

Description of Discussion

1. **Agenda & Headcount:** The 2024 MLA Annual Meeting was held at Primal Eats and started at 9:06 am. The sign-in sheets included 58 attendees representing 40 Moshawquit Lake properties. Based on a manual count, the actual headcount was about 65. The presentation deck is attached as Exhibit #1. The agenda topics are below:

- Introductions
- Approval of 2023 MLA Annual Meeting minutes
- New property owners
- Neighbors that we've lost
- Financial update
- MLA website
- 2023 EWM lake survey
- Curley leaf pondweed (CLP)
- Plan forward – Aquatic Plant Management Plan
- EWM & CLP identification
- Healthy lakes site visits
- WAMSCO
- 2023 fish stocking
- Dam update
- Menominee County Taxpayer Association (MCTA)
- July 4th boat parade
- Compost sites
- Safe boating and lake rules
- Lights and aerators
- Boat launch rules
- Board positions available

See the deck for further information about each subject.

2. **Introductions:** Steve O'Shea #114, the MLA vice president, led the meeting which started with the introductions of the MLA board members.

Name	Property	Title	Status
Mark Emerick	117	Past President	Not available
Corbin Keller	103	Member at Large	Present
Bob Kemps	33	Legal Advisor	Present
Glen Weyenberg	57	Treasurer	Not available
Steve O'Shea	114	Vice President	Present
Nick Romenesko	140	President	Not available
Gary Sturtevant	126	Secretary	Present
Michael McDowell	127	Member at Large	Not available
Gene Finn	145	Member at Large	Present

Later in the meeting, Steve mentioned that Mark Emerick will resign from the board. We will need volunteers to take over roles that Mark has filled for the MLA. Bob Kemps will also leave the board if the sale of his house closes as expected.

3. **2023 MLA Annual Meeting Minutes:** Irv Polenz #77 moved to accept the minutes for the 2023 annual meeting. Bob Kemps #133 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes are available on the MLA website.
4. **MLA Website:** In response to a question, Gary Sturtevant #126 will investigate if we can exchange messages on the MLA website. The group returned to this idea later in the meeting. Johanna Zettersten #32 suggested a Facebook group as another idea and offered to set it up. The MLA board will consider these ideas. **Action: MLA board.**
5. **Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP):** A patch of CLP was discovered this year near the point. The size of the patch is about ¼ acre. To prevent the creation and spread of CLP fragments, please stay away from the patch when boating. Exhibit 2 shows a map and where the patch is located.
6. **Lawn Fertilization:** Please do not use traditional lawn fertilizers because the run-off will contribute nutrients to the lake that facilitate weed growth. A better option is to use humic acid fertilizer. Humic acids are organic compounds and this type of fertilizer is available at stores such as Home Depot. Jennifer Hurley offered to help spread the word about lawn fertilizers. **Action: Jennifer Hurley #136.**
7. **Healthy Lakes Site Visits:** Perry & Sherry Brown #116, Tom & Joan Vanselow #147, Victor & Lynn Murphy #135, Scott & Sally Follett #58, Beth Gorak #129 and potentially one more property expressed interest in a healthy lakes site visit. Contact Steve O'Shea if interested.
8. **July 4h Boat Parade:** We will hold the boat parade on Thursday July 4.
9. **Menominee County Taxpayers Association (MCTA):** Exhibit 1 includes a slide about the MCTA. After the formal adjournment of the MLA annual meeting, there was a full presentation about the MCTA's work on the property tax issue. The MCTA presentation deck is not included with these notes because the MCTA representatives consider some of their information to be confidential. No meeting minutes will be issued for that session.

All Moshawquit Lake Property owners are encouraged to join the MCTA. The membership form distributed to the MLA membership last year is attached as Exhibit 2. Gary Sturtevant will distribute any further information that the MCTA provides. **Action: Gary Sturtevant #126.**
10. **Legend Lake Compost Site Fee:** The \$50 fee shown on Compost slide is incorrect. The actual fee is \$70.
11. **Buoy Near the Boat Landing:** Dave Van Hoof suggested that the buoy located along the shoreline near the boat landing should be moved even closer to the landing. An alternative is to add another buoy in that area. Steve O'Shea will investigate these options. **Action: Steve O'Shea #114.**

