

Mission Lakes Association

Board Meeting 4/27/2024

Meeting: 9:00 am – 10:50am

ATTENDEES

Nick Bernier, John Zoia, Gail Nixa, Geoff Zastrow, Matt Kelly, Palma Zoia ,

Mark Casey - remote call in. Steve Pittman – excused due to illness, available for vote if necessary

AGENDA

Meeting called to order – 9:03 am.

Financials-

- \$12,711.80 in checking & \$1107.74 in savings
- Ice auger donated to MLA for the 3rd Annual Ice Event 2024 * event was cancelled

Lake/Water Quality

AIS – survey/treatment

- Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) surveys completed
- Survey results discussed with board members
- President reviewed past historical CLP treatment areas. Recommended to board MLA not treat CLP areas identified by AIS survey provider based on; low density of identified CLP sites, past treatment in those areas/sites, recommended monitor/assess CLP areas going forward.
- Motion made and passed unanimously by all board members to not treat proposed CLP sites identified on both lakes.

DNR Grant status

- Application for DNR AIS grant submitted December, 2023.
- We were notified in January that Mission Lakes was not awarded any grants for 2024.
- President noted DNR grant process is random, past grant approval impacts selection of future grants.
- MLA will still plan to file for eligibility for Crow Wing County (reimbursable) grant up to \$3500/lake for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).
- Discussion ensued regarding Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) survey providers/treatment providers. It was noted that several survey providers have been employed by MLA along with DNR grant requirements to separate surveyors from application/treatment.
- A quote of an independent 3rd party provider/surveyor costs were provided to board members; comprehensive lake survey = \$8125 and AIS mapping survey = \$2950 quoted for both lakes.

Crow Wing County (CWC) Inspection hours allocation/fulfillment

- 90 inspection hours for Mission Lakes two public accesses granted in 2023.
- Actual 2023 county inspections hours completed = 18 hours for Upper & Lower Mission.

TSI Monitoring AW Research

- Motion made and passed to approve \$600 for monitoring of both lakes with monthly samples analyzed May through September. Total Phosphorus, Chlorophyll a and Secchi Disk readings are performed by volunteers.
- Discussion ensued on health of lake, inspection hours, boat traffic and aquatic invasives.
- Motion was made and passed to remove a board member.

By-Laws

- Reviewed highlights of changes proposed to MLA by-laws.
- Document will be reviewed by board, approved and brought forth for vote and approval by membership.

Gail Nixa put in her resignation from the board. Gail has been with Mission Lakes Association for many years and was our Treasurer. We wish to acknowledge her service and many hours of volunteering on behalf of Mission Lakes and its members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am