Missaukee Lake Association

Minutes of Annual Meeting July 23, 2022

**1**) President Mimi Zwolak called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. She welcomed the members and introduced the officers and directors present.

**2**) The board members present were: President, Mimi Zwolak; Vice President, Jeff Schaub; Secretary, Patti Grier; Treasurer, Mel Zimmerman. The Directors present were Gary Gremel, Dave Anderson and Karen Williamson (Membership).

## This is MLA's 25th year of service.

President Mimi Zwolak recognized Dick Morrow and Bill Ardis for their work in starting MLA. A round of applause was given to them.

**3**) Secretary Patti Grier summarized the minutes from the 7/24/21 meeting, which had been sent to members via email.

The motion to approve was made by Karen Williamson and seconded by Gary Gremel. Minutes were approved.

**4**) Treasurer Mel Zimmerman reported the cash balance of \$24,075.38. The motion to approve was made by Karen Williamson and seconded by Dick Morrow. Minutes were approved.

**5)** Karen Williamson, membership chair, reported that there are 120 members of MLA. We have 8 new members. There are still some people who haven't paid their dues this year and last year.

**6**) Jeff Schaub reported on water quality. PLM does 3 tests per year. Last sample was 4/28/22. All reports have been good. Many other northern lakes are dealing with brown algae.

7) President Mimi Zwolak gave the President's report. She is working to improve communication between the different Lake City boards that affect the lake and the citizens. She lamented that the Eurasian milfoil invasive species is back with possible hybrids in Lake Missaukee. Progressive is doing the testing. PLM treated the lake in late June but will return to retreat at no cost in late July as it did not solve the problem. Starry Stonewort has also returned and spread into a bay now. Mimi reminded people that wake surf boats are to be 500 feet from shore and in greater than 20 feet depth of water ideally to decrease the spread of these invasive species and decrease shoreline erosion. The annual Landing Blitz was held on July 8 but had few attendees. Lake Improvement Board meets on 8/20/22. Jim Guidarini will take Mimi's place on the MLIB.

The Lake Enhancement Committee will have Lake Days at Crooked Lake.

8) President Mimi Zwolak opened the election of board members.

Jeff Schaub was introduced and nominated to be the President. The slate of officers for 2022-2023: President: Jeff Schaub, Vice President: Jim Guidarini, Treasurer: Mel Zimmerman, Secretary: Patti Grier, Membership: Mimi Zwolak. Directors: Gary Gremel, Dave Anderson and Karen Williamson . Jason Chambers volunteered to join the board during the meeting. The slate of officers was approved as nominated.

**9**) The guest speakers were Lake City Mayor Craig Ardis and Rob Hal, the Lake Township Supervisor. Mr. Ardis spoke of how the city is working with FEMA, MDOT, the county and townships to ensure the quality of Lake Missaukee. They have hired a new City Manager to help with getting grants and to provide better service and communication to citizens. He will update the website. They are working on structures such as the pier and the storm drains. The city purchased the downtown lot and plans to create a green space with amphitheater, park, splash pad and firepit. This will help to attract tourists to the town that might otherwise pass through. The city is working on a collaboration with the Parks and Recreation to get more grant money for these projects. They are working to make the city dock safer and more usable. They have hired blight officers to clean up areas in town.

Mayor Craig thanked Rob Hall, a state employee, for his work with the city on these projects that affect the lake.

**10**) Member Bill Spurgeon spoke on the ballot measure for the Council on Aging. He spoke of their good work and encouraged all to vote for this measure.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted Patti Grier, Secretary