

Maple Lake Association 11/16/2023

Present: Frank, Don, Phyllis, Mike, Shirley, Doug, Anne. Sue and Nadine are excused.

Phyllis moved to accept the minutes, Anne seconded, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: Anne reports the balance is \$8,331.66 with a couple of bills to pay. They are to reimburse her for picnic expenses of \$50, she purchased labels in the amount of \$32.00 for a total of \$82.00. Shirley made the motion to accept the report and pay those bills, Phyllis seconded, all agreed.

Old Business: We talked about Hydrilla last month. It is a very invasive weed and we don't have it in the lake, we approved the weed contract at the last meeting and Frank also reported on the Region 3 meeting.

Nominations for the Board: There are 3 seats open. Doug and Anne are running again. Nadine is not running for the Board. Shirley has also asked to resign her position later this year. Sherry Adams, Diane Wilke-Karna and Dona McQueen would like to be on the Board and were present. Roman reviewed the bylaws. At the annual meeting there will be 3 seats open. At the meeting each property gets one vote. Anne and Shirley will make a ballot for the meeting. The prospective member needs to write their introduction & deliver to Anne or Shirley by Thanksgiving so that it will be part of the ballot. They will also do a brief introduction of themselves at the annual meeting.

New Business Weed Control: Don commented that we approved the weed contract last meeting. Aquatic Weed Services is our applicator. They will pay the permit application fee. We have been happy with the treatment of the lake the last few years. There is \$5 increase per acre which is about \$500 more next year. There is a good balance in the weed fund at the township. We spend about \$32,000 for treatment per year. We treat 99 acres each year. The hospital pays for their area as it is very shallow and it provides a view. They treat 8 acres and pay for it. Don said that to treat Milfoil it is about \$800 an acre but we have not had to treat Milfoil in a number of years.

Weed Boat: Doug said the weed boat is off the lake. We never had to use it this year.

Village Update: Roman discussed some village plans. About 2/3 of the lake is in the village. The village is going to be rebuilding the bridge to Maple Island in the winter of 24-25. The lake will have to be lowered. It is funded with grant and village money for about \$600,000. The dam will also be rebuilt and repaired on Briggs pond. That will also be done in the winter of 24-25 as the lake will be lowered. The dam work is about \$1.9 million. It is being funded mostly by the state of Michigan. The village takes care of the island, and the boat launch. Anne commented that we donate about \$1000 or \$1500 to the village per year to help with expenses. Roman is hoping the permit to lower the lake to do these repairs will be approved. Notices will go out and there could be a public hearing on the issue. The village feels strongly that both these projects need to be done.

Web statistics: Shirley had shared the website stats previously. The front page is getting a lot of hits along with the director's page. The newsletter has gotten some downloads and we have 31 followers on the facebook page.

Hats T shirts Visors: Phyllis sold one to Mike. Anne asked about some smaller clothes for kids. They will discuss that. We promote the gear on the website and newsletter and any gatherings.

Grants: Sue is not here tonight.

Light up the Lake: is around the corner. Frank urges everyone to decorate their lakefront.

Communications: Shirley said nothing new was received except the email Frank and Shirley shared.

Next meeting: December 3rd at 5:30 at La Cantina for the annual meeting. Also, don't forget the Paw Paw Community Chorus concert at 4pm on the same day. It will be at the PAC at the High School.

Public Comment None received

Frank thanks the members that are interested in being on the Board.

Motion to adjourn made by Phyllis, Shirley seconded, all in favor.

Submitted by Mike Pioch