



Mitchell Lake Association

Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018



Agenda

- Introductions of Current MLA Board
- MLA Background Information
- 2018 Year in Review
- Guest Speakers
 - Dr. Claire Bleser - Watershed
 - Leslie Stovring – City of Eden Prairie
- Business Meeting
 - Financial Report
 - Bylaws Update
 - Election of New Board Members
- 2019 Plans



MLA Board Members

- Dave Jackett, President (term ends 2018)*
- Jason Burnett, VP (term ends 2020)
- Dan Dorst, Treasurer (term ends 2018)*
- Cheri Nehl, Secretary (term ends 2019)
- Peter Iversen, CAC Rep (term ends 2019)
- John Tyler (term ends 2018)*
- Travis Yohn (term ends 2020)
- Open
- Open

* We will be electing board members to fill open positions later this evening.



MLA Board Opportunities

- 3+ Open Board Member Positions
 - *If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, give your name to Cheri Nehl before 8:00 tonight.*
- Board member roles:
 - 3 year term, 4 meetings/year
 - Support MLA activities
 - Interface with partners (EP/WD District)
 - Good opportunity to get involved



Background Information

- Steering Committee had its first meeting in March, 2006
- The association was officially founded in September, 2006.
- MLA is now 11 years old
- Formed partnerships with:
 - Citizens/property owners (Lakeshore Res, etc)
 - Watershed District
 - City of Eden Prairie (Education/Rain Gardens)
 - RPBC Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Other Lake Associations (Riley, Lotus etc.)



Mitchell Lake Association

Purpose

- To maintain, protect, and improve the water quality, aesthetic values, wildlife habitat, and recreational capacity of Mitchell Lake;
- To educate shoreline owners and the public about the condition and protection of Mitchell Lake; and
- To provide a framework for representation for work with federal, state, and local agencies for improving quality of Mitchell Lake

Measures

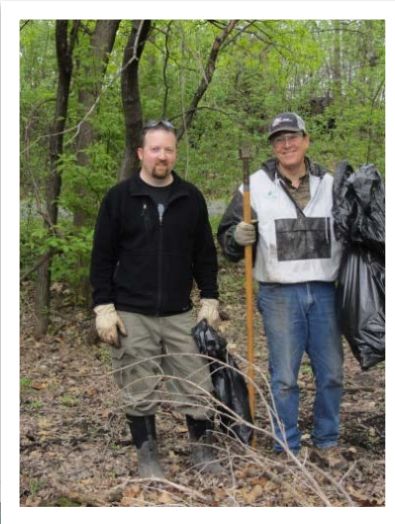
- Levels of Phosphorous
- Levels of Chlorophyll
- Secchie Disk (water clarity)

Watershed District



Over the Years...

- 12 lakeshore cleanup events
- \$33,000 DRN grant
- >1,000 ft of lakeshore restored
- Planted >100 trees along Hwy 5
- Installed bird houses
- Built community through fun events (BBQ etc.)
- Hosted water stewardship training events
- Monitored lake water and invasive species
- Advocated with City and Watershed

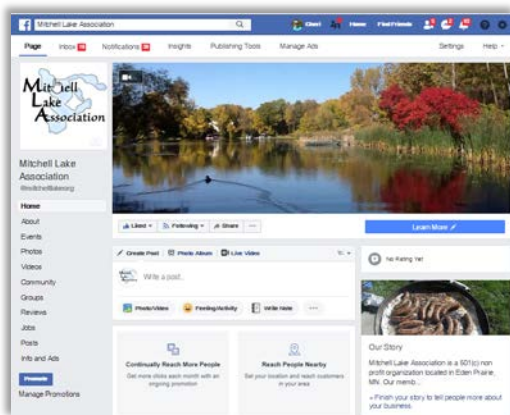


Communication

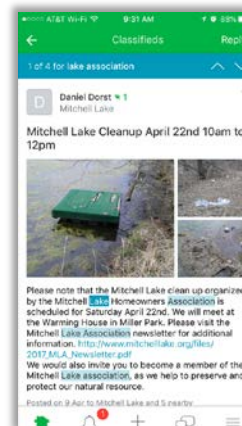
- Annual newsletters
- Website (www.mitchelllake.org) **UPDATED**
- Facebook (Mitchell Lake Association)
- Survey
- Nextdoor



