

Moshawquit Lake Association (MLA)  
2017 Annual Meeting  
May 27, 2017 Minutes

- 1) Welcome/Call to Order - Mark Emerick #117 called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with 70 adults and 1 child in attendance, representing 41 properties.
- 2) Rules for Voting - One vote per property.
- 3) Identify yourselves by #.
- 4) Introduce MLA Board - Mark
  - a) Mark Emerick #117 President
  - b) Nick Romenesko #140 Vice-President
  - c) Ellyn Dercks #115 Secretary/Treasurer
  - d) Tim Ebben #20 Chairman Conservation Committee
  - e) Robert Kemps #8 Legal Advisor
  - f) Donna DeGroot #146 Past President
  - g) Dave Van Hoof #1 Member-at-Large
  - h) Corbin Keller #103 Member-at-Large
  - i) Joel Hartjes #84 Member-at-Large
  - j) Barb Klieber #64 Member-at-Large (absent due to work commitment)
- 5) Interpreter - Mark introduced Jolene Hunkins and thanked her for her service.
- 6) Welcome New members - Mark
  - a) #2 Betty Peerenboom's place is now owned by son, Jay and Tammy.
  - b) #3 Frank & Rachelle DeBruin and Dan & Terri Reynebeau are purchasing Midge Mosher's place.
  - c) #21 David & Kim Calmes, Ryan & Jodi Calmes, Greg & Jessica Calmes and Tony & Tara Hawley purchased the Ujzdowski place.
  - d) #114 Virginia O'Shea's place is now owned by son, Steve and Amy.
  - e) #124 Kim Simon's bought out his sisters and now is in sole possession of the Simon cottage.
- 7) Moment of Silence for those who have passed away.
  - a) #2 Betty Peerenboom
  - b) #4 Marvin & Jayne Voissem
  - c) #5 Joe Kronser
  - d) #54 Gene Weyenberg
  - e) #80 Jerry Short
  - f) #106 Sandy Wilke
  - g) #135 Clifford Murphy
- 8) Bob Dumke presentation on native plants.

Bob is the President of the local chapter of the Wild Ones, a national, non-profit organization that promotes environmentally sustainable plants. Bob presented alarming statistics of the decrease in the number of bees and other pollinators due to: 1) loss of habitat, 2) degradation of remaining habitat, 3) pesticide poisoning and 4) spread of disease. Without pollinators we will lose many of the foods we have - cranberries, broccoli and chocolate to name a few. Properly planting our own land can affect a change. Every native plant we choose as part of our landscape makes a positive difference in our environment.

Catalogues from [prairiemoon.com](http://prairiemoon.com) and [prairienursery.com](http://prairienursery.com) and Wild Ones brochures were available. Bob remained for the entire meeting to field questions from individuals after the meeting. (Bob and his wife, Nancy, own the Cobbler's Closet in downtown Shawano.)

- 9) Shoreline remediation projects and available reimbursement from Menominee County - Mark Contact Jeremy Johnson, Conservationist for Menominee County, for information regarding matching grants of 50-70% for shoreline remediation.

10) Approve 2016 MLA Annual Meeting Minutes - Ellyn: Motion by Joe Chojnacki #25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve O'Shea #114, approved unanimously.

11) Approve Treasurer's Report - Ellyn: Motion by Jane Sturtevant #126, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Laux #51, approved unanimously.

12) Fighting Invasive Species - Our Integrated Management Plan (IMP) - Mark

*Important: See Mark Emerick's presentation of the Moshawquit Lake Association 2017 Annual Meeting Addendum to the minutes.*

a) Mark presented an overview of the work the Board has done recently in regard to fighting invasive species, including surveys, hiring a DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) unit to work on two test sites in 2016, and the low-dose chemical treatment that took place on May 19, 2017.

Member Questions/Comments:

1) Jean Laux #51: Why the concentration of EWM on NE shore?

a) Invasive Species seek out a void. Native plants are really your friends. If no native plants are in an area, the EWM may fill the void.

b) Wind direction is mainly SW in the summer and floating fragments can re-root.

c) Other spots in the lake may have been chemically spot treated in the past thus showing a lower concentration of EWM.

