

## **LMBIA BOARD MEETING June 19, 2018 @ the BonFire**

**Members Present:** Tom Hess, Laurie Boll, Robert Hantge, Stan Kittelson, Todd Kuechle, Linda Larson, Steve Stepien, Julene Schatz, Kristi Ties, Cliff Willhite. Absent: Steve Hatlestad. Also present were some lake and back lake lot owners on the west side of the lake.

**President Tom Hess called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

**May 15, 2018 Secretary Minutes** were previously read by all with corrections made. Tom asked for a motion to accept the corrected Secretary's report and Cliff so moved and Julene seconded it.

**Treasurer's report** was handed out to everyone and given by Todd.

**Expenses were:** Creative Graphic for \$128.37, Conservation MN Membership at \$200, Clark AIS Treatment fee of \$4,462.03, Steve Stepien for attending the DNR Conference reimbursement of \$565.36

**Expenses/Membership Dues Paid/Fireworks Donations:** Todd reported that he had 8 more members joined LMBIA. Todd calculated the amount of \$20,515 to transfer to the AIS checking account. There was discussion about a member of LMBIA sending a letter asking for an audit of the LMBIA treasure. Board decided years ago not to publish this info because we document where the money comes from and where it is spent. Todd asked the board what should be done with the \$550 firework donations that he had received. Board discussed the Fireworks issue and since not enough money was donated, Todd should send the money back to the people with a letter of explanation. Kristi will report on the website and the LMBIA Facebook page that the Minnie-Belle Fireworks will not be happening this year. Tom asked for a motion to approve the Todd's treasures and membership report and the bills submitted and Linda so moved and Kristi seconded it.

**Water Craft Inspections:** Steve Stepien reported to the board that there was over 100 water crafts per day for both fishing opener and Memorial Day

**West-side township public landing:** Curt Dahlquist is a trained AIS inspector and County AIS will fund an additional two 5 hour shifts for the July 4th week on the west-side township public landing. Steve S. also met with about a half dozen west side lake owners. He told them to "self-police" the west landing. To act as an official to check boats. Comments were made by visitors about closing the landing and redirect the people to the north DNR landing. Steve S. spoke up and said the goal is to modify the behavior and educate people coming into the lake. More help from the county is coming for inspection for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Steve said he has 1-1/2 boat inspectors for the west landing and inspectors will be on duty at the DNR north landing.

**Time Table of AIS Treatment:** Tom presented a report of AIS treatment on the years from **2010 up to present year 2018**. DNR found 10 Eurasian Milfoil plants SE of the Ray Doering property in **2010** and no treatment. **2011 and 2012** DNR would not approve any AIS treatment. In **2013** only 4.3 acres of Eurasian Milfoil were DNR approved and treated by Clark Co. In **2014** we requested to treat 8.8 acres and DNR only approved the 3.3 acres SW of the siren and denied treating the 1.1 acres by the DNR pier (the AMA area). That year DNR had a conservation approach. In **2015** a pre-inspection found 27.6 acres and requested to treat all 27.6 but only 19.6 were approved for treatment. In **2016** we proposed to treat 25.0 acres with only 18.0 were allowed for treatment by DNR. In **2017**-9.4 acres were treated. Now in **2018** we proposed to treat 14.0 acres and 9.0 acres were allowed by DNR to treat.

**Lake Minnie Belle State Designation:** Lake Minnie Belle has been designated as a “Research Lake” by the U of M by Dr. Ray Newman. We are a deep water lake.

**Water Quality Clarity Secchi Report:** Stan gave a Secchi report of 29’ early in May. He said it will be about 15 to 20 feet at mid-summer.

**Bee and Butterfly Reestablishment Project Update:** Phase I is that the volunteer trees are going to be removed by Josh Pomier.

**MBO Phase I** - With heavy rains the water is not running into the lake. Phase 2 is scheduled in 2020.

**ANNUAL MEETING JULY 21<sup>st</sup> 11 AM @ Beckville, DNR Speaker-Jim Lilienthal**  
Pork Chops donated by B & B Sports again this year. Side dishes will be ordered by Linda Larson, Sound Equipment from Wally Pikal family, 2-Gift Certificates from the Bonfire, and 1 each from Peters on the Lake and Parkview Grill. There will be 300 towelet/bug wipes to hand out. Final duties will be assigned at the July 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**Board Members up for Reelection are:** Laurie and Stan. Linda and Tom are resigning. Nominations will be taken on July 17<sup>th</sup> to fill the slate.

**NEW BUSINESS: LMBIA BY-LAWS 1.7.1:** President Tom Hess brought is to everyone's attention how the by-laws currently read " The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall commence upon adjournment of the member's annual meeting" All the board members at the meeting discussed this thoroughly and because we are all very busy after the Annual Meeting, election of board members, with cleanup and the meal it was decided to amend the by-laws to read: "The annual meeting of the Board of Directors **shall commence at the next regular meeting.**" Tom asked for a motion to approve this amendment and Laurie so moved and Stan seconded it. All in favor say "I", vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cliff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stan seconded it.

June Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Boll.  
**Corrected and Approved at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.**