Oliver and Martin Lakes Conservation and Improvement Association (OMLCIA, Inc)

ANNUAL meeting June 15, 2024 - MINUTES Call to order time: 9:05 AM Location: Cottage A-10

Mark Burry, President Dan Heller, Director Section A, Vice President, former President

Dawn Passwater – Director Section D Jerry Bornamann – Director section D

Mike Leach – Director Section CC Don Bell – Director section B, Secretary

Lonnie Walp – Director Section E

ABSENT: Mike Renno – Director Section C, Treasurer; Jeff Armstrong – Martin lake director

GUEST: Sara Peel, M.S., CLM, of ARION Consultants

President Burry welcomed attendees and thanked Mike & Pam Johnson for use of their facility. The sign-in sheet showed 65 people in attendance.

**1. Regular meeting items**

Secretary’s report: approval of 2023 draft minutes. Handout copies were distributed. The draft minutes have been available on Oliverlake.org for past viewing since July of 2023. Motion to accept by Lynn Bowen second by Alicia Feiertag, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: delivered electronically, shown to attendees on screen. Motion to accept by Lynn Bowen seconded by Alicia Feiertag, Motion passed. Comments made from attendees regarding desire to consider an increase in annual dues – taken under advisement by board for further consideration.

**2. Agenda items discussed and action taken**

A. Old Business:

1. 2024 Directories are in the works. Copies will be distributed to members in good standing. Appreciation was shown for members’ responses to a request for updated directory information via the “ask a question” feature on oliverlake.org. Updates continue coming in.

2. Control of Geese: Permits have been obtained by OMLCIA for Geese collection on Martin Lake by contractor Wildlife Wranglers. Date of collection is TBD by coordinating parties. Member Brian May indicated geese were near his property on Oliver Lake west end and approved use of his yard for collection if needed.

3. Weed Control: Dan Heller reported on this activity. Acting on information from Lake Residents Dan and Matt Horsley from IDNR took a boat tour. A quantity of natural and invasive vegetation was noted. IDNR recommendation was NOT to spray at that time. The herbicide ProCella COR had been previously applied in the area by an OMLCIA contractor. The herbicide has a 2 year effectiveness. Questions and comments of note: Q: Buck Toenges – concerns about Eurasian Milfoil and recommended application frequency of herbicide. A: Sara Peel – if concerned spot treatment could be done on an identified patch between cottages A-10 and A-20. Sara defined what IDNR allows individuals to treat, which is a maximum of 625 square feet of lake surface, no greater than 25 feet out from shoreline in front of a resident’s property. A motion was made from the board recommending that OMLCIA contact an aquatic weed contractor to examine the possibility of another weed study of the entire lake. Motion by Dan Heller, second by Dawn Passwater, motion carried and is slated for action at July 2024 board meeting.

4. County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO): President Mark Burry and Lynn Bowen reported on the meetings for stakeholders that have been held by the county in 2023 and early 2024 and progress of the Draft Ordinance. As of this date, the 3rd planning draft is available for viewing on OMLCIA/GOLC website oliverlake.org, and that the formal 4th draft is available at lagrangecounty.org. The formal 4th draft corrects form and style rendering it suitable for forwarding to County Planning. After approval by County Planning, the ordinance will be brought to the County Commissioners for voting into law, possibly yet this year.

5. Election of section directors: 3 year terms for Directors Don Bell – section B, Mike Leach – section CC, and Lonnie Walp – section E have expired as of this date. Don Bell has been serving dual roles as Board secretary and longtime B section director and wished not to serve another term. Mike Leach indicated he is willing to continue in another term. Lonnie Walp indicated he wishes to not serve again if another nominee can be found.

Nominations from the floor:

Section B – Mary Freehauf, cottage B-28 Section CC – Mike Leach CC-5,6 Section E – none

Members approved Directors Mary Freehauf B section; and Mike Leach CC section for 3 year terms to expire at the annual meeting in 2027. The OMLCIA board per Bylaws will seek to appoint a director for section E at the July 2024 regular meeting.

C. New Business:

1. See section 3 for discussion items. No other new business for board.

**3. Other discussion, Board comments and/or recommendations.**

An announcement was made that Charlie Hire will display fireworks on July 4th at 10:10 pm on Oliver Lake. Appreciation was shown to those that had contributed, and it was noted as of this date Charlie has received contributions equal to about 50% of his expenditures. A motion was made by Vince Heiny seconded by Jamie Mellinger that the board consider funding Charlie to make up for the shortfall. Motion passed.

Pat Wilshire commented that the board consider a financial match perhaps next year as a funding tool.

An association “Fish Fry” or similar social event was suggested for future planning, possibly yet this year.

The consensus of opinion for the 4th of July Pontoon Flotilla was that it be Saturday July 6th at 3 pm, boats to gather in the bay area on Oliver Lake east end. **Water balloons are an environmental disaster for our lake and should not be used**. **Use of Bottle rockets, firecrackers or thrown objects is not allowed nor safe.**

Motion to adjourn: Made and seconded, Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM