

Lake Mason Management District

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Chairperson, Charlie Newling called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM (CDT). Mr. Newling stated the meeting was compliant with Open Meeting Law having been posted for 4 days at three locations.

Roll Call of Officers – Present: Charlie Newling, Chairperson, Bob Krause, Rocco Terranova, Andre Bukowski, and Jim Brancel. Absent: Mark Hamburg.

Mr. Terranova made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Krause seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Brancel made a motion to approval the minutes from August 8, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Bukowski seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Krause made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Brancel seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Newling presented the Treasurer’s Report that was prepared by outgoing Treasurer, Robert Demmert.

Discussion ensued regarding possible future format of Treasurer’s Report for frequent Board Meetings (less detail needed) versus General Membership Meetings (full detail needed). Mr. Krause made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Bukowski seconded and the motion passed. Mr. Newling presented two outstanding bills that needed to be paid: Capital Newspapers, \$26.15 (for meeting notices), and Gollon Bait & Fish Farm, \$6,500 (for fish stocked on 9/13/16). Mr. Terranova made a motion to pay both bills. Mr. Brancel seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

1. Filling an empty position on the LMMD Board—Mr. Newling explained that Mr. Steve Kessenich, newly elected to a 3-year term on the LMMD Board, has chosen to resign for personal reasons. The position will need to be filled to bring the Board to a full complement of 7 voting Members. After much discussion, consensus was reached that the protocol the Board will follow is voting succession. The highest vote count at the September 3, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting was received by Mr. Kessenich who had resigned his 3-year term. The second highest vote count went to Mr. Bukowski. He will now assume the vacated 3-year term. His 2-year term should be offered to the nominee who received the third highest vote count, Mr. Jeff Senglaud. It was moved by Mr. Brancel that the position be offered to Mr. Senglaud. The motion was seconded by Mr. Terranova and passed. It was that consensus of the Board that if Mr. Senglaud declines the position, then other nominations will be considered and the position will be offered to an agreeable individual who is approved by a majority of the Board.

2. Selection of a Board Secretary—No offers were forthcoming among existing Board Members to accept position of Secretary. Under guidance recommended by the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (see “People of the Lakes”, 2006), the consensus of the Board was to seek a volunteer to serve as a non-voting Recording Secretary.

3. Selection of a Board Treasurer—No offers were forthcoming among existing Board Members to accept position of Treasurer. Under guidance recommended by the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (see “People of the Lakes”, 2006), the consensus of the Board was to investigate the cost of hiring and accountant as a non-voting Treasurer.

4. Selection of two members for the Advisory Committee on Lake Mason Dam—Two volunteers have offered to serve as members of the Advisory Committee on Lake Mason Dam, Mr. Dave Ditter and Mr. Andre Bukowski. Mr. Terranova moved that they be approved by the LMMD Board. Mr. Krause seconded and the motion passed.

5. Report on fish stocking—Mr. Newling report that on Tuesday, 9/13/16, 4,600 Bluegills were released at the north boat launch off Golden Drive. They were guaranteed to be 2” long fish but we considerable larger in the 2” to 5” length class. The fish appeared to be very healthy. Water temperature in the lake was 69° F and 68° F in the tanks on the truck. No dead or stressed fish appeared after the release. Moving to the south side of the lake the boat launch near the Wagon Wheel Campground, 500 Northern Pike were released. The fish were supposed to be in the 12” length class. They seemed to range mostly between 11” to 18” in length, some even longer—definitely well over 12” on the average. The fish were *very* lively. As with the Bluegills, there was no evidence of stressed or dead fish appearing after the release. A reporter from the Portage newspaper, Noah Vernau, had been contacted by Mr. Dave Ditter and Mr. Curt Van Schoyk. The reporter arrived in time for the Northern Pike Release. As a result, a picture with an extended caption about the stocking of fish at Lake Mason appeared on the front page of the Wednesday, September 14, 2016, Portage Daily Register. Discussion followed on what wording to put on the signage requesting a voluntary 32” size limit for Northern Pike. Board members offered revisions to draft wording suggested by Mr. Newling. He said he would integrate the edits as best he could and proceed with acquisition of the signs.

New Business

1. Official acknowledgement of new LMMD Website Administrator—Mr. Robert Demmert notified the Board by email that he has located a person to take over administration of the LMMD Website, Ms. Carolyn Glueckert. Mr. Newling said he would contact her and thank her for her willingness to help.

2. Authorization for professional assistance for Treasurer—The consensus of the Board was that no further discussion was required on this item as it was already covered adequately during consideration of item #3 in Old Business above.

3. Legal verification of who gets to vote as a LMMD “Member”—Consensus of the Board was this item was adequately covered in Wisconsin Lakes Association guidance and legal counsel will not be required at this time. Mr. Newling agreed to see that LMMD Board Members get at least electronic versions of whatever is the current version of the guidance document.

Open Comments

At the request of Mr. Brancel, there was a brief discussion of the results of the membership voting on September 3, 2016. It was approved that the Chairman would be elected by the general membership, that the term would be two years, and that the Chairman has to be a landowner in the LMMD. Also, the general membership then elected Mr. Newling as Chairman. No further open comments were offered.

Mr. Brancel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Terranova seconded and the motion passed at 10:37 AM (CDT).

Charles J. Newling, Chairperson
9/18/2016