12. **Fish Limits:** Dean DeWitt #55 asked if anyone knew the legal limits for the types and sizes of fish a fisherman can keep. The MLA board will investigate this subject. **Action: Gary Sturtevant #126.**
13. **Aerators:** Aerators should only be used to clear ice on your own property. If the aerator is clearing ice from multiple properties then it must be repositioned or reduced in size.
14. **Do Not Speed on the Roads:** All property owners and guests are encouraged to drive slowly on the roads around the lake. Please watch out for walkers and bike riders.
15. **Park Vehicles Just On One Side of the Road:** Please park vehicles only on the side of the road where your property is located. This is for 2 reasons: 1) if vehicles are parked on both sides, it can be difficult for other vehicles to pass through; and 2) vehicles with wheels on tribal land can receive a parking ticket.
16. **How to Clean and Inspect Boats to Prevent Spread of Invasive Species:** It is very important that property owners clean and inspect their boats and the boats brought to the lake by their guests to prevent the spread of invasive species. Gary Sturtevant will put information about this subject on the MLA website. **Action: Gary Sturtevant #126.**
17. **Dog Leash Laws & Stray Dogs:** Steve DeGroot #146 reported the Menominee county law is that dogs must always be leashed. Please always use a leash. Never unleash your dog when you go for a walk.

Gary Sturtevant will distribute the name and phone number for the Menominee county organization to call to report incidents such as stray dogs. **Action: Gary Sturtevant #126.**
18. **Handyman, Carpenter & Painter Recommendations:** Corbin Keller is looking for people who can do this type of work. Dave Miller #134 was suggested.
19. **Snow Plowing Contractor:** Seve O'Shea mentioned that he found a new snow plowing contractor. Contact Steve if you are interested in that service.
20. **Stay Away From Fishing Boats:** Please stay far away from fishing boats. We have reports of some boaters coming too close to people fishing.
21. **Jet Skiers:** Please ensure that jet skiers know and follow the rules. Too many do not follow the rule to circle the lake in a counter clockwise manner
22. **Board Members:** Johanna Zettersen moved to approve the nomination of the current slate of board members for another term. Jane Sturtevant #126 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

23. **Meeting Adjournment:** Donna DeGroot #146 moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and then passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.

Submitted by:

Gary C. Sturtevant
May 26, 2024

Attached Exhibits:

1. Moshawquit Lake Association 2024 Annual Meeting presentation deck
2. Exhibit 2 CLP Patch Location
3. Exhibit 3 MCTA application form

Exhibit 1

Moshawquit Lake Annual Meeting 2024

May 25, 2024

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A message from your president



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Introductions

- Nick Romenesko - President
- Steve O'Shea - Vice President
- Gary Sturtevant - Secretary
- Glen Weyenberg- Treasurer
- Corbin Keller - Member
- Gene Finn - Member
- Michael McDowell - Member
- Bob Kemps - Legal Advisor
- Mark Emerick - Past President

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Past year's meeting

- Meeting minutes from last year are available on our new website
<https://moshawquitlakeassociation.org/meeting-notes/>
- Motion to approve

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We have new neighbors!

- Dercks have sold to Marty and Debbie Orlando (#115)
- Comstocks sold to Ed Schmidt (73)
- Kemps sold to Paul Hoffman(33 & 34)

► *If you are looking to sell your cottage, feel free to contact the board or Gary and we will inform our members. If someone knows of a potential buyer, we can help grow our community and save on costly realtor fees.



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Neighbors we've lost

- Dave Mynning (#52) – longtime friend and companion to Jean Raiford
- Jeanne Jorgensen (#112) – Gary's wife and sister to Bob (Kathy) Geimer, Kathryn Geimer-Chojnacki (Joe) and Janice Geimer (Jack Fenske)
- Bob Hartjes (#84) – Joel Hartjes's father and owner of the property from 1970-2000

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Security issues

- In the past year we had two reports of security issues arise
 - One was a car that tried to evade police and hide themselves between a house and garage. The two occupants exited the car and walked around the property. The event was caught on security camera and doorbell camera. Owners of the property contacted the police and they apprehended the woman who stay with the car. The male driver fled on foot. The footage was forwarded to the police which they greatly appreciated. (Lot #54)
 - Second was a young man in his early 20s that tried to open an owners shed door. He was yelled at through a security camera and he casually walked away. (Lot #77)
- *Cameras and video doorbells work and help deter crime*