2) Jerry Wirth #101: Last year one individual on the Tribal Legislature felt uncomfortable going ahead with the treatment, why the change?

Answer: The Tribal Legislature wanted a detailed plan, thus the creation and presentation of our IMP.

3) Sally Follett # 58/59: Is there a concern with regard to the rain we received after the treatment?

Answer: This will become clear as the followup water data is being analyzed.

4) Steve O'Shea #114: Did Legend Lake treat this year?

Answer: Yes, they completed a similar low-low, whole lake treatment. We will be receiving water from their lake via the inlet so we should receive some added chemical benefit.

5) Erv Polenz #77: Noticed an increase in the number of dead fish this year.

Answer: The chemical used in the treatment is safe for non-invasive plants and aquatic life.

6) Donna DeGroot #146: Attended a presentation in regard to the Shawano Lake 2016 treatment. Fish specialist at the meeting sited the improvement of fish habitat when removing the dense foliage of invasive plants actually aides the fish population.

7) Steve Cloud #100: Is the water safe for people and dogs?

Answer: Yes. Mark reviewed the notice that is posted near the lake on each property.

8) Amy O'Shea #114: Noticed some invasive plants around her dock and wondered if they should die off or be hand-pulled.

a) First make sure it is the invasive plant, not the good, native plant. The invasive plant goes limp when taken from the water and it has a reddish tint on its stem.

b) Yes, they should die off, but if you see it, remove it!

b) Education - What we can all do to prevent the spread of EWM: Identify and remove EWM from boats, trailers, shoreline, floating across the surface of the water, etc.

c) DASH Unit - Diver Assisted Suction Harvester

*Again, it is important to refer to Mark Emerick's presentation of the Moshawquit Lake Association 2017 Annual Meeting Addendum to the minutes.*

1) 2016 recap - Eco Waterways Services worked two test sites with positive results.

2) 2017 plan - The MLA Board recommends using available grant money to build our own DASH unit and put it into use in 2018.

Member Question/Comment: Ted Voissem #6/7 wanted to make sure we are looking at hiring certified divers with insurance.

Answer: Yes, we will use paid, certified divers and we will have both Worker's Comp. and insurance to protect the Moshawquit Lake Association for liability in the event, for example, the DASH equipment ran into a dock.

3) Vote to ratify: Motion by Sally Follett # 58/59, 2nd by Jane Sturtevant #126, passed unanimously.

Member Question/Comment: Nancy Michel #16 thanked the Board for all their work in the fight against invasive species.

13) **Boating Safety - Corbin Keller** reviewed Boat landing/Boating safety guidelines 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 expected from 7 PM - 10 AM.
6. You cannot operate above a no-wake speed within **200'** of a swimmer, raft, boat, shore, pier, person being towed.
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

#### Member Questions/Comments:

1) Donna DeGroot #146 requested more buoys for the water-life area on the west shore. The possibility of spreading out the present buoys was presented. Jerry Wirth #101 favored adding additional buoys.

Motion to acquire 3 additional buoys for the west shore made by Joe Chojnacki #26, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Wirth #101, unanimously approved. Steve O'Shea will see to this. Donna mentioned that previous buoys were purchased online from US West Marine.

2) Sally Follett #58/59: When towing their kids, jet skis follow and jump the wake. Even if the jet ski stays 200' behind the tubes, if kids fall off the tubes, the jet ski drivers will not be able to see and avoid a small head bobbing in the water.

3) Lynda McDowell #127: It is up to the property owners to make sure guests/renters know the rules of the lake.

4) Tim Ebben #20 brought up having a New Owners Packet containing the lake rules, etc. Donna DeGroot #146 said the Board touched on the topic but it was tabled due to the pressing issues of chemical treatment of the lake and DASH unit discussion. Ellyn Dercks #115 stated that it would be a great thing for the new Secretary/Treasure to handle. (The crowd laughed - not sure if the new Treasurer and Secretary joined in.)

