

LMBIA May 28th, 2019 meeting minutes

Meeting called to order by Steve Stepien. Members present: Steve Stepien, Steve Hatlestad, Kristi Ties, Stan Kittelson, Todd Kuechle, Don Kotila, Tom Rotz, Robert Hantge, Julene Schatz and newsletter editor Kristin Jaquith. Absent: Laurie Boll.

April meeting minutes approved in a motion by Steve H. and 2nd by Tom.

Todd submitted the treasurers report from the past 2 months for approval. A bill from Conservation Minnesota for \$200 was reviewed. Don will do an informational background check on this group and report back to the board before any payment is made. No new memberships noted at this time and Todd will report at the next meeting on total # of members. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Julene and 2nd by Steve H.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopt a highway cleanup project recap by Don. All went well with a good turnout. Next cleanup will be in fall, probably in October.

Volunteer AIS inspector training was hosted by Don and they had 15 people attend. Travis Kinsell of the DNR was there to do the training. Dockside Magazine covered the event.

AIS monitoring: we will have inspectors at the DNR landing 7 days a week. This past weekend we had 100 boats inspected each day. Discussion held on draining of minnow buckets. Steve S. reported that there has been discussion at the state level on this and DNR agents can't enforce mandatory draining. Don will spearhead the placement of zebra mussel traps. He was given the list of previous locations around the lake and will contact owners to place the traps. Steve S. reported that the next MCAL meeting will be in July. Tom will be attending as well as Steve S. Unknown at this time what the state budget will be for the AIS task force. Clarke and DNR CLP survey report shows that we have very little curly-leaf pondweed. Therefore no treatment is needed and the DNR permit will be pulled. Milfoil study will be in about 10 days and Don will go with survey team.

Stan reported that the **water quality** sampling showed clear water to 21 feet. EPA will be monitoring 3 streams for runoff.

Lynn-Pro Lake Survey will be conducting their AIS survey the 3rd week in June at no cost and this data will be compared to Clarke survey data.

Boat inspections have been going for 3 weeks at the DNR landing. Hours are 7-5 every day. Steve S. reported that the fishing leagues are starting. He will be getting data on when they start and how many fishermen in each league. Discussion held as to maybe utilizing the AIS volunteers to help with boat inspections after hours. Data will be collected to determine if changes need to be made in boat inspector's hours. West side landing usage was discussed. Two board members have been contacted for code access to the lock box. Kristi has the current box in place and is working on a Bluetooth

compatible lock as well. Lake Assoc. Members should contact a current board member for code information.

MBO I and MBO II: Steve H. reported that there is 13-14" of water currently going out over the concrete outlet structure but only about 4" of water going over the standpipe. In order to proceed with the dredge and trench project, the permit will have to be amended. An overhead photo of the area will need to show where the existing channel is and where we propose to create the new one. The amount of debris removed will also need to be addressed. Steve S. will submit the amended permit and Stan will work on new bids for the project. We have an easement already established for the whole project and we will see if any trees will be an issue with the new line of dredging. Sucker Creek will also be evaluated this coming week to see if any outflow problems exist as well. MBO II: no current problem with runoff backflow into lake due to high lake levels. This is going to be a large project with many government agencies involved. LMBIA will need to drive the project to get the permit submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting

Three current board members will be up for re-election at the annual meeting in July. Todd will again run. Steve S. has declined to run again and Steve H. is undecided at this time. We will also have a 1 yr. position to fill for the current vacant board member. Annual meeting will be held July 20th at Beckville. There will be more planning next meeting.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Stan/2nd by Tom.

May Minutes submitted by Julene Schatz