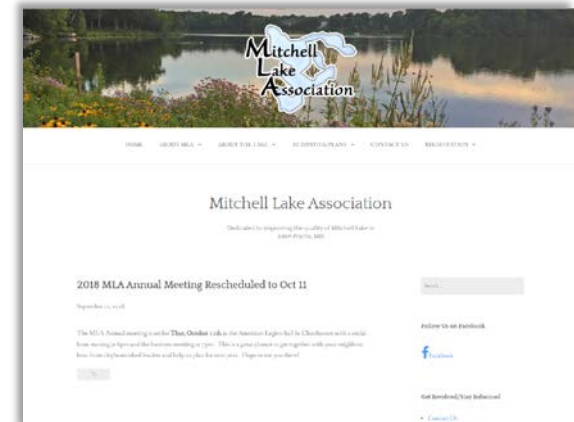
Newsletter



Facebook



Nextdoor



Website

Mitchell Lake Association

Year in Review



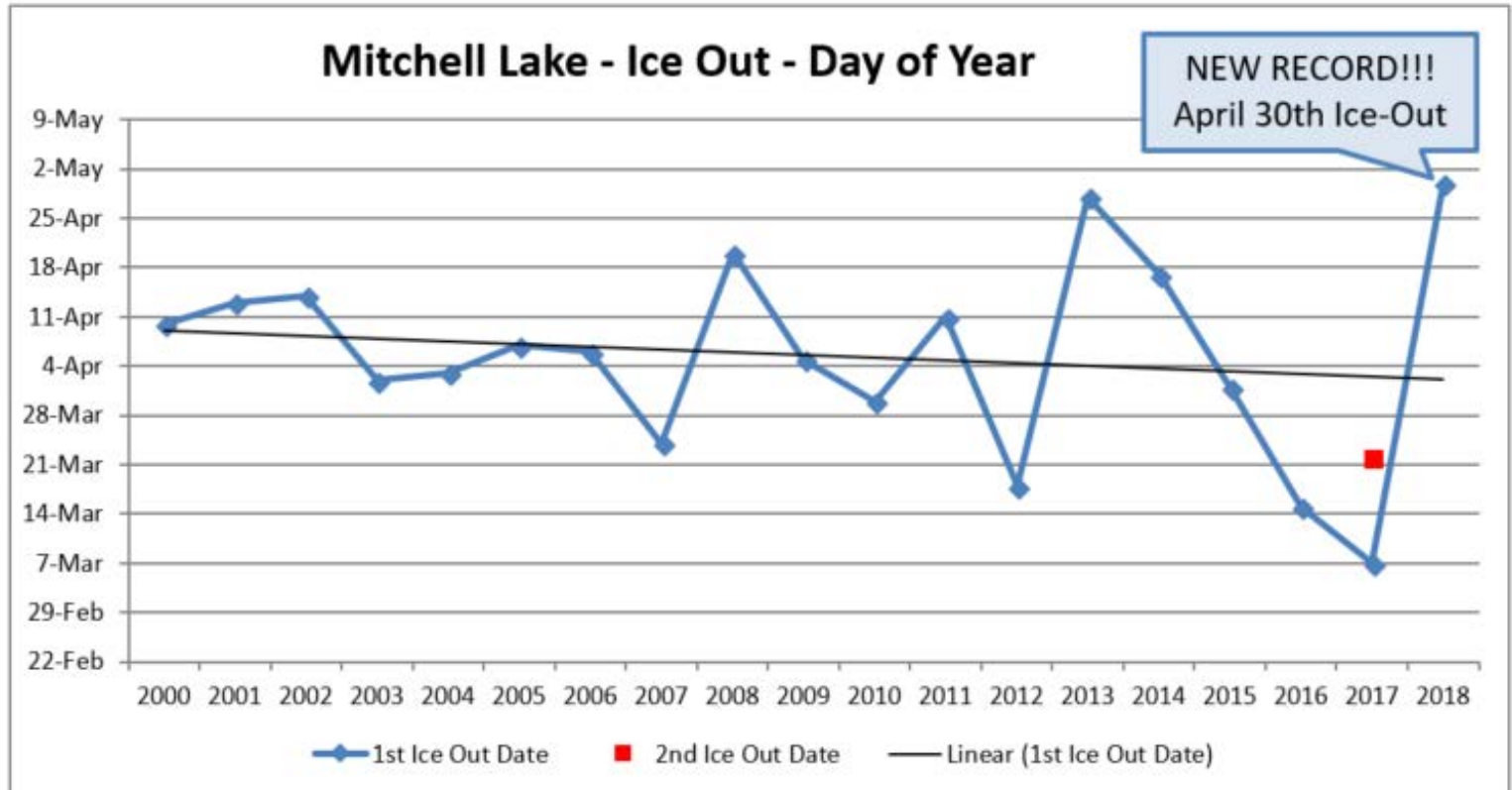


2018 Objectives

- Host 12th annual lake cleanup
- Continue to actively participate with the Watershed District, CAB and SWMLC
- Engage in Watershed 10 year plan process
- Support Weed Harvesting (rebate)
- Address geese issues
- Address N Bay weeds
- Continued AIS Inspections
- Increase awareness and membership

Record Ice Out

April 2018



Weed Harvesting



Weed Harvesting

- 2 events
- Early/late summer
- 10-15 acres



Goose Removal

June 2018



Canada Goose
Management (CGM)

