

Moose Lake News

By Jim Onarheim

Moose Lake Improvement Association Board of Directors Minutes from October 2, 25 monthly meeting. The monthly meeting was called to order by President Cary McDonald at 9:01 AM at Louie's Landing. Board Members that were absent were as follows: Jack Brown and Ted Eisenbacher. Gary Hostetler had proxy for Ted Eisenbacher. Guests: Jim Strandlund and Joel Miller

The agenda was adopted with flexibility: Hostetler moved to accept as written, seconded by Kohler, unanimously accepted. Approval of September 4th Board Meeting Minutes: Koehler moved to accept as written, seconded by Gary Linahon, unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Kuchta advised the Board that there was \$13,823 on hand at the end of September with the only expenditure for the month being for web page fees of \$597.00. Gary Hostetler moved to accept, seconded by Scott Gilkey. The board unanimously accepted.

Membership Report: Doug Kuchta reported that there were now 204 paid members, with twenty-five members who have not paid as of yet but were members last year. Previous members from 2022 and 2023 who have not paid past dues will be removed from the membership list.

Old Business: By-Law changes: Discussions were had among members as to changes in the by-laws regarding special meetings and the overall purpose of the Association. Gary Hostetler will look at the existing bylaws and give suggestions and recommendations to the Board at the next monthly meeting.

Directory Ads: Gary Hostetler reported that he anticipates the ads will be finalized within the next week. Doug Kuchta will send updated membership list and Board of Directors information to the printer within that same time frame. Wolf Island Dock: Tom Kohler indicated that the estimate costs for the dock replacement will be approximately \$750. He anticipates construction to be completed in early November by volunteers from the Board of Directors.

Invite for Max Walter: Cary McDonald advised the Board that Ted Eisenbacher had secured Max Walter from the Wisconsin DNR to speak to the Board at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on February 5th. The board will use the December meeting to develop list of topics and specific questions and concerns to discuss with him.

Invasive Species Update: Scott Gilkey reported that there were no reports of invasive weeds for the year. Buoy Update: Joel Miller reported that buoys will begin being removed with the next week.

New Business: Trash Pickup of Folsom Island and Little Moose River: A schedule will be developed for volunteers to sign up to remove trash on a regular basis from these picnic spots. The Board will also look at dates and methods for a general cleanup of the overgrowth at both locations.

Boat Landing information boards: Doug Kuchta and Tom Kohler will work on design and estimated costs for building and installing Information boards at the major Boat Landings of Moose Lake. It is anticipated that these will be similar to the one that is at the landing on Twin Lakes Road at the Tiger Cat Foliage.

Library Book Box: Jeff and Jen Seifriz will look at costs for purchasing a kit to install at the flower garden by the bridge over the Chippewa River on Moose Lake Road and report at the next monthly meeting.

AED Training: Plans are being developed to have Jim Onarheim conduct several training classes for the new AEDs installed by the MLIA this year. I will be able to have these classes at one of our three local bar/restaurants if we have a smaller group of around twelve or so. Any larger group we then may have to look at going to the Town of Round Lake Town Hall.

Other Committee Reports: Town of Round Lake Liaison (Jim Strandlund): The Town's firetruck which was damaged in February 2025 while being used at a structure fire has now been repaired, The Town of Round Lake and the Town of Spider Lake have been working on joint efforts to serve both communities. Fire Department Liaison: Cary McDonald reported that the "low" sign of the fire danger sign across from Y-Pine is missing. Hopefully, those people that are responsible for this loss will return it. Meeting adjourned until November 6 at 9:00 am at the Y-Pines. END

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, October 5-11, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," work to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

National Fire Prevention Week was October 5-11, but I normally stress the importance of Fire Safety throughout the entire month of October. This year's theme, Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."

Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the

manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a firm surface. Do not overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it is fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly. Do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

Smoke Alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Fire spreads fast—working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Smoke Alarm Use in the United States

When working smoke alarms are present in your home, the risk of dying in a home fire is cut by 60 percent, according to the latest NFPA research. But how often are smoke alarms used in the United States and are they used properly?

In September 2024, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published the results of a comprehensive survey that assesses the prevalence, functionality, and public perception of smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in U.S. households. ([Learn More](#)) Statistics

Approximately three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present. The risk of dying in a home fire is reduced by over half in homes with working smoke alarms. Source: NFPA Research

Safety Tips / Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement. It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound. Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Working smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. END

Birthday greetings this week are extended to Kathy Marks on the 22nd of October. John Everett on the 23rd, Patti Stuetgen on the 24th, Ryan Turner, Rebekah Taylor, and Pat Cease all on the 30th. Courtney Briggs will have his birthday on the 31st, and Dorothy Briggs on the 1st of Nov. We have just one anniversary this week. Happy anniversary to Gary Johnson and Liz Alberg on the 25th of Oct. Everyone please enjoy your special day.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your week with beautiful Fall weather, comfortable temperatures, and possibly some moisture in the forecast. Please send your items of interest to my new e-mail address emta984@gmail.com or call my landline at 715-462-4448 or my cell at 715-577-8880. Moose Lake Improvement association website is <http://mliahaywardwi.org> The Town of Round

Lake Web site is <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org> and the Round Lake Fire Department website is <https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org> JO.