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Glen

Financial Update

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FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Glen	Cash balance April 30, 2023	19,321.09
Deposits:		
Interest income	59.53	
Insurance refund	680.00	
Annual Dues - FY 6/1/23 - 5/31/24	34,760.00	35,499.53
Payments:		
Bouy placement & removal	750.00	
Bouy repairs	84.71	
Watershed Conservancy	200.00	
Coordination Grant pledge		
Storage of pontoon boat	551.00	
Filing fees	25.00	
Association dues	100.00	
Diving costs	77.00	
Insurance	1,728.00	(3,515.71)
Cash balance April 30, 2024		51,304.91

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Moshawquit Lake Association Website

- <https://moshawquitlakeassociation.wordpress.com/>



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Survey outcome (2023) - **The Good**

- Zero trace of any Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), Hybrid milfoil (HWM) or northern water milfoil (NWM) in the entire lake in 2022 whole lake survey!
- EWM was identified in the marsh in the channel flowing from Legend Lake. This small area of plants (2 identified) was more than likely untouched since the herbicides were not able to penetrate the marsh and the current present in 2022.
- Native plant diversity in the lake remains great (39 different plants), which was very similar to previous surveys prior to treatment. Sara even identified several new subspecies of native plants that were not previously identified in our lake.
- In 2023, one plant was located off of Romenesko's dock, which was hand pulled (thank you Fiona) and in the fall, a few plants of EWM were located in the SW corner which was also easily hand pulled.

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Curly Leaf Pond Weed - **The Bad**

- Curly Leaf Pond Weed has made an appearance as of last Spring just east of the south shore's point near Froehlichs. There were records of it being present years ago, however it was never noted after.
- Curly-leaf pondweed made its way to the Midwest through introduction of carp as game fish to the waterways in the mid to late 1800s (Carp and CLP, nice work!)
- Reproduces through turions (1/2 inch, brown, appearance of sharp small pinecones). These are hardy and can go dormant for years.

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Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)

- It sprouts early season as the ice comes off and dies off and goes dormant by mid June.
- Grows from shoreline to 15' of water and can grow 15' tall.
- It has been identified in the one location which consists of about a quarter acre.
- Lack of snow the last two seasons allows more light through the ice which can help the plant sprout



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The Ugly



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Plan going forward

- Sara is our consultant who has helped us with our development of the updated Lake Management plan (helps us fulfil our requirements for the grant we received.)
- Sara and Mark were instrumental in securing a \$10,000 Surface Water Planning Grant from the DNR.
- The DASH unit is expected to stay in storage this season 
- The DASH unit is expected to come out of storage Spring of 2025 to address the CLP 
- Dues will be \$400 this year to rebuild our finances in case further treatment becomes necessary

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Education

We can all play a part in preventing the spread of EWM

Here are a few tips....

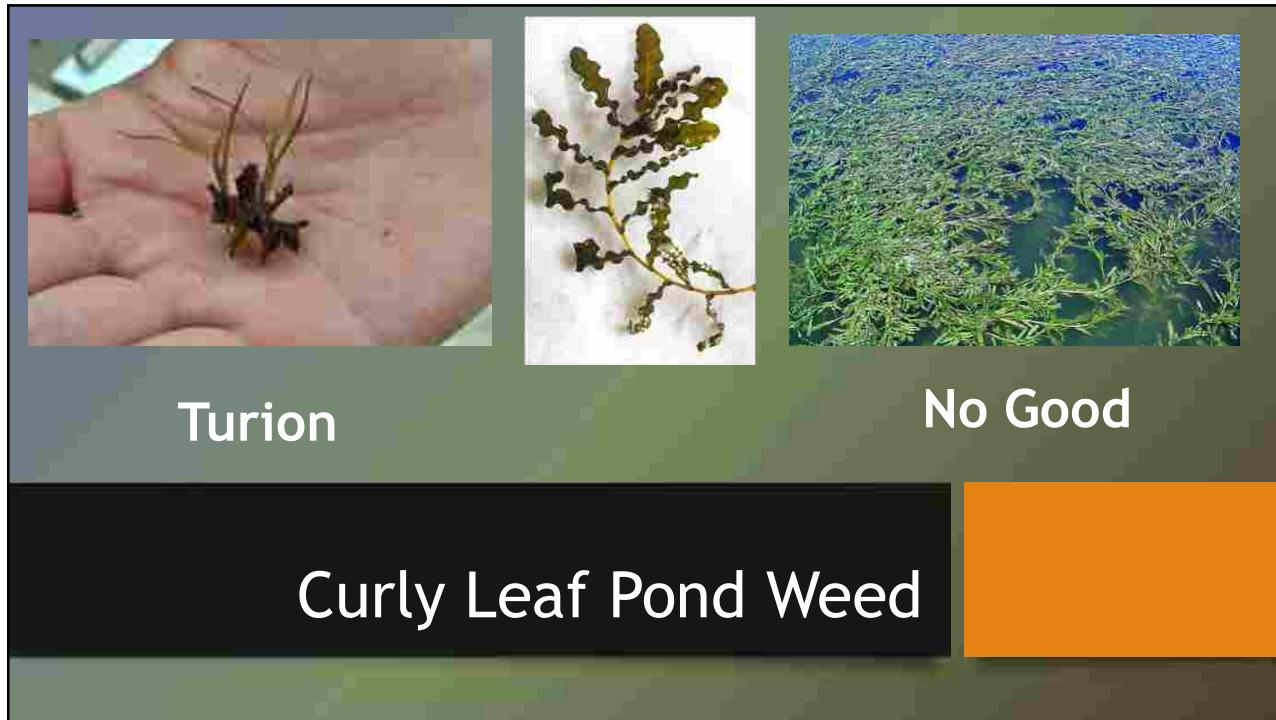
- Know how to identify EWM and CLP, and distinguish it from other aquatic plants
- Clean your boat, motor, and trailer to remove aquatic hitchhikers whenever you launch or remove your boat from the water
- Pick up floating fragments, each fragment can re-root, and form a new plant
- Avoid areas where EWM is near the surface, fragments cut by propellers will float and re-root. Last year colored buoys were placed at sites to mark dense patches and surface EWM.
- Monitor your lakefront, and pull any new EWM plants you find growing there

