

Maple Lake Association May 18, 2023

Present: Frank, Don, Doug, Shirley, Anne and Mike Excused: Phyllis, Sue, Nadine

Two officers from the County Marine Division were present to discuss boater safety. Officer Mike Pashoda and Sergeant Tom Bush presented the following information. You can sign up for boating classes thru the Michigan DNR website. There were changes in the boating laws and for driving a boat if you were born after 1996. People can go online and review the rules. Here are a few basic rules. Life jackets need to always be ready & available. All boaters and jet ski's operators must have the registration on the boat. People should laminate them so they do not get destroyed. Jet ski's can only operate from dawn to dusk. Water skiing is allowed an hour after dark and an hour before sunrise. There always has to be a life jacket for all people on the boat, make sure the fire extinguisher is charged, and the registration needs to be on the boat. Make sure the push button style fire extinguisher is also still charged. Also, you need to have a throwable flotation device or cushion. You may also want to attach a 50-foot rope to a throwable safety device so you can pull people in. Kayaks and canoes must have a life jacket. Any boat under power should go counter-clockwise around the lake. Kayakers do not technically have to follow the counter-clockwise rule. Anyone fishing has to have a license. Docking lights are not supposed to be on while driving on the lake. Some fisherman may be bow fishing at night and shining their lights toward the water, there is no law against that. The alcohol limit rule is .08, the same as driving a car. Kids under the age of 6 need to have a type 1 or type 2 flotation device with a neck flap. People should test their life jackets by dunking them under water and making sure they still float. Older ones may need to be replaced. You should also be able to get to life jackets in an emergency easily. The Board thanked the officers for the information.

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed, Ann made motion to approve them, Shirley seconded, all in favor.

Treasurers Report Anne stated she received \$842.25 since the last meeting, the balance is \$7884.04 in the bank. Mike made motion to accept the report, Doug seconded, all in favor.

Region 3 Lake Meeting Don and Frank went to the meeting. It was very informative. They discussed a number of topics. There was some discussion about wake boats. They also discussed bubblers in the winter around boats/docks and lake management.

Lake level We discussed this at the last meeting. The lake level is slightly lower now. The auto adjusting feature at the dam is needing a replacement part.

New Business

Weed Control Don talked to Jim Donahue at Aquatic Weed Control and will work on a map in the next 10 days. They will treat first week in June and then the second treatment will be done the following week.

Weed Boat Doug reports it is in the water at Roman's. Roman said they should have a class to go over the changes on the boat in the next few weeks.

Village Updates Roman did not have much new to report. The boat launch will be repaired next week. The vandalism at the boat launch and the island are being looked into, there have been no arrests yet. There is a \$2000 reward for information. The island gate is being locked at night.

Website Shirley sent out stats last week. The web visits are steady, the newsletter went out and probably spurred some memberships.

We sold a hat and tshirt.

Anne discussed the Water Alliance, Riparian and Michigan Lake Association dues will need to be paid soon. Don made the motion to pay them when due, Doug seconded, all in favor.

Next meeting is June 15th 7pm at Township Hall

Shirley said she had an item stolen from her dock and some other houses have been broken into or had vandalism recently. People should be careful and make sure things are locked up.

Meeting adjourned.