

Moshawquit Lake Association (MLA)
2015 Annual Meeting
May 23, 2015 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Donna DeGroot #146 at 9:00 AM with 71 in attendance. Board Members were introduced:

Ellyn Dercks #115	Vice-President & Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Emerick #117	Past President
Robert Kemps #8	Legal Advisor
Tim Ebbin #20	Chairman Conservation Committee
Al Wilke #106	Security & Red Light Service
Dave Van Hoof #1	Member-at-Large
Corbin Keller #103	Member-at-Large
Joel Hartjes #84	Member-at-Large
Nick Romenesko #140	Member-at-Large
Claudia Griesbach #115	Recording Secretary

Attendees were asked to **ID themselves by name and lot #** when making a motion, contributing comments or asking questions.

Condolences were paid to the families of those lost this past year: Larry Pooler #55, June Miller #134, Tom O'Shea #114, Delores Murphy #135 and Ted Harris #53.

New members: Bill & Jill Parry #82 purchased the former Gerald & Mary Ann Weyenberg property.

Harry Hoffman #23 was thanked for his years of service to the MLA Board, having recently resigned as Secretary/Treasurer. Ellyn Dercks was thanked for assuming the position. Ellyn personally thanked Harry for his wisdom, guidance and patience during this transition.

2014 MLA Treasurer's Report: Sent via email with the meeting notice.

Using round figures, about \$16,000 in dues was added to the starting checking account balance of \$14,000. About \$500 was spent on office supplies, printing, fee, annual meeting costs, etc. \$3,000 was spent on the Red Light Service and \$3,400 on the improvements to the boat landing. Ellyn thanked Steve and Donna DeGroot and Mark Emerick for their work on this project. Those who have paid their dues were thanked and a reminder was given to pay dues if you have not yet paid. (Due date was today, May 23, for this fiscal year.)

Motion to approve report: Larry Casey #137 Second: Steve DeGroot #146
Vote in Favor: All

Slate of Officers for 2015 MLA:

President:	Mark Emerick
Vice-President:	Nicholas Romenesko
Secretary/Treasurer:	Ellyn Dercks

Motion to approve: Bob Kemps #8 Second: Hank Calmes #76
Vote in Favor: All

Members at Large:

2015:

Barbara Kleiber #64

2016/Alternate

Jerry Wirth #101

Motion to approve: Steve Cloud #100

Second: Bob Kemps #8

Vote in Favor: All

Red Light Service: Donna announced Al Wilke's resignation from placing/removing the marker buoys and from the security & red light service. She expressed appreciation to Al for his 35 years of OUTSTANDING service. Al placed the buoys in the water this spring as his final duty. Extra buoys were placed along the undeveloped areas of the lake. Donna also explained the MLA Board's decision to discontinue the red light service; homeowners will need to cover their own heating issues. Members were asked to pick up their keys after the meeting. Donna will take the remaining keys home for distribution.

Buoy Placement: Steve O'Shea #114 will take over the task of placing/removing buoys.

Boating/Lake Rules: Corbin Keller

- Drive all watercraft in counter-clockwise direction around the lake.
- No wake inside of buoys.
- Who can operate a boat? (See DNR Boat/PWC Addendum to the Minutes.)
- Who may operate a personal watercraft (PWC)? (See DNR Boat/PWC Addendum to the Minutes.)
- There must be a wearable life-preserver for each person and 1 throwable cushion/ring.
- You cannot operate greater than no-wake speed within 100' of a swimmer, raft, boat, shore, pier.
- If towing a person/people, you need a driver, a spotter and an additional spot on the watercraft for each towed individual. Thus in order to pull one person behind a PWC, it must be a 3-seat model. (*If you have a 3-seat model you may NOT tow two people.*)
- Do not power your craft onto a trailer as it damages the boat landing. \$200 fine!
- If your boat is scrapping the bottom at the landing, change your receiver to lift your boat higher.
- Greater than no-wake speed allowed 10 AM - 7 PM. 7 PM - 10 AM = no wake.
- No towing a person between sunset and sunrise.
- Our boat landing is open to tribal members and ML Property Owners. You must be present at the boat landing for your visitors/renters to use the landing and to insure they are not bringing in milfoil, zebra mussels or other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

2014 MLA Annual Meeting Minutes: Sent via email with the meeting notice.

Motion to accept: Joe Chojnacki #26

Second: Mark Emerick #117

Vote in Favor: All

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Report: Tim Ebben

- The last spot treatment of 15 acres of milfoil was done in 2013 with Navigate™ granular chemical.
- We realized we cannot keep chasing the weeds around the lake as granular treatments removed the weeds from the treated area, only to find the weeds popping up in adjacent areas.