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Education - Know how to identify EWM, and distinguish it from other aquatic plants



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Healthy Lakes Site Visit

- 5 visits are required as part of our grant
- This requires an on-site discussion between the property owner and the DNR
- This will establish if grant funds are available to property owners for shoreline remediation projects.
- 2 have been completed and we are looking for volunteers that are open to the possibility of receiving grant money to help rehabilitate their shoreline in a way that promotes a healthy waterway with the guidance of the DNR.
- If you are interested, speak with Steve O' Shea

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WAMSCO Membership and Goals

Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties

- MLA is still participating in WAMSCO and it has provided a wealth of knowledge in our efforts to combat EWM.
- Website: wamsco.org

WAMSCO has been growing rapidly, and now has secured 10 grants, and now has two full time professionals on staff working on youth education, AIS, shoreline restoration, and agricultural events.

WAMSCO was instrumental in helping us secure our most recent grant

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2023 Moshawquit Lake Fish Stocking

- MITW received small fingerling walleye from Genoa National Fish Hatchery in June 2023
- The fish are raised in rearing ponds, being fed minnows every week until they are large enough for release
- In September, 2000 walleye (average length 6.5 inches) stocked into Moshawquit Lake



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Update on the dam

- Nick was given Ryan Pichler's name as a DNR contact and is a Water Management Engineer for the DNR (thank you Marty Kemps)
- Ryan confirmed the dam was inspected in 2020 and was in need of repair. He also confirmed that it is "owned by MITW and is regulated by the BIA"
- Doug Cox of MITW confirmed that MITW does have ownership of the dam
- Now both spillways of the dam are starting to fail.
- At this point, the board is less concerned with who will pay for it and more concerned with how can we get it repaired.
- More to come...

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MCTA and what it can do for you

- Menominee County Tax Association is a group that all residents in Menominee County should join.
- \$25 to join and donations are accepted
- Class action lawsuits have been filed and only members of MCTA will be rewarded in the case of success.
- Meetings are held at Legend Lake Lodge and email updates are sent out regularly.
- Email Nick or Gary a request for a letter to learn more
- Jim Skulstad to report at the end of the meeting today

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Fourth of July Boat Parade

Get your boat floats ready!



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Fun at the lake

- November 18 Dave and Celleste hosted a Chili Dump at their home #138
 - About 20 people attended and apparently the food was amazing
 - Nick was bummed it was on opening weekend of deer hunting as he loves chili and parties. We would love to see a “Second Annual Chili Dump” (on a different weekend ☺)
- Bob and Becky Weiske (#101) organized a Christmas party at Primal Eats on Saturday December 2.
 - Can anyone speak of the turn out? I am sure the food was amazing as always
- Thank you for organizing these events. It makes our community closer and more fun!