Removed geese in
partnership with the
City of Eden Prairie

June 2018

Thank You
Saint Leslie

12th Annual Lake Cleanup

May 2018



12 Years of Cleaning up our Lake

- 30+ participants
- Estimated 75 pounds of trash removed

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May 2018



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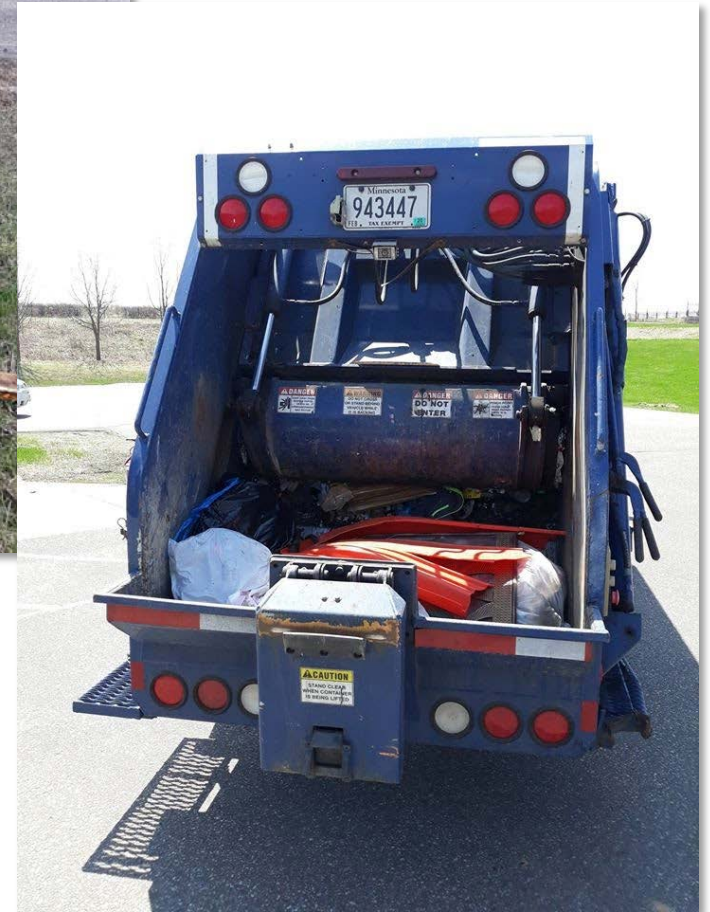
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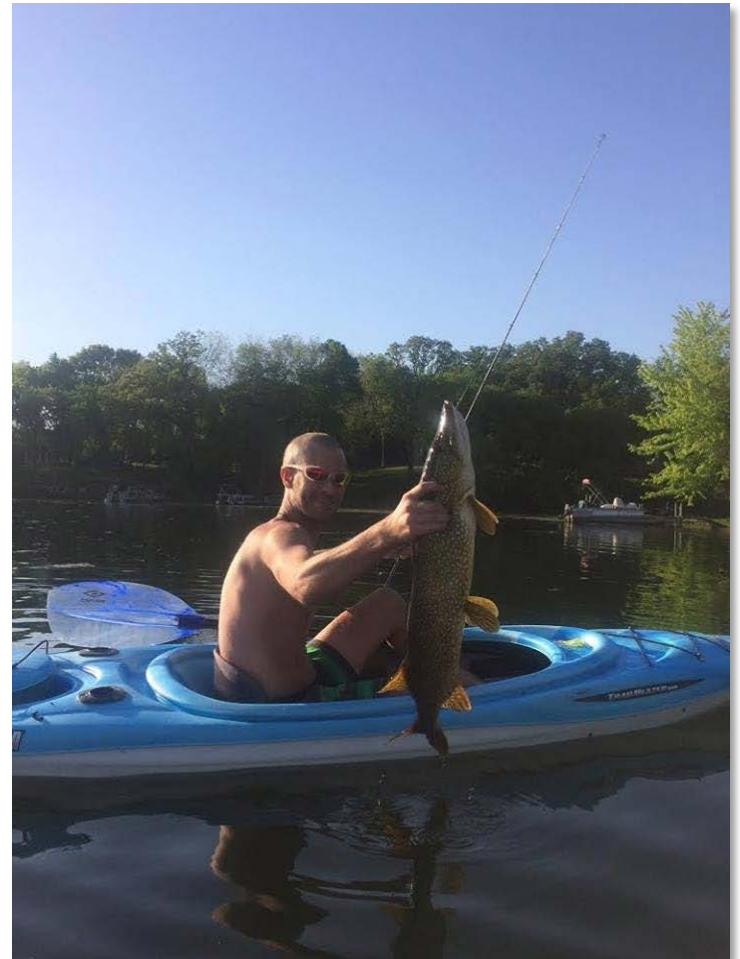


Lake Restoration Project



Fishing

2018



Fun on the Water

2018



Fun on the Water

2018



Around the Lake

2018



Wildlife

2018



Around the Lake

2018



Lake Improvement Flyer

Ken and Jane Ann Nicholls

Why care about Mitchell Lake?

Mitchell Lake is an important asset to your home and our community. Excessive nutrients in the lake from urban runoff increase the growth of algae and aquatic weeds resulting in costly cleanup measures, the loss of the lake for recreational activities, and lower property values for lakeside homes.

"Quick-fix" solutions like chemical treatment and weed harvesting are expensive and often ineffective. Once a lake is degraded, it can take years to recover.



This brochure outlines several simple things you can do now to help improve the water quality of Mitchell Lake.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District and the City of Eden Prairie both offer funding assistance for approved projects.

