

LMBIA
Annual Meeting
July 20, 2024

Board Members in Attendance:

Kristin Jaquith
Jeff Bullert
Karen Peterson
Dean Nissen
John Gillard
Bill Guptail
Robert Krueger
Curt Wendland

Meeting was called to order by Kristen Jaquith at 10 am.

Minutes were sent ahead of time and a motion to approve them was given by Robert with a second given by Steve. The minutes were passed from the previous annual meeting.

The treasurer's report is attached in documents under Annual Meeting Agenda. Bill went through the minutes. Explanation of the CD for AIS monies and how the bills for the Procellecor treatment of the whole lake was explained. A motion to approve the minutes was given and a second was followed. The minutes were approved.

Bill then explained the fundraising we are doing as a board to try to increase funds for AIS. He fielded ad questions about the fundraising.

Fundraising,

We are having our first Lake Minnebelle raffle this year. Bill stated it is almost sold out. This will generate a good amount of revenue for AIS. The drawing is on August 31st at 10 am at Beckville picnic area.

The board is also running Monday night meat raffles at Shaggy's Bonfire and has raised 4,000 to date. We encourage all to come and participate.

Our advertising for flyers, newsletters, and social media has increased in pricing. As a result of the increase we have increased revenue by 300%. We have a new business sponsorship in our advertising. Please check the directory for our business sponsors.

Kristin talked about the three board positions open. Theresa Summers, a resident of Minniebelle would like to be part of the team.

Charlie Schauterhauff. On the lake his whole life. Lives on the South side would also like to join the team.. He is a nature and local history fan.He also is on the Little Red Schoolhouse board.

A Thank You to Greenleaf township was given for their contributions to the lake and their work on closing the landings and making them public friendly with the use of public docks.

Updates:

Brian Inspections

Invasive threats of Minniebelle. Starry stonemart. It is a lake killer. Koronis is dealing with it. Can't get rid of it, just control it. There are 9 lakes 45 minutes from us that have this in their lakes. We are the number one lake in Meeker county. We as board members are concerned about it coming to our lake. A lot of work we do is to help prevent this from happening.

This year we have:

Increased inspections early to late.

Lake access closed east and west landings.

Ensure early detection with dive teams.

We have an early reaction plan for the county and state if we detect Starry Stonewort. Hand pull and herbicide.

Volunteer core. Rakes off the docks. Look for unusual weeds.

Brain talked about costs if we get Starry Stonemart. 80,000 will go quickly if it is found.

Question: Can we identify where a boat comes from? Yes inspections give us this data.

Question; Could it come from other sources. No studies to support if it does.

August 10th Starry Trek AIS will be showing samples, providing tools and raking our lake and others and checking for AIS. It Shows what you can do at your dock. App to download show pic let you know what it is.

Don's Information

Tigres is our treatment company. Procellicore is what we treated milfoil with. June 25th, found areas of milfoil will be retreated. New areas can be treated this year.

Curly leaf was done in the Lagoon this year.

We have a lot of algae. Other lakes are worse. A Lot has dissipated by now. Lack of snow, weeds grow, zebra mussels also let algae bloom. We hope it's a one time event.

Linapro will dive for Starry Stonewort in August. People are raking also.

Don took AIS training. He will talk you through this if you want. Info how to get a book. Goal is to identify if we get Starry Stonewort and react immediately.

We have 17 foot clarity. No significant trends. Water quality is improving.

Lagoon: Update,

This project was initiated by members who were concerned about access . It was people funded by Lagoon members.. The access was widened to its original state. If needed, they will do the west side next year. We will look into grants for this.

Sucker Creek, which is really the Minnebelle Ditch.we have been working on it forever. Steve and Sue met with the state.

The project started in the 60's. Initial control structure for spring backs into the lake. Tested and a high level of bacteria was found.

Joe Norman with the Soil and Water Conservation, a couple years ago worked on this to see if we can design the project so water comes out and will divert it to the Minnebelle ditch.

The project will build a holding pond to settle water before it goes down the creek.

Soil and Water Conservation will pay for 90% of the project. We are waiting for the Engineering Report. Jo Norman is getting bids. Next year hopefully will be different and the project near completion..

The Minnebelle Ditch needs to be dredged again to help the water quality.

4th of July: Thank you board members. Any ideas for next year, send us feedback,

Questions: None.

Election:

Thank you to Board members John Gillard, Dean Nissen.

We welcome Charlie and Theresa to the board.

Door prizes given.

Motion to adjourn First by Karen, Jeff second. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Agenda next time: Welcoming new members to the lake.