

Des Moines Lake Association Annual Meeting
Saturday May 27th, 2023
Held at the Cabaret

Board Members in Attendance: Sue Sjeklocha, Amy Juers, Ryan Knox, Tom Rooney, Mike Schafhauser, Chris Franken, Holly Huso

Board Members not in Attendance: Mike Kellar (daughter's graduation)

Others in Attendance: 48 members

Call to Order: 8:31 AM

Welcome - Ryan Knox

Agenda Intro - Ryan Knox

'22 - '23 Accomplishments - Amy Juers

- Started APM with Burnett County
 - Large Initiative
 - Help keep lake clean and clear of AIS
 - Largest expense
 - Thank you to the following people for their work on the APM committee
 - Amy Juers
 - Chris Franken
 - Holly Huso
 - Michelle Schoeder
 - Jenny Johnson
- Obtained new EIN
 - Old EIN was not recognized by the IRS. Had to apply for new one to then apply for 501(c)(3)
- 501(c)(3) non profit status
 - Membership dues and donations are now tax deductible
- Completed Grant Eligibility Form
 - 501(c)(3) allows us to be eligible for Surface Water Grants
- Fundraising
 - Meat Raffles at Brandi's and the Cabaret

- Funds raised go towards our APM and other expenses
- Cabaret History
 - Thank you to the Markes' family for sharing and allowing us to post the Cabaret Book on our site.
 - Thank you to Ryan Knox for his hours of work digitizing the book
- Membership Survey
 - Annual survey is sent out to the members
 - Thank you to Tom Rooney for managing this
 - Responses help dictate our initiatives for the following year
- Shared Info
 - Burnett County Survey
 - Zebra Mussel Forum
 - Zebra Mussel image from contaminated Big McKenzie shown on slideshow
 - Electrofishing Survey
 - Sirentel Broadband Grant
 - Live from the Lake
 - Thanks Mike Kellar!

Treasurer's Report - Michael Schafhauser

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Board Election - Amy Juers

- Current Board
 - Amy Juers - President
 - Mike Schafhauser - Vice President, Treasurer
 - Ryan Knox - Secretary
 - Chris Franken - Member at Large
 - Mike Kellar - Member at Large
 - Holly Huso - Member at Large
 - Tom Rooney - Member at Large
 - Sue Sjeklocha - Past President
- Chris Franken will not be running for another term
 - Thank you Chris for your time as a board member!
 - Chris will still be volunteering through the APM, water quality monitoring, and also CBCW
- Nominations
 - Nomination Committee approached Jim Pappas
 - Jim agreed to become a board member
 - Member at Large

- Has been on the lake for more than 72 years
 - Built a cabin in 2010
 - Ryan Knox and Mike Schafhauser would like to serve again in their previous positions
- Nominations from the floor
 - None
- Motion to Close Nominations - Amy Juers
 - Second - Member from the floor
- Since Nominees are running unopposed, they are elected to their respective positions
- Welcome Jim Pappas (Member at Large), Mike Schafhauser (Treasurer), and Ryan Knox (Secretary) to the '23 through '25 term

'23-'24 Projects, Volunteering, Eagles and Loon Update - Ryan Knox and Jill Michel

- Purple Loosestrife and Beetles
 - Due to changes at Burnett County, Mark and Jill have had to propagate the purple loosestrife beetles on their own
- CBCW
 - More volunteers from Des Moines are needed
 - Last Year there were 20 violations reported
 - Please contact Mark Michel
- Eagle's Nest Update
 - Eagles are no longer nesting in the Michel's tree
 - They return every so often
- Loon Update
 - Loon platform is setup again and loons are at the site

Social Events - Ryan Knox

- Boat Parade
 - Sunday July 2nd at 5:30
 - Line up at Boat Landing
 - Boats travel clockwise
 - Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
 - Everyone has the chance to vote and winners determined by popular vote
- Stargazing Event
 - Hosted by WCCO meteorologist
 - Near the north beach side of the lake by Mike Schafhauser's
 - Large Telescopes for star watching

- Friday August 11th starting around 9pm
- Further info to come

Aquatic Plant Management Meeting with Burnett County's Emily Moore

- Emily is the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator at Burnett County

Q&A - All

- Biggest AIS Threat?
 - Zebra Mussels from McKenzie
- Do the fish have adequate habitat?
- Washing your dock for AIS?
- Boat landing is dangerous
 - Last time the township helped with fill
- Parking issues at boat landing
 - Vehicles and trailers are parked too close to the landing and make it difficult for other vessels to launch
- Power loading ordinance
 - Recently enacted Burnett County law forbids power loading
 - Who provides signage?
 - Association will update with info
- Over 70.5 age can make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA if they don't meet requirements to itemize their taxes and therefore cannot deduct greater than the standard deduction
- Percentage of properties in the Natural Shoreline Preservation
- Percentage of properties on Des Moines Lake that our members of the association and what we can do to increase that?
 - Approximately 55%
 - Speak with your neighbors
- Thought about upgrading the sprayers at the decontamination station? Spray bottles in sun?
 - Dewalt battery powered options may be better

Door Prizes - Ryan Knox, Amy Juers, and Chris Franken

- Thank you to the following business for their donated door prizes
 - Brandi's Bar & Grill
 - The Cabaret
 - Lumberjack Saloon & Eatery
 - The Main Store
 - NextGen Powersports
 - Northern Lakes Marine

- Ted Hagen
- Webb Lake Pizza

Adjournment - Amy Juers

9:42 am