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Compost Sites

Legend Lake's compost is the closest - Saturday 10-2 through sept

Oct.-Nov Saturdays 9-4 & Wednesdays 10-4
\$50 fee for year. Free fill and compost (shovel only).



Shawano county landfill is free for leaves, possibly a fee for branches. You can get top soil there as well. It is located on the south shore of Shawano on Rusch Rd off of Green Bay (Hwy 22).



Don't dump across the road, that is tribal land and we want to respect our neighbors



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Safe Boating and Lake Rules

Moshawquit Lake does have county ordinances that apply to our lake and differ from state laws.

- Wake and towing hours 10am to 7pm
- Must stay 200' from the shoreline when towing or creating a wake (includes PWCs)
- Drive in the counter clockwise direction around the lake to help keep the flow.
- Drivers must be of appropriate age and hold boat safety certificate:
 - To operate a PWC - must be at least 12 with boater's safety
 - To operate a motorboat - must be at least 16 years of age with boater's safety *or* be accompanied by someone 18 years and older with boater's safety

Reminder:

- Towing behind a PWC: Must be a three person PWC and include a spotter.

There were unfortunate occasions in the past of near misses and inattentive drivers looking back at who they are towing and not where they were going. Please use a spotter and drive carefully!

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For those not in attendance today

- Written copies will be delivered in person by members of the board to those not in attendance today
- If you would like to volunteer to deliver and discuss the lake rules with friends and neighbors please speak to a board member to help lighten our load
- Our goal is to eliminate the most common excuse **IGNORANCE**
- There should not be an excuse for violating wake hours, dangerous towing habits and proximity issues with other boaters

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Please be respectful of your neighbors with regards to your lighting. Please direct lights down and don't have lights shining out onto the lake. Light pollution ruins amazing views of our night skies and is blinding to people across the water.

Be careful not to run over the buoys! They get cracked and water logged and is an added expense to replace. Plus Steve deploys and recovers them and he isn't getting younger. Water logged buoys are heavy!

In the winter time, aerators need to have a barrier around them with continuous rope/cord or similar material placed at least 2.5 ft and no more than 4.5 ft off the surface. Must be marked by an visual warning system that is lite, fluorescent, or reflectorized. It should not encroach on your neighbor's ice (without consent) in a way that would make the ice on their shoreline unsafe. This can be accomplished by using skirts to prevent the flow of water from your neighbors.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/documents/aeratorfactsheet.pdf>

A few other issues to discuss

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As property owners we are afforded the ability to utilize the boat launch, which is on tribal property

When a boat is launched, the property owner must be present at the time. Guests launching their boats can be fined for trespassing.

Property and boat owners must inspect the watercraft for plants and empty live well and bilge tanks prior to launching

If you or a guest are stopped by a lake member inquiring if they are suppose to be on the lake should not be offended and simply tell the lake member the name of the property owner.

Please inform your guests of the lake rules

*No Powerloading Please

If you see a problem, please address it. We need to police our lake ourselves.

Boat Launch Rules

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Board positions can be available

- The board has remained generally unchanged for several years and terms have expired. All roles are available, however all board members have agreed to continue to serve if necessary.
- Please speak to the board or email Gary Sturtevant if you are interested in helping out.
- The role of president is up for grabs! Nick will continue to serve, but as stated previously in 2022, he has overserved his term.
- You just need to be willing. Able is a bonus
- If no one would like to position, Nick will happily serve another year
- If you don't like the idea of a tyrant like Nick serving again, the position is yours

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Motion to Adjourn?

- Any questions or comments?

