

# Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Recorded – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Approved – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Call to Order** at 10:06 am by Dave Lewis

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

*Those Not Present* –

Excused: Bruce Miller, Craig Wernette (Resigned April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

Absent: Jim Parker

**Guest(s)** – None

**Approval of Minutes** - Regarding minutes taken 12-09-2023 – Corrections to be made: Add that Dave Lewis was not present. Typos. Removal of frivolous statement. Minor changes to verbiage.

Mike motioned to approve the December minutes with changes, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Passed

## **Officers' Reports-**

Treasurer - Mike Burnard – Reminded the board that he does monthly statements during the winter months which are posted in Money Minder Pro

Income – \$ 41,331.66 March Activity – 4 memberships, gifts in memory of Jeanie Werentte, small amount of interest

Payments– \$288.68 GoDaddy Web hosting and domain, MoneyMinderPro yearly renewal, Cheddar Up, Post Office Box

\*Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro\*

Mike mentioned many donations in memory of Jeanie Wernette. He suggested we consider what should be done with this money.

Jim suggested that we discuss a higher interest for savings Dave suggested we move to new business.

Sandy motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Passed

## **Committee Reports**

Fish & Wildlife Management – Trapping Results: 4 beavers this season – Martha asked if there was any information about the possible fish kill that the DNR mentioned was possible this year. No one had anything to report.

Lake Improvement Report – Treatment notice needs to be to property owners 2 weeks before the treatment happens. Discussion on what that will mean for the newsletter.

Sandy moved that the treatment notice be circulated by PLM rather than TLA this year. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed  
Martha and Dave are furthering education on Lake Quality Testing. Myle has completed her training.

Dave presented CLMP Reports – Long terms trends largely unchanged. Discussion on factors at play.

Dave shared that it's important that we have several people trained and experienced in the monitoring.

Loon Report – Loons have returned.

Dam – All boards were raised on 10.15.2023 and remain currently. Dave will likely lower all in a week or so.

Public Landing – Jim not present to report – Dave reported that the display case has water issues. He is going to redesign some items on the case itself to solve that issue. There is a new loon sign with a lot of information that we agreed should go to the public landing. Discussion on posted near our display or at the launch

Sandy shared that the signs cost

Dave moved to reimburse sandy 135 dollars from the Lake quality fund for purchase of the sign jim support, passed -

Membership – 292. New members continue to get the thank you and \$25 lakeside coupon.

Martha asked if the library would post our riparian sandy confirmed

### Recreation

*Golf Fundraiser:* Huge Sponsorship – Full of Teams – Still looking for volunteers –

Asks of TLA board members: 1. Volunteers 2. Raffle Prizes Please \$25 dollars or more 3. Bronze Sponsorships ☺  
Myle added that this is Dennis' last year as our course host.

*Boat Parade:* Dave would like to update the Trophy to match or current logo – Karen is going to contact Graphic Specialties and give the proper file format. Joan will lead, Laura will participate. Trophy and \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$50 for both 3<sup>rd</sup> and special judges award.

Mike motioned to hold the same parameters as last year Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.

Route: Blue Lake on July 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm – Alex will create a Facebook event with materials provided by Dave

*Youth Fishing:* Date is 6.22.24 with 6.29.24 as alternate per Dave. Alex will reactivate CheddarUp and Create a Facebook Event

### Communication

*Newsletter:* Decided to send to everyone. President's Letter, Golf, MTRFRD highlight, Membership, Boaters Safety, Boat Parade, Youth Fishing, Coffee Break Info and Dates – May 1<sup>st</sup> to Karen - May 10<sup>th</sup> to Printer – Next will be after the Golf Outing

*Facebook:* Engagement Up \*See online presence report.

*Website:* Engagement Up \*See online presence report.

### Ad Hoc:

Mike shared that the RV Park Committee worked through the winter as an entity to address the proposed RV Park. There was a lot of interest from community members outside the TLA. So, the committee decided to create a new and separate entity including others in the township. Morton Township Residents for Responsible Development (MTRFRD). They have their own website and functional movement.

Mike asked that we support this new entity in whatever ways we can.

Dave suggested that we personally disburse the informational cards and/or bumper stickers that Mike provided around our neighborhoods.

Mike shared that the remainder of the funds to support this (the Ad Hoc RV Park Proposal Committee) was donated the MTRFRD.

Sandy offered that we might send a letter from the TLA to the township to state our support of MTRFRD. Discussion on what we should and could do as TLA or offer as ideas for the MTRFRD, Sandy agreed to write a letter to be sent to the TLA board to review and comment on before sending to the Township. Julia offered to script a donation solicitation letter to disburse. Julia mentioned that a slideshow to share might be beneficial.

Mike motioned that we dissolve the RV Park Proposal Ad Hoc Committee, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Passed

### **Unfinished Business**

Myle – We need to consider what Dave's end at presidency will mean look like. We should come together to support a new nominee and help that transition be as smooth as possible.

Wall of Fame - \*See rendering from Myle – Restated Dave is adding a roof to the display. Discussion on design. Reminded us that this project started with Bouwkamp's donation, so anyone who donated 300 within the last year should be included.

Mike moved to approve funds for the build out from the display to accommodate the Wall of Fame not to exceed \$100 from operation monies, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Passed

IRS – Received another letter inviting us to call them if we haven't heard from them by May 1<sup>st</sup>. According to them, "We need to be patient".

Buoy Replacement – No action taken yet – Will be ordering a new "Slow No Wake" buoy and keep the old as back up. Dave is aiming to get buoys out next week.

### **New Business-** Martha-

Idea for becoming members of Freshwater Future. Discussion on becoming members. We have time to look into the benefits. Karen moved to table this item, Joan 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Passed

Martha asked what our sub watershed management plan is or who is in charge of it?

Martha explained that she learned through her MSU extension course – We need to find out if there are studies or management.

Martha suggested as an item for support.

Mike suggested that we create sub-committee to sort through and navigate.

Mike motioned to create Watershed Sub Basin Committee

Chair Martha – Alex, Julia, and Martha will ask Randy to join.

Alex 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Passed

Lake Coffee Break – See Proposal

Discussion:

People wanted to know where to start.

15 minutes of background into and speaker, Q & A, Master Gardener, provide shrubs and plants

Possible donation to the tri lakes as part of the course.

Martha ordered the shrubs and has ideas about how to distribute.

Sandy asked how to word things to invite people to come.

Dave motioned to reimburse Martha \$287 from the Lake Quality Fund for purchases made toward the event, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion Passed

#### **Public Comment**

**Next Board Meeting-** Next meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am at the Morton Township Library

**Adjournment** – Motion to Adjourned by 12:59

Recorded respectfully by Alex Henry