

# **LMSA Annual Membership Meeting**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 17, 2017

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the LMSA Annual Membership Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President, Mike Becraft. Mike welcomed the group and thanked the Officers and Committee Chairs for their volunteer work over the years.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by Sandy Alinder and approved as distributed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Kristine Christensen reported on the Financial Report available to all members. She explained the major expenses and fund balances. The report was approved by members.

### **Directory**

Susan Roberts introduced Tim Wolfe and thanked him for working on the new directory. Tim designed the ads and worked with the printer. Mike also talked about a photo booklet that Bob Hatlestad developed that will be available soon for sale.

### **Governor's Clean Water Initiative**

Randa Larsen spoke on behalf of the Governor's "25by25", which is a series of meetings to improve water quality 25% by 2025. Randa is interested in hosting a community event in the area. She encouraged members to sign up and will take questions after the meeting. Updates will be shared on social media sites.

### **Activities Chair- Carolyn Becraft**

Carolyn reminded members in attendance that the association needs volunteers to help keep the office open. She thanked those that have participated in the past. She thanked Mary Claire Bond and Jean Hatlestad for organizing the Jim Dixon Library. Head judges for the boat parade are being selected and awards will be given out. New apparel is still arriving for sale. The office also has tram passes available for purchase. She introduced Judy Hatlie, who gave an update on the Home Tour for 2018. Carolyn distributed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to indicate when they can help.

### **Update on Roundabout at Hwy 59 & County 22**

Rick Michaelson reviewed a report from Brian Bausman-Project Manager for Minnesota Department of Transportation. The project is right on schedule.

### **President's Updates-Mike Becraft**

- **Buoys:** Mike obtained the permits from the Sheriff's Office. The buoys are in place on Melissa.
- **Tram-**Mike thanked John Okeson for the support in keeping the tram open.
- **Waste Water Treatment Plant/Airport Update-**Mike shared plans for the airport expansion. The airport road will close permanently after Labor Day for required runway expansion. The aeration fields are being replaced by a water treatment membrane system. The upgrade is expected to total \$35 million. There is also planning taking place for treating St. Clair Lake. Mike and Rick thanked the members that attended meetings to support protecting our water. There was a question on the future of the airport for transportation. There is a possibility that it could become a regional airport carrier in the future.
- **Food Pantry-**this is an annual drive held over Labor Day weekend. We have increased donations every year. Last year we collected 2800 pounds of food, and \$240 in cash.
- **Safety concerns-**Mike has heard from concerned walkers who have been forced off the road into poison ivy. The speed of cars was also discussed. He also reminded members that sailboats have the right-of-way on the water. He picked up boating guides for anyone that would like more information.
- **Lake signs-**these have been refurbished and look very nice.
- **Shoreham Community Garden-**the previous volunteer will not be in the area anymore. Nancy Schuett volunteered to head the effort into tending to it.
- **AIS Report-**Mike reported for Ken Olson. Flowering Rush treatments are planned to begin June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Pelican River Watershed District will be providing the treatments. They worked with the DNR to obtain permission to treat a larger area on Sallie near the bull rushes after previous treatment increased their growth. Mike thanked Ken Shroyer in attendance from Lakeview Township for money approved for AIS inspections. He talked about Starry Stonewort, an invasive plant in some Minnesota lakes. Becker County Soil and Water Conservation is planning "starry night" on 5 August to inspect the DNR access points for any invasion on our lakes. He asked for a motion for \$2000 for Becker County to pay AIS inspectors. Motion approved by members.

### **Vice President's Update-Susan Roberts**

- **New Directories:** New directories are available at the meeting and in the Office for paid members.
- **Head Beach Captain's and Beach Captains:** Susan recognized Rick and Kathy Michaelson (Sallie) and Paul and Carole Schornack (Melissa) are the Head Beach Captains. They are available to help answer questions. The Beach Captains at the meeting were also asked to stand and be recognized.

### **Database-Hans Tronnes**

Hans talked about corrections in the database for those not updated before the directory deadline.

## **Open Discussion**

### **Key Shroyer-Lakeview Township**

- Clean up week wrapping up
- Concern with commercial dumping at township compost sites
- Commons areas-photographs being compared to 1999 to look at encroachment issues. He asked if members still found value in the rocks being placed in Commons. Mary Ann Bond suggested that if the Township and Association are paying for AIS inspectors, we want people to use the public access sites for launching boats.
- Mowing will begin next week in ditches. He stated that the township will be trimming hedges if there are visibility or safety issues.
- Fire protection-the city raised rates, therefore taxes went up
- Discussed mill levies with road updates.

**Detroit Country Club-** Bruce Meyer spoke about the restaurant.

### **Area events-**

- Kathy Coyle spoke of the Airport fly-in on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The Lakes Crisis Center is also collecting items for auction.
- Vicky Williams spoke on behalf of the food co-op and Shelterfest.

**Buoys on Sallie-**Mike has permit stickers available. The buoys need to be put in the lake.

**NextDoor.com-** Lee Massey explained the app and has enough members to have an area set up.

**Water Levels/DNR launch sites-**there was a question about raising the water level on the lakes. Mike has spoken to the appropriate DNR officials and nothing can be done. We have not had sufficient rain to raise the lake levels Mike has talked to the DNR Regional Supervisor for Parks and Trails and the DNR launch sites will continue to be worked on throughout the season.

**Elections-**Mike called for election of Beach Captains. There were no changes and captains were re-elected. Door Prizes were drawn and announced. The Beach Captains elected the 2017 Officers

President-Mike Becraft

Vice President-Susan Roberts

Secretary-Sandy Alinder

Treasurer/Asst Treasurer-Jim Bond and Kristine Christensen

### **Adjournment**

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1105am

Minutes submitted by: Sandy Alinder