- Liquid whole lake treatment has been found to be more effective and ultimately less expensive to use but needed tribal approval. The tribe has now approved the use of the low dose, liquid, whole lake treatment.
- Since the spring of 2014 was so cold and the Eurasian Milfoil did not emerge early enough in the year to treat, the DNR recommended holding off until 2015.
- Point Intercept Surveys were performed in both May and October of 2014 by the DNR and Mark Emerick. 2.76% of the lake (9-10 acres) were affected by Eurasian Milfoil so it is not spreading too rapidly at this point.
- The DNR will conduct a less detailed polygon survey on June 10 or 11, 2015 and again in the fall to re-check past 'hot spots' for milfoil.
- Based on survey findings we anticipate a whole lake, low-dose, liquid treatment in spring 2016.
- Treatment costs were expected to be roughly \$24,000 back in spring of 2014 with an anticipation of higher costs for our 2016 treatment.
- A low dose liquid treatment will likely be followed up with smaller maintenance costs for the following year or two. Whole lake treatments are typically done at least three years apart.
- Tim Ebbin, Donna & Steve DeGroot attended the April 18, 2015 meeting of our local Area Lakes AIS Group. (*Note: This was the 2nd meeting of this group; the 1st meeting was held on October 18, 2014 and was attended by Donna, Steve and Mark Emerick.*) The formation of the group and the facilitation of the meeting was undertaken by Brenda Nordin of the DNR to enable leaders from the eight local lakes to share treatments, results, etc. We are the only private lake in the group. Our private status makes us ineligible for state grants, so we must pay for treatment costs out of our dues.
- Eurasian Milfoil can combine with the desirable native northern lake weeds and morph into a hybrid plant. These hybrids are sometimes more resistant to treatment and thus EXPENSIVE to treat. We fortunately have not found hybrids on our lake as of the fall of 2015 survey.
- Mark Emerick pointed out the invaluable help we have been receiving from the DNR, specifically Brenda Nordin. The DNR has designated us a test lake and has completed the surveys for free for the last 2 ½ years. (Insert: Mark Emerick has worked right along side Brenda and company.) The DNR has saved us thousands of dollars. Brenda even brought out a Masters student doing hybrid research to study our lake at no cost to the MLA.
- Hank Calmes #76 brought up his concern regarding people fertilizing their lawns. Remember, NO phosphorus is allowed in fertilizer used near water bodies.
- Our lake, the tribe and DNR are all working together to address AIS.
- If a lake is having money trouble, i.e. does not have a sizable checking account balance, the DNR will not even issue the necessary permits to treat AIS.
- We diligently continue to do our best to stay ahead of the AIS problem.
- Ellyn Dercks indicated how proud she is to be in an organization where property owners are willing to pay \$200 dues because we all care about the quality of our lake.

Lake-Friendly Landscape Practices: Mark Emerick

- There is a huge connection between the health of a lake and the condition of the shoreline - a healthy shoreline equals a healthy lake.
- Biggest issue is bringing residential lawns to the edge of the water.

- The #1 most damaging invasive species is Kentucky Bluegrass when fertilized with phosphorus fertilizers.
- No fertilizer containing phosphorus is allowed on properties near water bodies.
- Leave a buffer zone of natural plants, leaves and twigs to absorb nutrients that cause algae blooms and other poor quality water issues.
- From UWSP: Simple Steps to Protect Your Waterfront Investment (See also addendum to the Minutes.)
 - Step #1: Choose zero-phosphorus fertilizer for your lawn and garden.
 - Step #2: Properly dispose of household hazardous waste, or better yet, minimize your use of toxic products.
 - Step #3: Minimize erosion by leaving the natural shoreline intact.
 - Step #4: Inspect and maintain your septic system regularly.
 - Step #5: Reduce the hard surfaces like rooftops and driveways on your property.
 - Step #6: Plant trees and shrubs to protect your land and lakeshore.
 - Step #7: Direct downspouts onto your lawn or landscaping, not onto hard surfaces.
 - Step #8: Install a rain barrel.
 - Step #9: Build a rain garden.
 - Step #10: Protect or restore your shoreland buffer.

For more detailed information on these steps, go to our bookstore and get the full publication Protecting Your Waterfront Investment: 10 Simple Shoreland Stewardship Practices. www.uwsp.edu/uwexlakes

- More information can be found at <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/protect.pdf>

Social Events:

- 1) **Summeree/Golf Outing** hosted by Bob Dercks #115 & Neil Ort #25: Sat., Aug. 29, 2015.
 5:30 Socialize @ Golden Sands Club House
 6:30 Prime Rib or Pan-Fried Walleye dinner
 3:30 if you would like to golf beforehand
 Save the date; more information will be forthcoming.
- 2) **Winteree** suggested by Ellyn Dercks. Mid-winter check on your lake property and join others at an area restaurant for dinner and socializing. No cost to the MLA.
- 3) **Monday AM Golf** organized by Gene Weyenberg #54. All are welcome. Tee off at 9:00 AM on Mondays @ Golden Sands. \$9 for 9 holes. Additional \$8 for a cart.

Other New Business:

Joe Chojnacki #26 asked about the possibility of street lights at the VV intersections as it is hard to see when coming from Keshena. Donna explained that lights have been a controversial issue in the past; there were extremely divisive feelings about the issue and the discussion resulted in very strained relationships between neighbors. Additionally, none of the other VV intersections for the other lakes have street lights and there would be a significant ongoing cost to the MLA. Larry Casey #137 stated that two lights on the north shore are being financed by the individual property owners and indicated he is opposed to the MLA incurring lighting expenses. Bob Kemps will contact the county to see if this is a county issue and Joe will help him if necessary. Bob has added numerous reflectors to the stop sign posts to see if this low-tech approach is satisfactory.

Awards & Drawings:

Lot # with best attendance dating back to 2005

1st place with 27 in attendance: O'Shea family #114: Lake Breeze \$10 certificate

2nd place with 26 in attendance: Wilke family #106: The Cabin Inn \$10 certificate

Drawing winners:

Jan Brantmeier #105: Golden Sands \$10 certificate for food, golf, etc.

John Casey #137: The Cabin Inn \$10 certificate

Carl Rippl #4: Lake Breeze tumbler/straw & \$5 certificate

Lynn Buss #10: The Cabin Inn \$10 certificate

Adjournment: 10:15 AM

Motion to adjourn: Erv Polenz #77

Vote in Favor: All

Second: Steve Buss #144

Respectfully Submitted,



Ellyn Dercks