

Here are the official **Meeting Minutes** for the **Des Moines Lake Association Annual Membership Meeting** held on **Saturday, May 24, 2025**, at the Cabaret:

Des Moines Lake Association

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025

Location: The Cabaret

Start Time: 8:30 AM

End Time: 9:27 AM (Amy Juers)

Board Members in Attendance: Amy Juers, Ryan Knox, Mike Kellar, Michelle Schoeder, Mike Schafhauser, Tom Rooney, and Sue Sjeklocha

Board Members Not in Attendance: Holly Huso (excused)

1. Welcome & Agenda Overview

Board member Mike Kellar called the meeting to order and welcomed members. The agenda was reviewed, including key updates, elections, and social activities.

2. 2024–2025 Accomplishments

Amy Juers, board president, shared an overview of major accomplishments over the past year:

- **Water Decontamination Station (WDS):** Completed and operational as of April 18, 2025. Installation involved multi-phase construction, volunteer training, and custom-built components.
- **Camera System:** In progress. Long Lake Association signed a Letter of Intent. Items ordered and installation planning underway. Voted in favor by members (33 Yes, 1 No).
- **Land Use Agreement:** Finalized and will be officially filed with Burnett County. Covers legal grounds for WDS and camera system, securing future operational rights.
- **Wake Boat Ordinance Survey:** Survey yielded 52 votes — 48 Yes, 2 Undecided, 2 No — showing strong community support for local ordinance action.
- **Invasive Species Control:** Successful purple loosestrife cut and spray conducted in August; Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) volunteers active at the boat landing.
- **Partnership with Long Lake Association:** Collaborating on WDS, camera system, and pontoon trailer rental.

- **Fundraising Initiatives:**
 - Many donations toward WDS.
 - Multiple meat raffles hosted.
 - Apparel store launched featuring branded merchandise.
 - Donation plaque produced for donor recognition.
 - **Membership Growth:**
 - Increased from 56% in 2023 to 67% in 2024, 69% in 2025
 - Letter campaign and digital outreach helped attract new members.
 - **Communication Enhancements:**
 - Switched to Brevo email system, improving newsletter delivery and engagement.
 - Improved social posting and interaction.
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3. Water Decontamination Station Update

Ryan Knox, board secretary and vice president, provided a project overview:

- Installed and fully tested. Single button operation with auto-shutoff after 3 and half minutes
 - Output temperature at 140F. Pressure set to 1000 PSI
 - Operating signage and safety instructions are in place.
 - Stage 1 and Stage 2 decontamination is operational. 120F Stage 3 planned for implementation by early July
 - Financially supported through donations and DNR grants.
 - Ribbon cutting scheduled for June 21, 2025, 9 AM at landing.
 - Estimated Operational Costs of \$850 per association per year. Original estimate of \$1000 per association per year.
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4. Camera System Update

- Equipment procurement is currently happening.
 - Coordination with Long Lake.
 - Operating and insurance protocols under development.
 - Plan is to be fully operational in 2026. Project roll-out will be done in phases.
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5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Schafhauser presented:

- DMLA Checking Balance: \$7081.80
- DMLA Savings Balance: \$17,735.85

- Partnership Account: \$5,743.04
 - 2025 Donations to Date: \$5,500
 - Total WDS donations to date exceed \$24,000
 - All taxes filed and operating expenses in check.
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6. 2025–2026 Projects & Volunteering

Upcoming projects include:

- Continuing CBCW and WDS operation support.
- Organizing community and fundraising events.
- Recruiting volunteers via new sign-up form and outreach.

Members were encouraged to sign up at the meeting or the website: www.desmoineslake.org

7. Social Events

Upcoming community events were shared:

- **Fourth of July Boat Parade:**
Saturday, July 5th, 5:30 PM. Parade begins at the boat landing and travels counter-clockwise. Prizes for top three boats plus "Best Americana."
 - **WDS Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony:**
Saturday, June 21st, 9:00 AM at the boat landing. Includes coffee, juice, donuts, demo, and donation plaque unveiling.
 - **Fall Meat Raffle at Brandi's:**
Date to be announced.
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8. Bylaws Update & Board Elections

A vote was held to amend the bylaws:

- **Change to Section 4 – Terms of Office:**
The previous limit of two consecutive terms for the same office was removed. Board members may now be elected for successive terms.
- **Existing Language**
 - Section 4 – TERMS OF OFFICE: Directors are elected for two-year terms. Their terms shall expire after the annual meeting or upon the election of new Directors, whichever occurs later. The terms of office of President, Vice-President, and two-three at-large directors expire in even-numbered years. The terms of office of Secretary, Treasurer, and

two-three at-large directors expire in odd-numbered years. No person can hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. {Sec. 181.0805}

- **Proposed Language**

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- **Discussion**

- Question regarding if this affect term length from the floor
 - Term length is not being changed, board members will still serve two year terms. Previous bylaws only allowed two consecutive terms. Due to lack of volunteers and the fact that we are in the middle of a large project, it made sense to change the bylaws instead of trying to find someone new when there aren't any options.

Motion passed by majority membership vote via show of hands for yes. There were no hands raised for a no vote.

9. Elections

The following nominations were presented. No other nominations were made from the floor. Nominations closed after motion from Ryan Knox and seconded from the floor. Board members were elected by unanimous vote via show of hands indicating yes.

- **Mike Schafhauser** re-elected as Treasurer (term through 2027)
- **Michelle Schoeder** elected as Secretary (term through 2027)

Special thanks were given to **Sue Sjeklocha** for her long-standing service, leadership, and dedication to the association.

10. Member Q&A

Members discussed:

- Bylaws length of terms, clarified board positions are for a two-year term and then need to be re-elected.
 - Suggestion to have the association focus a campaign on becoming a board member
- Question regarding financial auditing
 - Board shared with the membership that they have a mechanism in-place via committee to audit expenses and deposits with each other.

- Question about Boat Landing
 - President Amy asked members by show of hands how many of them wanted the association to look further into repairing or getting a new boat launch. This includes asking the township.
 - Educators not Enforcers
 - Our association is a great resource for what is happening around the lake, local and state rules and regulations, and a chance to meet with your neighbors. Please note that we are not an enforcement body. Please contact the proper authorities when you see or hear illegal or dangerous activity
 - Loon update by Jill Michel
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11. Door Prizes

Donated by:

- Cabaret, The Main Store, NextGen Powersports, Northern Lakes Marine, Lumberjack Saloon & Eatery, Brandi's Bar & Grill, Oak Ridge Inn, Webb Lake Pizza, Tommy's Too High Wines, Trail Blazer's Tavern

Drawings were held and prizes distributed to attending members.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM
