

Moshawquit Lake Association (MLA)
2016 Annual Meeting
May 28, 2016 Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order – Mark Emerick #117** called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with 65 in attendance.
- 2) **Interpreter – Mark** introduced Jolene Hunkins and thanked her for her service.
- 3) **Introduce MLA Board – Mark**
 - a) Donna DeGroot #146 Past President
 - b) Nick Romenesko #140 Vice-President
 - c) Robert Kemps #8 Legal Advisor
 - d) Dave Van Hoof #1 Member-at-Large
 - e) Corbin Keller #103 Member-at-Large
 - f) Joel Hartjes #84 Member-at-Large
 - g) Barb Klieber #64 Member-at-Large
 - h) Tim Ebbin #20 Chairman Conservation Committee – recognized for finding EWM in 2007 and leading the fight against invasives ever since
 - i) Ellyn Dercks #115 Secretary/Treasurer, water testing (clarity & chemical tests), publisher of Lake Happenings, Social Activities Leader, grandma, and the hardest working member of the Board *[Mark Emerick wrote this, not Ellyn.]*
- 4) **Approval of 2015 MLA minutes – Ellyn** (motion made by Larry Casey #137, 2nd by Bob Kemps #8, approved by unanimous vote)
- 5) **Welcome New members – Mark**
 - a) #9 Bill & Karen Kolosso - purchasing Raddatz home
 - b) #70 Bob and Jane Comstock bought the former Hull home and the lot next door last summer. Jane is #138 Dave Selleck's mother. Welcome Jane and Bob!
 - c) #7 Penzenstadler home was purchased by Ted and Kari Vossem (#6).
 - d) #21 Ujazdowski home was purchased by Greg Calmes and family. Greg is the nephew of #76 Hank (Vicky) Calmes. Welcome Greg and family!
 - e) #23 Harry and Joan Hoffman's home was purchased by their son, Mike. Harry and Joan will continue to live full-time on Moshawquit Lake. Welcome Mike!
 - f) #125 Paula Chandler's home is now owned by her two eldest daughters and their husbands.
- 6) **Treasurer's Report – Ellyn** reviewed our current on hand balance, the interest income from the CD, and asked for questions, being none, Mark Emerick #117 made a motion to approve the report, Corbin Keller #103 2nd it, and it was approved by unanimous vote.
- 7) **AIS Treatment Report – Mark** provided the following update since last meeting.
Background & current status regarding Tribal moratorium on chemical treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) –
 1. We have not treated for EWM since the fall of 2013.
 2. In 2014, we received approval from the DNR, and the MITW to perform a low-dose whole lake treatment of Moshawquit Lake in spring 2014 for treatment of EWM. Just prior to treatment we completed a spring spot-survey for EWM. We decided not to treat because the DNR decided there was not enough percentage of EWM in the lake.

3. Due to the cold spring in 2015, and the late ice-out, we were unable to obtain the proper combination of water temperature, and plant emergence conditions for treatment. We met with the DNR and again agreed to postpone our whole lake treatment.
4. The DNR again supported us last year by working with MLA volunteers and Heather Pyatskowit (Water Resource Specialist for MITW) of the MITW to perform spring and fall surveys of our lake at no charge. Both the 2015 spring and fall surveys showed renewed growth of EWM. Based upon what we found, we began working with Heather and the DNR to prepare for treatment this year. (Mark showed the Moshawquit Lake EWM survey map from fall, 2015.)
5. In fall of 2015, we were informed by Heather Pyatskowit that a total of \$23,000 had been budgeted for Moshawquit Lake for treatment in 2016. This included \$18,000 for treatment and \$5,000 for a post-treatment survey. The funds came from a grant obtained by Heather with the stipulation that the work had to be completed by March 2017.
6. On October 31, 2015 the MLA Board met and reviewed options which Tim and Mark presented for treatment of EWM. We considered two options:
 - i. A low-dose whole lake treatment as previously discussed.
 - ii. The use of a DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvest) unit. The DASH unit is generally used for new or small, sparse EWM beds, or for maintenance following a chemical treatment to prevent re-growth (e.g. weeding your garden). Because of our dispersed EWM growth and some large dense EWM beds, **the MLA Board approved our plan to complete a low-dose whole lake EWM treatment in spring 2016.**
7. In December 2015, Mark prepared a request for quotation for treatment and sent it out to 4 bidders.
8. In February, Tim Ebbin and Mark selected a successful bidder. The MLA Board held a virtual meeting and approved our selection.
9. Tim and Mark then worked with the successful bidder to prepare the necessary WDNR permit applications.
10. Tim and Ellyn then sent the application and \$1200 to Madison for approval.
11. We published Public Notice of our intent to treat in the Shawano Leader and waited for notification of WDNR approval.
12. Because of our location in Menominee County, we also required approval from MITW. Heather indicated that she would be obtaining this approval from the MITW tribal legislature in early March.
13. On March 16, as the first step in the MITW approval process, Heather attended the meeting of the Menominee Enforcement & Resource Protection (ERP) committee. This was anticipated to be a routine approval prior to meeting with the MITW Legislature. Unfortunately, the motion to approve the treatments did not pass the ERP for either Legend or Moshawquit Lake for 2016. One of the members of the ERP felt that a **DASH** unit should be used in place of herbicide treatment. While a **DASH** unit is typically reserved for small, non-dense EWM beds, the ERP felt that it should be used instead of herbicide in 2016.
14. Several attempts were made to reintroduce herbicide treatment to the next meeting of the MITW Legislature. This could not be accomplished without the approval of the ERP.
15. The MITW is currently reviewing the planning and approval process for the MITW Tribal Environmental Services Department, but any changes to this process will not be complete in time for 2016 projects.
16. We remain confident that any concerns with chemical treatments will be resolved, but need to find alternate solutions until that time.

17. Mark thanked the membership their prior financial support, and discussed two new sources of funding for future treatments that enabled us to reduce membership dues to \$100 for 2016. The 2 funding sources are listed below:

- i. **Heather has confirmed that that the \$23,000 grant has been extended until mid-2017** to ensure these funds are available for treatment next year if the moratorium is lifted.
- ii. Tim Ebbin worked with the DNR to extend and convert the unused portion of our Curley Leaf Pondweed treatment grant to a DASH grant. **This provides us with \$20,000 to help us fund our investigation into using this technology on our lake.** Starting in 2016 such grants expire every 12 months, so whatever we don't use this year we can extend it again next Fall for another 12 months.

Mark indicated that we can't make much progress on the dense patches without chemical treatments. EWM continues to grow and has the potential to establish new, small, patches within the lake.

Mark mentioned our 2 main options to fight EWM without chemicals:

1. **DASH unit** (hire, rent, or build) – A number of Lake Associations have constructed their own dash units and are staffing them with a combination of volunteers, paid divers and contractors. For example, LLPRD, and Long Lake have both recently completed their machines and are fully utilizing them, so they aren't available for us to borrow. **Mark has a presentation on DASH units with photos and data on effectiveness.** Contact him if you would like to see it. Tim and Mark are investigating the use of other Lake association-owned DASH units and DASH contractors through WAMSCO contacts. The MLA Board has requested that Tim and Mark complete the following:

- a. Identify 2 DASH test locations within Moshawquit Lake: an "easy one" (small sparse bed) and a "tough one" (large dense bed).
- b. Solicit at least 2 quotes from local DASH owners or contractors to treat the selected sites. Attempt to obtain quotes even if the contractors are too busy to complete the work.
- c. Select a DASH contractor.
- d. Obtain Board approval prior to awarding the contract.
- e. Oversee treatment of the 2 sites and document the results.
- f. Summarize results of the treatment and report to the Board, MITW and Conservation Dept.

These DASH resources are limited, but we are committed to completing this 2 day demonstration project this summer.

2. **Hand pulling** - Legend Lake (LLPRD) is conducting 3 training sessions (June, July & August) for volunteers to do hand pulling in shallow water. Tom Ittner, president of the LLPRD, has offered to allow us to solicit our own MLA volunteers and send them to LLPRD classes and schedule our own hand pulling efforts. I am asking for volunteers to participate in this training class in order to increase your awareness of EWM. If we are able to identify small infestations, we may be able to prevent them from getting too large. Mark indicated there were sign-up sheets at the back tables for volunteers.

8) **Grants for shoreline remediation – Mark, Ellyn.** Mark advised that there are grants available to residents of Moshawquit Lake for Shoreline Stabilization and Riparian Buffers. Jeremy Johnson, Conservationist for Menominee County, advises that for approved projects, the **county will provide matching grants of 50-70% of the project cost.** While the approval process for shoreline stabilization projects may exceed 2 months, the process for riparian buffers is much shorter, with some projects

proceeding from plans to approval in 1 month. Mark showed several DNR publications concerning Shoreline Remediation. MLA members are urged to contact Jeremy Johnson if they would like to complete a project. Ellyn described her experiences as a resident of Cloverleaf lakes where several such projects were completed.

9) **Boating Safety – Corbin Keller** reviewed Boat landing and Boating safety guidelines as summarized below:

Use of the Boat Landing

1. Our boat landing is only open to tribal members and Moshawquit Lake (ML) Property Owners. The **Property Owner must be present at the boat landing** in order for your visitors/renters to use the landing. Your presence will also help to insure they are not bringing in Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels or other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).
2. Do not power your craft onto a trailer as it damages the boat landing. (\$200 fine!)
3. If your boat or trailer is scraping the bottom at the landing, change your hitch receiver to lift your boat higher.

Safe Boating

1. Who can operate a boat? (See DNR Boat/PWC Addendum to the Minutes.)
2. Who may operate a personal watercraft (PWC)? (See DNR Boat/PWC Addendum to the Minutes.)
3. No wake inside of No-Wake buoys.
4. Greater than no-wake speed is only allowed 10 AM - 7 PM.
5. No wake is allowed from 7 PM - 10 AM.
6. You cannot operate above a no-wake speed within **200'** of a swimmer, raft, boat, shore, pier. (Please note this was mistakenly mentioned as 100' at the meeting.)
7. Drive all watercraft in counter-clockwise direction around the lake.
8. If towing a person/people, you need a driver, a spotter and an additional seat on the Watercraft (Boat or PWC) 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 PWC you may NOT tow 2 people.**
9. No towing a person between sunset and sunrise.
10. There must be a wearable life-preserver for each person and 1 throwable cushion/ring for each skier

Saving Your Vacation Dollars

Violations are not only unsafe, they are very expensive!

Illegal PFD (each violation)	\$163
Launching w/ aquatic plants	\$295
100 ft. no wake violation	\$188
Reckless boating	\$200
Underage boating	\$163
Towing a skier w/o spotter	\$173
Night boating w/o lights	\$175
Boat OWI	\$453

10) **Social Events – Ellyn and Bob Dercks #115**

- a) Summeree/Golf outing - **Bob** advised that this outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 16 at Golden Sands. It includes 9 holes of golf, dinner and door prizes. Non-golfers are also invited to attend. More details to follow.
- b) Monday AM golf - **Bob Dercks**. The Moshawquit lake golf group will continue to play golf on Monday mornings at 9:00 AM at Golden Sands.
- c) Fallfest - **Ellyn**. Held the 1st Saturday in October @ the Washington Inn.
- d) Winteree - **Ellyn**. Held the 1st Saturday in March @ the Washington Inn.

- e) Card club – **Mark** asked if any members were interested in forming a monthly card club to play hand n' foot, golf, or other games. Members are invited to contact Mark if interested.

11) New Business

- a) WAMSCO Introduction – **Mark** shared a short presentation on the background and formation of this new organization. MLA is a member. Individual Lake Association members may also join as individuals.
 - b) Nominating Committee for 2017 MLA Board officers and Board members – **Mark** advised the following regarding nominations for Board members and officers: Association bylaws state that at today's meeting we need to establish a Nominating Committee for the election of Board members and Officers which will be elected in May of 2017. We are looking not only for people who aspire to become officers, but also members who wish to become more involved in our organization as board members or committee volunteers, but who have no interest in being Officers. The bylaws state that the President shall designate the 3 members of the Nominating Committee from the members in good standing. After confirming that Board members and Officers are in fact "members in good standing", Mark designated Corbin Keller, Nick Romenesko, and Tim Ebbin. After some discussion and no other volunteers, Jane Sturtevant #126 made a motion to accept the candidates. It was 2nded by Bob Kemps #8 and approved by unanimous vote.
 - c) Prizes / Raffle – **Ellyn Dercks, Donna DeGroot, Alice Emerick**. The following members won awards/ door prizes:
 - i) Woman attendance at MLA meetings - Ginny & Amy O'Shea #114 **The Cabin Inn**: \$15 certificate
 - ii) Raffle Prizes:

(1) Mike Klieber #64	The Cabin Inn : \$15 certificate
(2) Hank Calmes #76	Washington Inn : \$10 certificate
(3) Jan Brantmeier #105	Lake Breeze : Insulated can sleeve and \$10 certificate
(4) Irv Polenz #77	Washington Inn : \$10 certificate
(5) Jan Buss #144	Lake Breeze : Insulated can sleeve and \$5 certificate
 - d) Stray dogs – **Jerry Wirth** has talked to the property owner associated with the stray dogs which have been causing property damage. We believe the issue will be "dealt with". Please remember to contact the Sheriff directly if you observe any problems. Please don't assume that someone else will make the call.
 - e) Clean up – **Mark** asked members to stay behind and assist in cleaning up the meeting room.
 - f) Thanks – **Corbin Keller** thanked the Board for their service and requested that anyone who is aware of any property coming up for sale on the lake to please contact him.

- 12) **Adjourn** – **Mark** requested a motion to adjourn – Motion was made by Joel Hartjes #84, 2nded by Mark Emerick #117, approved by unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM

Respectfully Submitted by Mark Emerick
Ellyn Dercks basically filled in the blanks. Thanks, Mark!