

# MOSHAWQUIT LAKE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

The Moshawquit Lake Assn. annual meeting was called to order by President Mark Emerick at 9:10 a.m., May 25, 2013. The officers and board members were introduced. Mark gave an overview of this meeting's agenda, and introduced Doug Cox, Environmental Program Coordinator for the Menominee Indian Tribe, who gave a presentation later in the meeting..

Harry Hoffman, Secretary-Treasurer, asked for a motion to approve the 2012 annual meeting minutes. Motion was seconded and passed. He presented the annual Treasurer's report: a motion to approve the report was seconded and passed. These minutes, an updated membership list, and golf outing announcement will be mailed to the membership via US mail this year, but future communications will be sent electronically unless postal mail is preferred and I am notified of this by you in letter form.

Ellyn Dercks will email updates on Moshawquit Lake happenings to anyone wishing them. Please contact her at [moshawquited@charter.net](mailto:moshawquited@charter.net) if you are interested.

Those members we lost in 2012 were honored with a moment of silence: Barbara Hull and Norb Jack.

New property owners were introduced: Joe and Nancy Michel, Mike and Barb Kleiber, Nick and Rachel Romanesko and Joel and Lindsay Hartjes.

Update on Legend Lake Compost site: Harry announced that usage of the site will be funded by individual residents at \$45.00 this year. Users will be issued a card which must be shown each time the site is visited. Donna DeGroot mentioned an alternative to the Compost Site, which is the Shawano County Landfill. There is no charge for leaves however there is a charge per pound for brush. Call 715-524-2230 for definitive information. Please do not throw trash, leaves and branches across the road from your property. You might be subject to a fine.

Menominee County Big Spring Clean-up will be held during the week of June 3. This is an expansion of regular garbage pick-up, but should not include any electronics or hazardous waste.

Donna asked that Moshawquit Lake residents (and their families) **DO NOT FEED** the ducks and geese. Their feces carry the potential for parasites to form which cause swimmers itch. Copper sulfate scattered along the shallow area of your beach can help destroy the parasites and will not harm the lake, swimmers or fish.

Water quality testing: Mark and Ellyn have agreed to participate in a program called the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, a new enhanced process to check water quality 4 times each year. Ellyn mentioned the Oconto County Lakes Fair, June 8, 2013 to be held in

Mountain. A presentation will be made by Brenda Nordin, DNR Water Resource Management Specialist. Volunteers are welcome to attend.

Security update: Al Wilke announced that there were fewer red light episodes this year, only two were serious. There were no break-ins reported and he announced that one deputy with the Menominee County Sheriff's office has been assigned specifically to checking and tracking possible crimes to lake properties.

Invasive Species Update: Tim Ebben sent his extensive report (via Mark) on the results of the 2012 CLP treatment and hand-pulling, and the 2012 EWM treatment as well as an \$8700.00 grant through MITW and the 2013 treatment plans. DNR support was emphasized. There is a need for volunteer Scuba Divers and for folks to help on additional surveys. A sign up sheet was available.

Gypsy Moth Update: Harry reported that few if any egg masses were found over the winter, and that no treatment is planned for this year. Anyone seeing an egg mass should call Harry Hoffman, 715-799-3699 for information on how to treat it.

Tent Caterpillars: Donna gave a formula for destroying the tent caterpillar nests. Add to a gallon jug one cup of sugar, one cup of cider vinegar, one banana peel, fill with water and hang the jug in a tree or bush where nests are found.

Doug Cox, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin Environmental Program Coordinator, gave a presentation on water quality standards, and emphasized the cooperation between the Tribe and The Moshawquit Lake Association to assure the continued high quality of the water in this lake. Information on current regulations and issues of interest can be obtained by googling the Menominee County and Menominee Indian Tribe websites, with links to ECODES.

Mark announced that the condition of the small outlet dam on Linzy creek was reviewed on May 21 by Jeremy Johnson, Menominee County Forester, and Heather and Jeremy Pyatskowit. It was a consensus of opinion that no action needs to be taken at this time; this is not an operational dam to hold back water. The dam will be monitored.

Fish Stocking: Many residents, as well as the Board, wish to improve the fish supply in Moshawquit Lake and are interested in the possibility of stocking fish. Erwin Polenz reported on meeting with tribal fish biologists and spoke of the cooperative effort to establish better fish habitat and the potential for stocking.

MLA Golf Outing: Larry Casey announced the golf outing will be held Saturday, August 24 at Golden Sands. Those not wishing to play golf may make reservations for dinner only. An information sheet is enclosed in this mailing. Please return with payment by August 15.

Lake Etiquette and Safety: Reported by Corbin Keller.

1. Always wear a life jacket when skiing, water boarding or on a jet ski
2. One must be 24 or older to drive a boat or has completed a boater safety course.  
Persons 12-15 can operate a boat if they have completed a boater safety course and have a parent or guardian in the boat with them.
3. One must be 24 or older to operate a jet ski or has completed a boater safety course.  
Persons 12-15 can operate a jet ski if they have completed a boater safety course.
4. Keep at least 100 feet distance from other watercraft or skiers.
5. Only watercraft owned by property owners and Menominees are allowed on Moshawquit Lake. Your relatives, friends and renters cannot bring their boats or jet skis onto Moshawquit Lake. All watercraft used on Moshawquit Lake must have a Moshawquit Lake Association sticker on them.

All Board members have agreed to continue their service to the MLA. Mark offered as a motion the following nomination for 2013 officers: Past President-Mark Emerick, President- Donna DeGroot, Vice President-Ellyn Dercks. Motion was seconded and passed. New Board members nominated to begin serving in 2013 are Nick Romanesko and Joel Hartjes. A motion was made to accept and approve these nominations once the Board has voted to enlarge the size of the Board. Motion was seconded and approved.

Mark thanked the membership for their support over the past year, and thanked the Board and officers and volunteers who are working hard to control invasive species in order to maintain the quality of Moshawquit Lake. He asked the membership assembled to confirm their continued support with a show of hands, and they did so.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry W. Hoffman