

Moose Lake Improvement Association
Board Minutes
February 6th, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President McDonald @ 9:00am at Louie's Landing.

Board members absent : Brown, Christison

Guests : Mike Feldner, Joel Miller, Jim Onarheim, John Myhre

Approval of the Agenda with Flexibility, Koehler moved to accept as written, seconded by Kuchta, passed.

In an effort to use our guest speaker's time wisely, McDonald turned the meeting over to Eisenbacher to introduce Max Wolter, senior fisheries biologist out of the Hayward office. Eisenbacher went over how lake residents approached the board with complaints that the lake was being over fished during the winter months, and could we do anything to stop it. He went through how members of the board submitted three resolutions to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) that were denied, and one that Max submitted through the DNR framework, which was successful, for a Panfish Limit of 5 fish with only one over 12", which ultimately became law on Moose Lake. Eisenbacher explained how some of the residents would like a higher limit, and that is why we asked Max to come and have a conversation about what can be done if anything. We talked about the current law, we talked about the crappie spawn, he shared with us that in a reproductive year we will lose 30% of the new crappie's to natural attrition. The subject of sunfish came up, and it was pointed out that our lake is not conducive to large sunfish populations yet we are beginning to catch them more often. We talked about ways to improve panfish habitat through the use of tree drops and brush piles, and stopping the fall drawdown, which no one liked because then docks would have to be taken in and out each year. Max would like to keep the current limit in place through the five year program period, and if we still wanted to make a change he would work with MLIA to submit a resolution to WCC in 2027.

Max went on to discuss and update us on each of the fish species in Moose Lake. We found Max most

accommodating and willing to listen to us.

McDonald called the meeting to close 9:55am
next meeting is March 5th @ Louie's