for Dave to move forward as soon as possible due to short timeline in ordering. Jim S. 2nd. Motion approved.

Short discussion on future of Lake Quality Fund monies and how we could possibly be spending them in the future.

Dave asked that we reimburse Carl M. be paid for the trappings he did as of recent. Myle motioned that we reimburse Carl \$20 (3 beavers \$40 per) from Lake Quality Fund. Joan 2nd Motion approved. Discussion on taking a different approach rather than killing the beavers in our area.

Lake Improvement Report - Sandy – Treatment on August 1st. Sandy had continued conversation with PLM and Progressive. They have agreed to treat from land to service wetlands. There will be another treatment soon, but they don't have a date yet. Sandy will provide more information when she has it.

Martha asked if the invasive cattails have been noticed and explained the difference between the two as well as the harm they can cause for wildlife.

Myle reported stray voltage affecting her channel area. Discussion and Myle provided us with education on the topic.

Loon Report – Babies on Blue and Mecosta. Both sets doing well.

Dam – All board remain down.

Public Landing – Jim not present to report. Myle and Sandy reported that all the tools were still there but we are on the last grabber. Myle asked that Sandy order more grabbers. Alex motioned that we approve up to \$100 to the purchase of 3 boat grabbers lake quality find. Sandy 2nd. Motion approved.

Dave reported that one of the big buoys on middle of Lake Mecosta is gone. He said he will take a full inventory once everything is pulled for the season.

Membership – 268 – Mike has sent 3 emails to renewals. 4 new members.

Mike Motioned to override the policy which states that presidents should not get lifetime membership in order to grant a lifetime membership to our current outgoing President as well as those moving forward. Sandy 2nd. Motion approved.

Recreation

Youth Fishing: Expense bill for Youth Fishing from Dave submitted to Mike \$355.19 from Lake Quality Fund.

Boat Parade: Nothing new to report

Golf Fundraiser: Nothing new to report

Communication

Newsletter: Summer 2024 Edition – All prior mentions already to Myle, Dave is working on a Presidents Letter, Mike had the idea to have a dedication for Craig, Sandy reported that the Village of Mecosta got a grant to do tire recycling but she doesn't have a date yet but she would like to add that in because the village decided to invite all of Morton Township to that opportunity, Martha would like to add for LCB, Adds - Date to Karen: August 13th Date to Printer: August 20th

Facebook: Consistent clicks from Facebook to Website

Website: Consistently up on visitors

*Full Online Presence Report on MoneyMinderPro.

Unfinished Business

Wall of Fame- Myle provided a picture of what is there. She suggested that we get a decal that says "Friends of the Lakes" for the roof. All agreed that was a good idea. Myle will get a quote. Sandy mentioned that Alex will be 10 year member as of October so requested that there be a plaque for her as well.

Myle mentioned that we have a specific donation line option in CheddarUp. Alex said it is very doable in and will work on it soon.

IRS – Nothing new to report.

Freshwater Future – Martha provided information about the upcoming conference.

Lake Coffee Break – Summary of lake coffee breaks from this year. Discussion on possible recorded presentations from Julia Kirkwood. Martha will get a ZOOM program for us to post on our social media to get started. Discussion on how to move forward thereafter.

Sandy took the request for spongy moth survey from the township. She said Neil Swanson will ask the township first, then us if necessary.

Master Plan – Township officials are to have met with a higher up at ROWE so hopefully there is a report from that meeting soon.

Mike got two quotes for insurance for and best was \$389 dollars, which is over the previously approved amount from estimate of \$350. President approved the additional 39 dollars over due to short timeline on response.

Mike requested approval for the \$20 out of Legal Fund to reapply to for LARA – Sandy made the motion, Karen 2nd. Motion approved.

New Business –

Installation of board members-

Bruce, Laura, Joan, Blue Lake Vacancy

Bruce would like to discontinue his service.

Joan would like to continue.

Laura would like to continue.

Myle nominated Joan and Laura for renewal of their positions. Sandy 2nd. Unanimous Vote for their term renewals.

Officer Selection –

Martha would like to withdraw her nomination.

President: Myle remains as nominee.

Vice-President: Randy remains as nominee.

Treasurer: Mike remains as nominee.

Mike needs to get officer information to the bank as soon as we have officers the votes in. Signatory for bank accounts will be after the next meeting.

Mike – Very recently received one more donation in Craig's memory. Joan is going to let Diane know.

Mike noted he is running out of checks. Myle made the motion to approve Mike to order new checks not to exceed \$50 out of Operating Fund, Dave 2nd. Motion approved.

Bruce shared a lovely story about Craig's positive impact across the state.

Sandy presented renewals for:

Michigan Waterfront alliance - \$150 She will share newsletter from that in MMP – Legal Fund

Michigan Loon Preservation \$50 for annual – Lake Quality Fund

Mukegoen Watershed Assembly for \$30 – Lake Quality Fund

Myle motioned that we approved that Sandy renew those memberships as presented, Karen 2nd. Motion approved.

Public Comment – Jim's play is opening this weekend Artworks in Big Rapids.

Next Board Meeting- Next meeting September 14th 10:00 am at the Morton Township Library

Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 11:36

Recorded respectfully by Alex Henry