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Exhibit 2

Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Patch Location

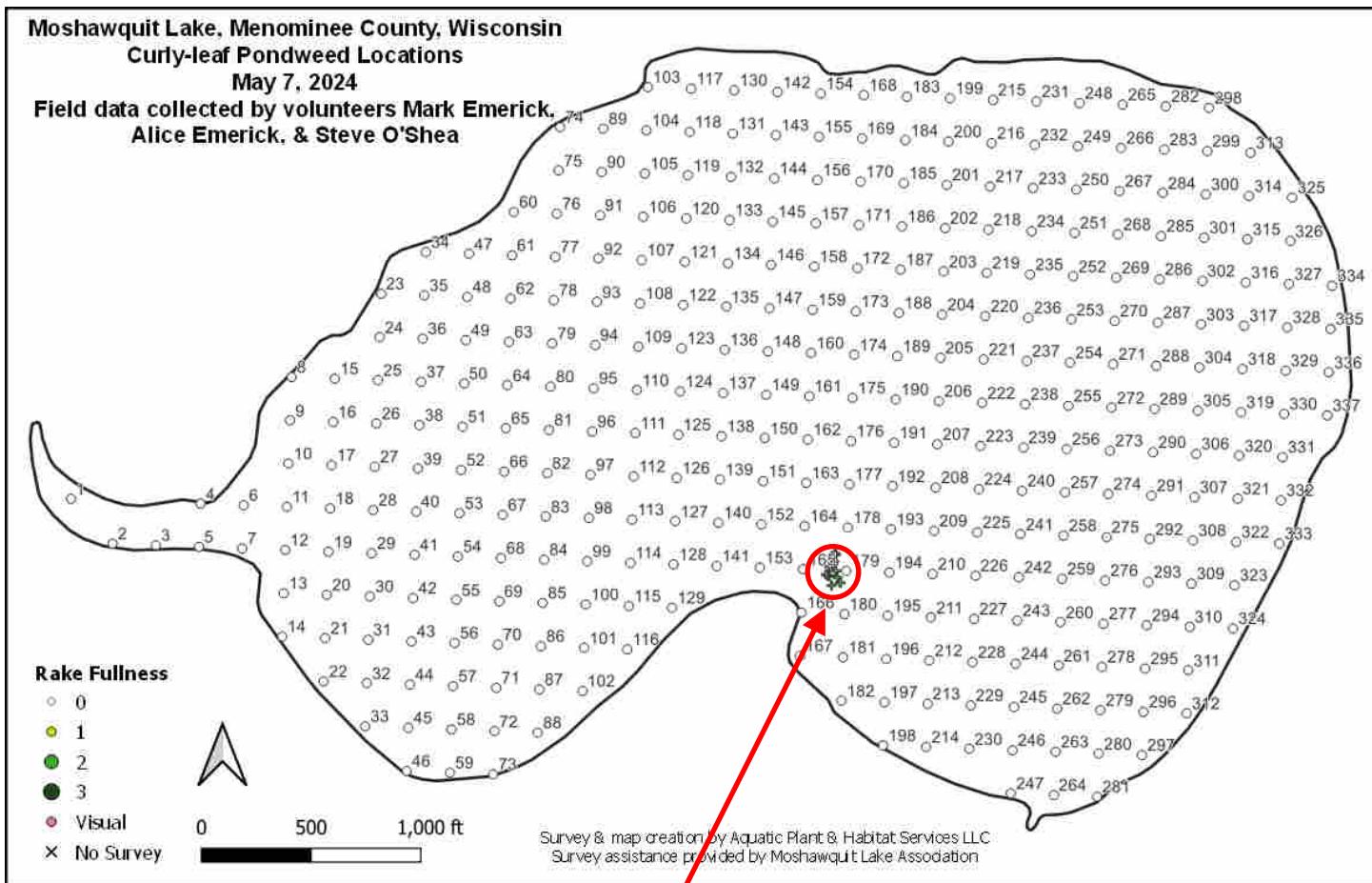


Exhibit 3

MCTA Annual Membership Dues Form

2023 Annual Dues: \$25.00

Make your check payable to: MCTA

Mail your check and this completed form to: P.O. Box 666, Keshena WI 54135

Special Contribution to Assist in Legal Fees (Optional): \$50 \$100 \$200 Other: _____

Pay by Zelle®:

Zellepay.com-use as the preferred email: mcotaxassoc@gmail.com - or contact your Bank for instructions

MCTA Member Contact Information -please print

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Menominee County Address (if different): _____

Volunteer to Help:

We need qualified volunteers in addition to your financial support! These include members who could provide help and support in the following areas:

Support Activity	Yes! (Check Box)	Support Activity	Yes! (Check Box)
Legal or Paralegal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising or Public Comm.	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Experience	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website Mgt or Data Analytics	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Admin & Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Stay Informed Online

YES, I would like to join the online MCTA Facebook page (check box if interested):

The MCTA Facebook page is available only for property taxpayers in Menominee County that are current members of the MCTA. Contact info helps keep our mailing list up to date and engage members that want to help!

You can also volunteer by contacting the MCTA at MTCAProject@gmail.com

Sincerely,
MCTA Management Team

****Please return this sheet along with the Membership Dues****