

Moose Lake News

By Jim Onarheim

The monthly Moose Lake Improvement Association board of directors meeting was called to order on Dec.4, 2025 by President Cary McDonald @ 9:02 AM at Louie's landing. Board Members Absent – Scott Gilkey, Jack Brown, Jen Seifriz, Vaughn Christison. Guests - Mike Feldner, Joel Miller

Adoption of Agenda with Flexibility – Gary Hostetler moved to accept agenda as written, seconded by Tom Koehler, motion passed. Approval of the November 6th, Minutes – Gary Linahon moved to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Mike Williams, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Doug Kuchta walked us through all the November transactions highlighting that all but one of the directory sponsors have paid, and the funds that are held in reserve for the current projects. This left us with a balance of \$ 8,649.96. Gary Hostetler moved to accept the report as read, seconded by Bill Nielsen, motion passed.

Membership - Doug Kuchta reported that we have 229 paid members, in conjunction with the mailing of the directories, we only got three back marked undelivered.

Old Business - By Laws, Gary Hostetler (retired attorney) addressed the questions surrounding cancelation of the annual meeting, how voting for new board members could be addressed. He brought our By-Laws and comments as to what we can do now, and changes to guarantee transparency, he tabled discussion until our March meeting to give everyone a chance to absorb our current rules. Wolf Island Dock – Tom Koehler reported that the dock is in-place and done.

Monday November 10th the work crew did demolition of the existing dock which took one hour. Wednesday a lumber cut and size day in Koehler's shop took an hour. Thursday was the day they installed the dock which took three hours on site. Helpers were, Vaughn Christison, Scott Gilkey, Gary Hostetler, Tom Koehler, Cary McDonald, and Bill Nielsen Thanks to all of you Gentlemen!

Little Moose Clean Up - Tom Koehler reported that the site needs attention. Currently this would be a suitable time to burn off the brush pile. Tom is trying to contact his US Forest Service person to meet with him.

AED Training Session - Jim Onarheim has offered to put on a training session at Town of Round Lake meeting room will meet on December 8th, 2025 @ 6:30pm. This was cancelled due to a lack of attendance.

Folsom Island - Mike Williams reported that the log benches have been ordered and we need to discuss signage. Two signs were suggested. #1 Welcome to Folsom Island, No overnight

camping. "Moose Lake Improvement Association" #2 Please carry out your trash, (there will not be a trash can available as in past years)

Library Book Box – Jen Seifriz was not present, but she emailed the board different box plans. Doug Kuchta volunteered to build it. We just have to decide on a plan and give it to him. Buoy Update - Joel Miller told us all were tucked away for the winter, if there is any freezing damage it will show up in spring. Cary McDonald moved to give Joel \$50 to cover expenses related to the buoys seconded by Hostetler, motion passed.

New Business - Max Wolter, our DNR Fish Biologist - is coming Friday February 6th, at our request to discuss the health of the lake and the panfish limit. The Board would like to pursue a panfish limit of, 5 Crappies (only one over 12") 5 other Panfish for a total of 10 panfish limit.

Committee Reports - Town of Round Lake Chairperson, Jim Strandlund, was absent from the meeting so there was no report.

Town of Round Lake Fire Dept. - Mike Feldner reported that there have not been any fires, but several EMS runs. He reminded everyone to dust off their fire numbers and put water down your toilets to stop sewer gas from coming into the house. Also remember to check your smoke alarm and CO alarm batteries. He questioned MLIA about listing an emergency number with each entry in the directory. That will be discussed by the board.

Gary Hostetler moved to adjourn, seconded by Tom Koehler @ 9:59 am. Next meeting is **Friday** February 6th @ Y-pines starting at 9:00 AM Ted Eisenbacher Secretary.

Pool League started on Thursday December 4th. The results from the first night are as follows. First Place went to Cliff Earle and Bruce VanFleet. Mike Williams and Dane Resh won second place. Jack Brown and Holly Christianson won the popular TP award. This past Thursday December 11th there were only five teams playing. First Place went to Darryl Enk and Anne Fl Eagle after a three-way tie between them, Jeff Williams & Dane Resh, and the team of Laura Gilkey and Mike Williams. The most sought-after prize, the TP award was won by Jack Brown and Maggie Brown. It has been 6 months since we have talked about pool so I should refresh your memory on what the TP award is. It is a roll of toilet paper that is awarded for last place, Ha ha. We do have a lot of fun on Thursday nights.

Last Saturday December 13th Christina at Christina's Y-Pines had the fourth annual All for the Kids Christmas event. This event is supported by the Hayward Schools, the Spider Lake Church and Pastor Gary and many area businesses. Fifty area less fortunate kids were made happy this Christmas with gifts from Santa. This was made possible because of the generosity of many area businesses and people. Support this year came from Blain's Farm and Fleet in Rice Lake. Hayward businesses, Kwik Trip, Coop's Pizza, Lynn Marie Candy, Mc Donalds, Dairy Queen, Ace Hardware, and many Moose Lake area residents. These residents assisted with many things over

the past month that needed to be done with preparing for this wonderful event. Presents had to be bought and wrapped. Money had to be raised by volunteers. Some of this money was raised on November 30 by having 23 Basket Raffles at Y-Pines. One of the gifts that was put in twelve of the 23 baskets came from Tito's, which is a company that bottles Vodka. A thank you also goes to Santas helper Bill O'Brien.

Birthday greetings this week go to Terry Mullen on the 19th, Terry Splettstoesz, Dec. 20th, Joe Henchel and Karen Luebke both on December 25th. Carlene Dalesandro and Kyle Sorenson both on December 28th. Victoria Faye Durand on the 29th. There are no anniversaries this week.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your week with a little warmer temperatures. Please send your items of interest to my e-mail address at 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.