

**Lake Mason Management District
Special Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 28, 2016**

Charlie Newling, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Bob Demmert, Acting Secretary, stated the meeting was in compliance with Open Meeting Law. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers – Present: Charlie Newling, Chairperson; Mark Hamburg, Adams Co. Rep.; Rocco Terranova, Commissioner; Bob Krause, Commissioner; Bob Demmert, Treasurer; and Jim Brancel, Town of Douglas Rep. Absent: Unfilled Commissioner position.

Mark Hamburg made a motion to approve of the agenda as written. Bob Krause seconded and the motion passed.

Mark Hamburg made a motion to approve of the minutes as written of the September 5, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting. Jim Brancel seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Bob Demmert, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

Rocco Terranova made a motion to approve of the Treasurer's Report. Mark Hamburg seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Demmert presented the outstanding bills: \$30.00 for Marquette Co. Lakes Assoc. dues; \$25.29 for reimbursement to Treasurer for printer ink.

Bob Krause made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Rocco Terranova seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

Stocking of Lake – Dave Ditter reported on the stocking of northerns by Gollon Fish Farm of Dodgeville. The 750 fish (@ \$6.75 each) were supposed to be approximately 13", but reported they looked to be 15"-16" on average. Bob Demmert stated the membership last year approved future stocking up to \$6,500 per year for this year and next year. Dave Ditter stated Jennifer Bergman felt we should stock a mix of northerns and bluegills. Jennifer thought 500 northerns would be a good number. Dave Ditter said he would forward Jennifer's email.

New Business

Central Sands Water Action Coalition Guest Speaker – Arnie Wilke of the Coalition spoke to the membership. Arnie discussed the water issues and the impact of high capacity wells on the water table and the water levels of lakes and rivers in Waushara and Portage counties. Charlie stated he would put the question of participation in the Coalition to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Arnie stated there were no dues to belong to the Coalition.

Carp netting – Charlie Newling reported on the carp netting that occurred this past March and April. In March they netted 18,500 lbs. of carp. The carp averaged 14-17 lbs. each. They also netted 9,000 lbs. of shad with a minimum length of about 14". Some were as large as 22". The Hubers took the shad. In April they netted 20,400 lbs. of carp and 6,000 lbs of shad.

Damaged Briggsville boat ramp – Jim Brancel reported on the damaged ramp. Marquette Co. LWCD has been out to take measurements, draw up plans for a new ramp, and submit request

for a permit from the DNR. The new ramp will be 3 – 12'x12' concrete slabs (12' wide by 36' long).

The Town is soliciting bids now.

Discussion of Cost sharing versus ownership of Dam – Charlie Newling reported the results of the January survey that he sent out. There were 102 responses from the 157 mailings. 68% of the respondents think the Lake District should pay 50% cost sharing. 58% did not want ownership of the dam. After Charlie's report, there was open discussion. Several people were concerned that the Town of Douglas was not responsive in lowering the lake 10". This was disputed by Jim Brancel and Craig Hilliard. Others questioned the wisdom of having the stop logs installed within 10" of the normal high water mark. What might happen in the event of a 100 year rain event like 2008? Will the stop logs prevent anyone from releasing sufficient water to prevent the water from going over the top of the earthen portion of the dam? The issue of liability was brought up by Charlie Newling. According to Jim Brancel, the Town of Douglas pays \$300 liability insurance. The Lake District would likely have to pay significantly more. After nearly 40 more minutes of discussion, Curt Van Schoyck suggested another Special Meeting to discuss just dam ownership. There was general verbal agreement with that.

Discussion of possible District by-laws changes:

a. Membership election of Chairperson to two year terms- Charlie reported the membership survey responded 63% in favor of the membership electing the Chairperson. Bob Krause reported why he would like to see the membership elect the chairperson. It is necessary to prevent collusion of outside members to exert voting rights to instate a chairperson that might not have the best interests of the lake district.

b. Rules as to who can serve as Chairperson - Bob Demmert stated his intent was to ensure only members of the Lake District (Property owners and residents) can serve a chairperson.

Charlie Newling announced the date for next Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, September 3, 2016, 9:00AM at the New Haven Town Hall.

Open Comments

Dave Ditter reported on Black Crappie Sarcoma, reddish sores, found on approximately 15-20% of the crappies caught this spring. The DNR knows very little about the disease and recommends not eating the infected fish. The DNR asks that infected fish not be released back into the lake.

Mark Gluckert reported many stumps turned over this spring. Curt Van Schoyck reported that there were high winds and heavy slush on the ice when it broke up. The next day Curt said the stumps appeared.

Sally Danke reminded everyone of the July 2nd Boat Parade

Mark Knudsen stated he wanted to be a guest speaker at the Annual Meeting.