

NORTH CHAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Saturday, September 18, 2021
Coldwater Township Pavilion, Coldwater

The meeting of the North Chain Lake Association was called to order by President Terry Reen at 10:04 am at the Coldwater Township Pavilion, Coldwater, MI.

NCLA Board Members included:

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| President: | Terry Reen | present |
| Vice-President: | Dennis Dirschell | present |
| Secretary: | Carolyn Morrison | present |
| Treasurer: | Colleen Humphrey | present |
| Director: | Tom Duff, Jr. | present |
| Director: | Mike Reen | present |
| Director: | Carl Murdock | present |

Quorum: According to Treasurer, Colleen Humphrey a quorum WAS present for conducting business.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes (May 22, 2021): Dennis Dirschell made a motion, seconded by Mike Reen to accept the minutes. The motion passed. Minutes on file.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer, Colleen Humphrey.

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| Beginning Balance: | | \$8,026.18 |
| Income Collected | : | \$ 700.00 |
| Expenses: | | \$1,821.37 |
| Ending Balance: | | \$6,904.81 |

Tom Duff made a motion, seconded by Carl Murdock to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed. Complete report on file.

OLD BUSINESS: Public hearing for weed control, June 26, 2021-- Paul Hausler, Progressive/ae. Paul reported that a Public Hearing was held for weed control. It was then approved for a five-year program beginning in 2022. PLM has been awarded the contracts for spraying and harvesting.

2021 Weed Control, Paul Hausler, Summer 2021 was an interesting year for weed control. In May and June there was too little rain, with drought conditions and low water levels. Then in July came too much rain, flooding and many storms. But all and all it was a good year for spraying and harvesting.

Harvesting is not perfect like mowing your lawn. There are no clear edges and it's difficult to see in the cloudy water. Some weeds are shallow rooted and can be pulled up. Some weeds are just cut. Most harvesting machines can only cut 4 ½ feet deep. A Spring survey of weeds is done every year. You are welcome to ride along on the five hour, 32 miles of shoreline tour. Call Terry in the Spring. DEQ (EGLE) permits are becoming more restrictive.

Perfect weed, Hydrilla, Paul Hausler. The Hydrilla Weed is the most invasive weed. Fortunately, it is not in Michigan yet, but is in Indiana and Ohio. If found, there are State of Michigan funds to eradicate.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Boat Wash, Tom Humphrey: FREE July 3, at the Narrows Rd. ramp, 10-4 for boats on trailers, five to seven minutes. This was in cooperation with Michigan State University, US Forestry Service and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. This was to create awareness of the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species carried on boats. Boats spread them from lake to lake. Washing the boats is an easy way to stop the spread.

Tom is seeking funding for a permanent Boat Wash. DNR will not fund, nor is there statewide funding. The cost of a permanent Boat Wash is \$20,000 to \$100,000. Tom will contact other groups to seek funding. Engineers are needed to help on this committee. Contact Tom.

Marine Patrol: Sheriff John Pollack

- Sheriff Pollack thanked the NCLA for the continued support given to the Marine Patrol including the donations for more life jackets this year.
- Previously, there were 6 patrol boats and now there are only three.
- Concern about a sunken island in the Narrows channel was expressed. Many boats are running into the island. If you think a new buoy should be added, call the DNR.
- Black and white striped buoys indicate shallow water.
- 476 warnings were issued, 33 citations issued. Warnings were given mostly for people standing up in boat while in fast motion. Additional ones were for going the wrong direction on the lake. You must go in a counterclockwise direction.
- Seven accidents were reported. You must report an accident, or it is considered a Hit and Run with consequences similar to being in a car.
- State of Michigan Department of Motor Vehicles has been opening up. Call to hear hours. Carry appointment cards if necessary
- The Marine Patrol helped this summer with storm related problems, turned over boats, docks and fallen trees across channels.

Adjournment

Next Meeting Dates: Saturday, May 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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