Corbin concluded his water safety presentation by saying, "Common sense goes a long ways. USE YOUR HEAD!"

Corbin then reminded people to go to the DNR website to obtain a free, yearly burn permit. You must still call the DNR or visit the website daily when you wish to burn to see what the burning restrictions are for the day. Remember, just because you are using a burning pit/campfire area to burn, if you are using the fire for anything other than cooking food, you need to have a burn permit and you need to follow the restrictions.

15) Social Events

- a) Mark asked for a volunteer to run the Summeree/Golf Outing. No one stepped forth.
- 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. Call the golf course prior to attending as it is sometimes closed due to scheduled golf outings.
- c) Fallfest - Held the 1st Friday in October @ the Washington Inn. (Oct. 6)
- d) Winteree - Held the 1st Saturday in March @ the Washington Inn. (March 3)
- e) Barb Kleiber #64 will spearhead Fallfest & the Winteree.

16) Amendment(s) to By-laws: The following amendments are recommended by the Board.

Article III, Section 1 "Any property owner, or **their designee**, is eligible to be a member of the Lake Association."

Article III, Section 3 "Any member in good standing, or **their designee**, shall have the right to vote, to participate in meetings, and to hold office in the association."

Article XII - currently states: "The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on June 1, and end on the last day of May." Amend to state that "The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on **May 1**, and end on the last day of **April**."

Motion to accept the above amendment(s) by Larry Casey #137, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellyn Dercks #115, unanimously approved.

*Please note, if you elect to establish a designee for your property, please notify the Secretary/Treasurer for our records.*

17) Election of new Officers & Board Members

Approve Nominating Committee Slate of Officers:

Nick Romenesko #149	President
Steve O'Shea #114	Vice President
Joe Michel #16	Treasurer supported by:
Gary Sturtevant	Secretary

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Joel Hartjes	Member at Large
Jerry Wirth	Member at Large

Open	Chairman Conservation Committee
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Continuing members:

Robert Kemps #8	Legal Advisor
Mark Emerick #117	Past President (and DASH unit builder)
Corbin Keller #103	Member at Large
Barb Kleiber #64	Member at Large

Motion by Joe Chojnacki #26, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corbin Keller #103, unanimously approved.

18) Fire Brochures/Flier on Bears were distributed to each property. Thank you to Jane Sturtevant for placing the order. For her efforts Jane received: 1) A Firewise Community folder with brochures and 2) a canvas bag.



19) New Business - all

Use of the Legend Lake Compost site is \$47 for ML residents.

The Shawano County Landfill is available for free for leaves and twigs. There is a nominal cost for branches. Bob Dercks #115 stated that he had a snowmobile trailer full of branches and it cost \$6.

20) Prizes/Raffle

- i) Ellyn rewarded two long time members of the MLA Board who retired this year, Donna DeGroot with 15 years of service (4 as Vice-President, 2 as President, 2 as Past President) and Tim Ebben with 12 years of service, the last four as Chairman of the Conservation Committee.

a) Tim Ebben #20 **Washington Inn:** \$25 certificate

b) Donna DeGroot # 146 **Cobbler's Closet:** Bee House

ii) Raffle Prizes:

(a) Bob Comstock #70/73 **Backes Brat Haus:** \$10 certificate

(b) Dan Bauer #62 **Lake Breeze:** \$10 certificate

(c) Jean Laux #51 **Lake Breeze:** Candy dish with candy

(d) Ann DeWitt #55 **Cobbler's Closet:** Insulated sack, water bottle, \$5 gift

(e) Joel Hartjes #84 **Cobbler's Closet:** Insulated sack, water bottle, \$5 gift

*Thank you to these fine area businesses for their generous gifts!*

21) Adjourn – Mark requested a motion to adjourn - Motion was made by Bob Kemps #8, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Sturtevant #126, unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ellyn Dercks