

**LMBIA October 27, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 7pm**  
**Via Zoom due to COVID-19**

**The Meeting** was called to order by Chairperson Julene Schatz. Members present: Laurie Boll, Robert Krueger, Kristin Jaquith, Tom Rotz, Stan Kittelson, Todd Kuechle, and Don Kotila Absent: Jeff Bullert

**Minutes:** The September minutes were reviewed by all. No changes reported. Rob motioned to accept, Laurie 2nd it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Todd sent out the report via email. New bills were reviewed: A \$6065.79 AIS inspection bill from Meeker County, RMB Environmental Laboratories bill of \$360 for lake water testing, North Star Mutual Insurance Co. bill for \$342 for our yearly commercial general liability coverage. Todd reviewed the AIS inspections for the year and they totaled 15,013.24.

Ariana will send Todd an updated inspection invoice before making final payment. Treasures report approved pending Ariana's reviewed invoice emailed to Todd. Julene motioned to Approve, Rob second it.

**OLD BUSINESS: MBO9 Project:** Kristin has not heard from the owner.

**NEW BUSINESS: Ariana Richardson via Zoom on the Zebra Mussel Update**

Ariana presented was that we do indeed have Adult zebra mussels in the lake, which means we have had them undetected for a long time could be two years or more..... Because of this, the DNR will not do a treatment on it. We are going to be looking at other options that can be accessed through MAISRC and other university based options. She also made it clear that we are taking the best actions we can, and due to our inspection program and lake monitoring, we have slowed the inevitable of the mussels being introduced.

There was discussion with Ariana about a Decontamination station which is expensive. Ariana said the County will be purchasing a unit working with the state to be shared with Washington, Minnie Belle and Stella. Julene asked who gets the machine what days. Ariana will send an email-based on what covers the most boat traffic. Only by DNR and have their own method to who gets the machine. Don asked about purchasing our own unit. Ariana said they have to be staffed by licensed with Level 1 & 2 personal. Cost would be about \$19,000 and additional insurance cost, storage and maintenance.

Ariana mentioned that there is a Research Program on Chlorophyll is an observation of ZM.

Julene asked about ZM traps. Ariana said they should be checked in June thru July every 2 weeks. Julene stated that we should get the Decontamination machine and strengthen on prevention. She also asked how we can prevent Starry stone wort. We need to reach out to Joe Norman on the lake health of Minnie Belle.

**Update AIS action plan and Lake Management Plan:** Julene asked about the dive that was to be done in September. Steve S. he threw the rake. She said the dive needs to be done. Stan said we can get Lino-Pro to do the dive. Julene spoke to Joe Norman and he said the U of M has volunteers. Lake Management Plan hasn't been updated since 2012. We should update the plan every 2 years. As board members look at what

we want to plan for the future. #1. MB09 is one project to work on. #2. AIS action plan worksheet, #3. Karen had Google doc suggestions, #4. Stan will do his water plan for next month. #5 Tom and Kristen are on the AIS Committee.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** Plan to be @ Bon-Fire on the 4th Tuesday Nov. 24th.

**Motion to Adjourn** by Julene and Laurie so moved.

**Respectfully Submitted: by Laurie Boll.**