

Moose Lake Improvement Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 3rd, 2021

Meeting was brought to order by President Tom Koehler at 9:00am at Louie's

Board Members Absent: Broberg, Onarheim, Williams  
(Koehler held Broberg, Onarheim, Williams proxy's)

Audience Recognition: Sharon Haak, Doc Grayson, Mike Feldner

Adoption of Agenda with Flexibility, Wiltout moved to accept agenda as written, seconded by Haak, passed.

Approval of May 6th , 2021 Minutes : Haak moved to accept minutes as posted, seconded by Rossiter, passed

Treasurer's Report : McDonald walked us through the past months activities, highlighting the membership drive, specifically that it cost \$ 592 to prep and mail the mailing.  
Haak moved to accept the report as stated, Wiltout seconded it, passed.

#### Old Business

Membership - McDonald reported that all went well with the mailing, they were sent out on May 13th, so everyone should have it by now. He mentioned that they sent out to 261 households and that he is making bi-daily visits to the Post Office to collect the returns and the Board Election Ballots.

New Buoy - Doc Grayson reported that all the floats are in the water marking hazards, Dwyer questioned placement of the marker off Pine Point, it seems to have drifted off the rock pile, Doc said he would look at it, and get it back in place. The proposed new buoy location at Grassy Island has gotten Town of Round Lakes approval, and has been forwarded to the DNR for final approval.

Loon Watch - Koehler reported for Sarah and Dina that they are getting to know the Moose Lake landscape. She did mention that the higher mercury levels in the lake are due

to the tannins in the lake. High mercury levels in our lake could cause poor egg shell strength and thus affect reproduction.

The Loon project leader, Erica at NorthLand College suggested that they contact the past Loon watcher to see where the nesting platforms were previously placed in the lake and if they were used.

Osprey Nest Platforms - Wiltout updated our previous discussion, and identified two different locations we are considering. The first is an existing platform that needs to be trimmed, and structure reinforced, but the birds have used it in the past. The second might be in Koehler Bay area, it would be on private land, not too close to the water so boaters don't worry the birds, but not so far away from the water that the birds couldn't be viewed. We will meet with the Forest Service to get permission to trim the growth around the existing platform and also pursue a second platform location.

## New Business

Little Moose River picnic area upgrading - Koehler felt there was enough room to dock two boats and 4 - 5 workers once the project gets under way. The goal is to get the bulk of the work done this summer and complete the dock replacement after draw down this fall. We'll be moving the needed lumber into place before draw down. A plan and schedule for the work will be provided at the July 3rd meeting.

Membership Directory Advertising - Dwyer encouraged board members to touch base with their favorite retailer to see if they would like to place an ad in our upcoming Membership Directory: 1/4 page = \$30.00  
1/2 page = \$50.00  
full page = \$80.00

We can help with the art work for first time sponsors, for return advertisers everything is already done... All ads need to be in Dwyers hands by August 15th to make mailing in early September 2021.

Crappie Stocking - Onarheim thru Koehler, asked Max Wolter what he thought of MLIA stocking crappie fry instead of sunfish. Max replied " there are millions of crappie fry

hatched annually in Moose Lake, 99.9% don't survive the first few months, that's just how it works. Their reproduction is very boom / bust. Sometimes, they only have a big year class once every 3 - 7 years." He went on to say if we experience a boom year we can do some things to protect that population.

## Committee Reports

Garden - McDonald said the plants have done really well up to the frost, so we will need to wait for them to recover for the rest of summer.

Town of Round Lake - Sharon Haak told us Wolf Island Rd. & Chippewa River Rd. construction has begun and will be completed by fall.

She shared with us that there has been, and is, a lot of real estate changing hands in Sawyer County, whether it be existing properties, or new construction on the various lakes.

Sawyer County and towns within the county, including the Town of Round Lake, have updated their Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) An EOP coordinates the actions of municipalities. fire, EMS. Law enforcement and public servants in case of a large. disastrous event.

She reminded us that while you can buy fireworks in Wisconsin, if it leaves the ground, you need a permit from TRL to shoot it

DNR - Onarheim thru Koehler reiterated most of what Max said in the crappie fry discussion earlier. Also, if we wanted to stock (by purchasing, not trapping) additional Bluegills into the lake, we could, but he didn't see much merit in doing so. (Moose does not support Bluegills due to a lack of Weed beds)

Fire Department - Mike Feldner told us it has been very quiet, he reminded us to get our burning permits and to check the DNR site to see what rules for that day are.

Dwyer moved to adjourn, seconded by Wilttrout @ 9:50am  
Next meeting is Saturday July 3rd, at Louie's @ 9:00am.

Minutes by Eisenbacher.....Sec.