

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Board Meeting

Recorded –April 12, 2025

Call to Order at 10:04 am

Roll Call – Present: Myle Turpen (President), Dave Lewis, Alex Henry, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Rob Bandfield, Martha Boetcher, Laura Angera, Sandy Brogan

Zoom attendees: Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Randy Walsdorf (Vice President), Karen Slenk

Excused: Bruce Miller, Jim Samuels, Jim Parker

Special Recognition: Alex Henry was recognized for her exemplary contributions to the Tri-Lakes Association through her work on the website, Facebook page, golf outing, by-laws, and secretarial duties.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Dave Lewis, second by Joan Parks to approve 3.8.2025 Board Meeting Minutes; motion carried. Motion by Dave Lewis, second by Laura Angera to approve minutes of 3.25&26.2025 Special Electronic Board Approval to respond to IRS letter; motion carried.

Officers' Reports- Treasurer's report: Mike reported total income of \$623.91 (memberships and interest), and expenses of \$410.01 (Web hosting, Cheddar-up fees, Moneyminder annual fee, PO Box rental).

Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro

Motion by Julia Harris, second by Laura Angera to accept the treasurer's report as presented; motion carried.

Director Reports

Fish & Wildlife Management – Dave Lewis has been out to check for damage caused by beavers; no problems noted.

Lake Improvement Report – Meeting scheduled for 4.21.2025 at 3:00 PM. The ice went out 3.15.2025; Dave took spring phosphorus reading on 3.18.2025. The 2023 CLMP reports are on the website, but not 2024. MiCorps has 2024 results for Blue Lake and Round Lake. Dave will check with Rick Buteyn at Progressive about updating the website with 2024 results.

Loon Report – All loons are back. Dave will refurbish the Artificial Nesting Island and re-locate to the southeast corner of Round Lake.

Dam – In consultation with Karla Miller, Drain Commissioner, Dave lowered all boards on 4.5.2025 due to low water levels.

Public Landing/Friends of the Lake – Myle suggested reposting the Friends of the Lake information on Facebook and website.

Membership - 274 current members; 118 memberships expire 7.31.2025 (12 without email addresses). Mike has sent reminders to all of those with expiring memberships. Discussion about continuing with the auto-renew feature, as many times the credit card information is not valid after one or more years. Mike has worked with Alex to allow multiple years to be purchased without having to use auto-renew. Mike emailed a list of all expiring memberships prior to the April meeting so each Board member can reach out to friends and neighbors. Karen noted that she is receiving 2 Riparian magazines.

Standing Committees

Recreation

Golf Fundraiser: Roster is full for the June 4, 2025 event with 32 golf teams. Board members were reminded that they should provide either a sponsorship or raffle prize for the event.

Youth Fishing: Scheduled for 6.28.2025 with 6.29.2025 as rain date. Motion by Myle Turpen, second by Sandy Brogan to approve up to \$500 for food and prizes, out of Lake Quality Fund. Motion approved.

Boat Parade: Scheduled for 7.5.2025 at 4:00 PM on Lake Mecosta.

Watershed Quality

Committee: Meeting held 3.27.2025, including Martha Boetcher, Laura Angera, Rob Bandfield and Julia Harris.

Meetings will be scheduled regularly on the 4th Thursday of each month. (changed to May 1, 2025 due to MLSA meeting). Committee will record minutes of each meeting and request approval from the Board for any expenses.

Coffee break: Julia Kirkwood is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 10:30 AM at the Morton Township Library.

Score the Shore: Julia Harris, Laura Angera and Rob Bandfield will assist with this project.

Rate your Shore: Another tool for assessment of shoreline – committee members will do this.

Communication

Newsletter: The ad hoc committee chaired by Julia Harris will meet April 27, 2025, to develop recommendations on the format of future newsletters.

May Newsletter: Plan to send to printer 5/10/2025; mail to all property owners in the Lake Improvement Board district by 5.17.2025. Labels will not identify TLA members/expiration dates. Content to include: 1) Calendar of events, 2) Website, Facebook and DNR links, 3) Ribbon sponsor, 4) Membership form, 5) Letter from the Board (vs. President's letter), 6) LIB update, 7) Upcoming events (golf outing, youth fishing contest, boat parade, boater safety course, etc.) 8) Safety on the Lakes, 9) Educational events.

Facebook: Karen Slenk is taking over the management of our Facebook page. Dave & Les Lewis have been posting golf sponsors.

Website: Karen Slenk is taking over the management of our website.

Unfinished Business

IRS – IRS fine was levied because we didn't file application 8976 (for 501(C)4 status) with the application for EIN. The fine has been paid and letter to request an abatement has been re-submitted. If denied, the next step is the Tax Advocate team.

New Business –

Communications: Discussion on making Communications a standing committee. Motion by Rob Bandfield, second by Julia Harris to make the communications reports (newsletter, Facebook, website) a standing committee, with requirements for minutes and expenditures according to the by-laws. Motion carried. Karen Slenk will chair the committee, with Rob Bandfield, Joan Parks, and Myle Turpen as members. The ad hoc committee will dissolve.

Bills to pay: Mike Burnard requested approval to purchase postage for the upcoming newsletter: Motion by Myle Turpen, second by Dave Lewis to purchase postage in the amount of \$438.00 from operating funds; motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Next Board Meeting- Next meeting May 10, 2025 - 10:00 am at the Morton Township Library

Adjournment – Motion by Dave Lewis, second by Rob Bandfield to adjourn at 11:38am; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Brogan