

Annual Board Meeting  
July 16, 2022

Board Members Present:

Kristin Jaquith  
Don Kotila  
Jeff Bullert  
John Gillard  
Dean Nissen  
Chris Wilke  
Robert Krueger  
Karen Peterson

Absent; Todd Kuechle

10:00 am. Kristin called the meeting to order. Board members were introduced.

New board member candidates introduced themselves.

Jake Johnson  
Brian Kittelson  
Curt Wendland  
Krisitn Jaquith  
Jeff Bullert  
Todd Kuechle (not there)

Ballots were passed out. Collected and counted by board members.

A handout of last year's board minutes were passed out and reviewed to be approved. Members were asked if there were any changes to the minutes. A motion to approve was given by Linda Larson. The motion was seconded by Mike Jutknecht.

The treasure report was also handed out to members and they were asked to review it. A question was asked about the report

“Why is the AIS fund money not transferred in the report?” Steve Hatelsted was concerned as it was set up to be used for an AIS catastrophe like Starry Stonewort.

Kristin responded saying the bottom bullet is the balance in the AIS fund. Steve asked for an update when the money was transferred. A motion to approve the treasure report was given by Jackie Dfreif and seconded by Jeff Bullert.

Our guest for the meeting was introduced: Arrianna Richardson. She oversees grant proposals, lake inspections and monitoring in the county. She talked about the following information about our lake. Minnie Belle is a lake that is investing in treatments. Procellecor is a new treatment that the association used last year and it was very successful. No Milfoil was found this year where we treated the lake. Arianna has very few cases to report that require decontamination at the access. This year there have been no refusals by people. We have had 50 or more deacons on the lake. It costs us 14-16 thousand for inspections. The lan is to continue this process as it is an important piece to controlling AIS.

Questions to Arianna:

The little landing on the east side, someone across the road is letting people use the landing. What can we do? Arianna's response was to have member pledges to help not use other landings. Let them know that Deon is available if you see them..

There was a discussion about inspector hours. When the inspectors show up there are already 3-5 boats in the lake.

Arianna: We shifted hours recently. Would the county include weekday evening hours. Arianna responded that they try to get inspectors there when the greatest amount of traffic is on the lake. 7-4:30 most traffic.

Do fishing tournaments register to use the lake. Sometimes there are rules on this. Fishing leagues usually have their own inspectors. Dta shows they have good practices.

Arianna: What we see as problems are boat design and bait disposal. Let her know about boat traffic and problems at the access..

Summary on zebra mussels. We have them. Treatment: the state is working on it. Copper treatments at the U of M. Maybe 3 years out. What we can do is reduce new species introductions through our inspection process. Residents that think they have zebra mussels on their boats can bring the boat over and flush your boat with the decon machine.

Kristin will post the number and email for Arianna to our website for members.

Don talked about lake treatment..

We have !5 native plants in the lake and lots of these weeds are not milfoil. This is a very healthy lake in that respect.

Clark is the company we use for our milfoil treatment. We did not treat the lagoon last year and also did not treat curly leaf. The east bay and west side were treated for milfoil. Native plants are still there. Procellacor is the new treatment we used. It has a 3 year guarantee. They will retreat if it comes back. We have 40 acres of milfoil to treat this year. The DNR doesn't let us treat more than 20 acres.

In early June we found that we could spread the cost of doing 40 acres over a 3 year time frame. We also learned that the DNR was willing to give us a variance to do the whole lake. We are waiting for the variance and hopefully will treat in the next two weeks. The cost is 70,000 over three years.

Weed discussion. There are regulations around controlling the weeds other than milfoil in our lake. The board will do some research around this and let members know our options for controlling them .

Robert Updated the MBO 9 grant. The Grant for this project was to set aside land to help runoff on the south side of the lake. We are going to put the land in CRP and help the farmer do that and the water will filter before it gets to the lake. The work will be done in the fall . It will take care of the biggest pollution. Fall seeding and it will be functioning next year.

The rest of the runoff areas around the lake are less. We are watching the outlet and creek on the north side and will continue to monitor with the DNR.

Robert reported the board elections.

3 way tie for last position. He recommended we add 12 to the board and one person does not vote at meetings. 12 to the board. All members agreed.

Door prizes were distributed and the meeting was adjourned by Partice and seconded by Karen