

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

March 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members Attendance/Zoom; Dave Lewis (President), Myle Turpen (Vice President), Sandy Brogan (Interim Treasurer), Karen Slenk (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Incoming Treasurer), Randy Walsdorf, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Alex Henry, Jim Parker, Martha Boetcher, Bruce Miller

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion to approve the December 2022 minutes with all corrections. Passed
Corrections: November 30, 2022, not August meeting of Lake Improvement Board, Spelling of Carl Meissner, Burt Bouwkamp and Martha Boetcher's names. Sandy put forward corrections to the October minutes (not for November meeting)

Under Unfinished Business; "Dave ordered buoys from Amazon." "We would need permission from the land owner, Paul Zimmer (North side of Round Lake channel)."

Under New Business; "with the 2022 spraying application." "Julia not Joan will forward..." Under the Addendum; "motion passed unanimously by those present," "1,500 stamps, not \$1,500."

Corrections to Corrections from the October minutes:

UNDER NEW BUSINESS: Bullet #1; Corrected to say, "Discussion on someone to serve as treasurer of the Tri-Lakes Association. Dave said that he would be treasurer but would have to step down as president. Myle agree to be treasurer if she had a bookkeeper."

UNDER UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bullet #3 Corrected to say, "Myle is working on getting our EIN re-activated. Bullet #4; Replace with "Myle is going to research nonprofit types. She will present findings to the board after we are assigned an EIN. The audit committee will bring forth its recommendation to the full board." Last bullet: "Audit committee will review software options and bring recommendation to the full board."

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: (Sandy and Mike) February 1 — February 28, 2023, motion to accept, passed

Total Income \$ 0.00

Total Expenses \$ 14.99

[1] Motion to approve \$70 for a post office box; Passed. [2] Motion to approve \$30 for the "Muskegon River Watershed Assembly" annual dues; passed. [3] Motion to approve \$50 for the "Michigan Loon Preservation Association" for Annual membership from the Lake Quality Fund, passed. [4] Motion to approve \$100 for the "Michigan Waterfront Alliance" annual dues from the Legal Fund; passed. [5] Motion to add Mike Burnard's name to the Isabella Bank Checking and Savings accounts as a signer; passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Carl Meissner and Dave Lewis got a beaver last year. They will look in Dead Stream in the near future. Trapping season ends in April

Lake Improvement Board:

- Awarded website development and maintenance contract to Progressive AE. Money to be taken from administrative portion of budget. New LIB website (www.trilakesimprovementboard.org) has been added as a link on the Morton Twp. Website.
- Discussion on whether to post something on Facebook about the new website.

Loons:

- No Loons. Trumpeters and Sand Hill Cranes heard and seen

Dam:

All boards are still up

Public Landing:

- Jim sent Dave's drawing of a proposed layout for the new boat wash to Andy Saxton at the DNR and to Mark at 3D Systems. Dave got in touch with Foltz Screen Printing to inquire about the cost of sign

for the boat wash. He will make a 4 x 4, aluminum, one sided sign for the boat wash for \$300. Motion to approve \$300 to Foltz Screen Printing from the Lake Quality Fund; passed.

- Discussion on a list of other items that may be needed, trash cans, tools, others signs, etc. Jim will come to the next meeting with a list.

Membership:

- 276 current
- Mike and Sandy have been working with Money Minder to import our current Excel membership into the contact/members portion of MoneyMinder so finances and membership will be housed in one place.

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

- The date is June 7, 2023, 11:00 tee off at the Royal. Myle brought flyers, we have two Platinum Sponsors, Coldwell and Hayden (Kevin Doyle), one Bronze and 4 paid teams. Myle's message to potential donors stated that; "Beyond fish planting, we will be starting to use the money from the Lake Quality Fund, to implement a boat wash and create an educational presence highlighting the impacts of invasive species on our lakes. The price was raised to \$95 or \$380 per team, we are only signing up full teams. Mike has created a folder on Money Minder to upload communications. Add rain or shine to our messaging.

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Due out by the middle to end of May. All content should be submitted by May 1. Shall include Progressive AE update on lake surveys and treatments, Lake Treatment Notice from PLM Lake & Land Management, new membership application, Ads, golf outing information, link to the new LIB website, link to the website for shoreline improvement regulation, address for the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership site, where you can take a survey to rate your shoreline practices, and to EGLE/DNR for shoreline permit requirements. Martha will write up an article combining shoreline improvement information. Presidents letter to include: emphasis on need for email addresses from members, gypsy moth update but direct them to the township website, heads up that someone will be coming around to handout a "Shoreline Living Brochure."
- We could try to clarify the difference between the "Lake Improvement Board" and our "Lake Quality Fund." It may cause more confusion; we could just educate ourselves. Mike will create a document that explains the functions of our "Funds," and the difference between the Tri-Lakes Board and the Lake Improvement Board."

Website:

- We need a re-design. Alex presented information on a less costly GoDaddy package, we would not own our url, information or documents. There would be no change for the user. Discussion suggested that we are not comfortable not owning our own content.

Facebook:

- Our Facebook went down this Winter, it was hacked but is now fixed. Engagements for the Golf Outing have already surpassed last year. Alex suggested creating videos of interviews with board members and families that have been living on the lake for generations. Perhaps a video of Dave lifting the boards at the dam or Loon education.
- Post that someone will be coming around to hand out a "Shoreline Living brochure," and a link to the new LIB website. Point to the website for shoreline improvement regulation and the DNR/EGLE link covering requirements for permits for shoreline modifications.

Audit Committee:

- Nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dave has been working with Foltz Screen Print to make new lake signs.
- Table the discussion of adding a flag and pole to Round Lake channel and lighting the flag in Blue Lake channel. Table O&D Insurance.

- Dave talked to somebody at IRS who said our EIN is still active. Send Mike the IRS Form 8822-B document to change name of responsible party for TLA. Use post office box for address. We have an EIN number we believe to be active but will continue to research. Sandy will attempt to file a 990-N for us for 2022.
- Motion to approve a payment of \$179.00 for a one-year subscription to MoneyMinder Pro (3-15-2023 to 3-15-2024) plus up to \$50 for import of members from the TLA Excel membership spreadsheet. Total up to \$220. Motion passed. Every board member received a link to set up their own user account on MoneyMinder Pro.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- CLMP-Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program; Myle is registered as a monitor. Martha Boetcher and Jim Parker are interested in being trained to take samples and readings. We would like to have several more members go through the training. "The primary purpose of this cooperative program is to help citizens volunteers monitor indicators of water quality in their lakes and document changes in lake quality over time." There is a link on the new LIB website
- Discussion on opening a new checking account at Lake Isabella Bank specifically for outings and events, linked to our basic account. It will make all recorded transactions for each event separate for financial and audit purposes. Sandy talked to the bank, there would be no charge but may need to keep a minimum balance of \$1,000. Signers on the account would be Sandy Brogan, past treasurer, Mike Burnard, Treasurer, Myle Turpen, Vice President and Dave Lewis, President. Motion to establish the Tri-Lakes special events checking account. Passed.
- Motion and discussion to appoint an Ad hoc committee to review dues structure; to review current dues structure and propose modification of structure at the 4-8-2023 Board meeting. Passed. Mike Burnard, chair, Sandy Brogan, Julia Harris, and Alex Henry.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No comments

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: 4-8-2023. 10:00 AM. Morton Township Library

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