City of Eden Prairie
www.edenprairie.org/community/sustainable-eden-prairie/water/water-conservation-rebate-programs/landscaping-rebates

Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District
www.rpbcbwd.org

Rain Gardens

Blue Thumb www.blue-thumb.org

Metro Blooms metroblooms.org

Shore Stabilization

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
www.dnr.state.mn.us

Minnesota Shoreland Management Resources Guide
www.shorelandmanagement.org

Effects of Runoff on Water Quality

City of Minnetonka
eminnetonka.com/water-resources

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-ir3-22.pdf

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All photos of Mitchell Lake taken in June 2018*

**The health of
Mitchell Lake
depends on**



YOU!



Helpful hints for improving water quality

THANKS FOR A GREAT 2018!



Guest Speakers





Dr. Clair Bleser



Riley, Purgatory, Bluff Creek Watershed District

- 10 Year Plan Update
- Plans for Mitchell Lake
- Q&A

Leslie Stovring

City of Eden Prairie

- Weed Harvesting
- Plans for 2019
- Q&A



Weed Harvesting

- 2 events
- Early/late summer
- 10-15 acres



Harvesting Map

Business Meeting





Business Meeting

- 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report – Dan Dorst
- Bylaws Change Proposal – Cheri Nehl
- Elections - 5 open board seats
 - Dave Jacket – term expired, running again
 - Dan Dorst – term expired, running again
 - John Tyler – term expired, running again
 - Open
 - Open

New board members encouraged!



2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

- September 17, 2017
- Meeting called to order at 7pm
- Agenda Included:
 - Introductions of the Board
 - MLA Background
 - 2017 year in Review
 - Guest Speakers
 - Shari Lackey – Master Water Steward
 - Leslie Stovring, EP Coordinator
 - Financial Report
 - Election of Board – Jason Burnett/Travis Yohn
 - 2018 Plans



Bylaws Change Proposal

- 1st update since 2008 Bylaw release
- Change Summary:
 - Restructured format to simplify
 - Updated Association Purpose to include education and government advocacy roles
 - Removed membership restriction
 - Simplified member voting eligibility
 - Removed annual schedule restriction
 - Updated Board of Directors section to: remove geographic restrictions, add flexibility in number of board members, and open board member nomination process

Bylaws Change Proposal

| Current Bylaws | Proposed Changes | Rationale |
|---|--|---|
| <p>NAME - This organization shall be called the Mitchell Lake Association, hereinafter the "Association."</p> <p>STATUTES AND LIMITATIONS—To carry out the program of the Association and to make effective representations on behalf of its members, the Association shall be organized as a non-profit, non-stock corporation under Minn. Stat. § 317A, Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, and 501(c)(3) IRS publication 557. No asset of the association shall benefit any officer or member. The Association shall not participate in partisan political activity.</p> | <p>NAME - This organization shall be called the Mitchell Lake Association, hereinafter the "Association." <i>The Association shall be an entity in accordance with the State of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317A known as the Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation Act, and Section 501(c)(4) of the United States Revenue Code.</i></p> | <p>Included essential STATUTES AND LIMITATIONS content in NAME section to simplify</p> |
| <p>PURPOSE - The purpose of the Association is to create awareness, knowledge and appropriate actions with property owners, local government and community agencies to enhance the water quality and thereby the boating, fishing and aesthetic values of Mitchell Lake, as a recreational facility for today and for future generations.</p> | <p>PURPOSE - The purpose of the Association is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To maintain, protect, and improve the water quality, aesthetic values, wildlife habitat, and recreational capacity of Mitchell Lake;</i> • <i>To educate shoreline owners and the public about the condition and protection of Mitchell Lake; and</i> • <i>To provide a framework for representation for work with federal, state, and local agencies for improving quality of Mitchell Lake</i> | <p>Expanded on purpose to include the education and government agency advocacy roles.</p> |

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| <p>MEMBERSHIP - Membership in the Association shall be open to any individual, family, business, or organization, that (a) subscribes to the purposes of the Association and (b) owns or leases property in the vicinity of the lake.</p> | <p>MEMBERSHIP - Membership in the Association shall be open to any individual, family, business, or organization, that subscribes to the purposes of the Association.</p> | <p>Removed membership restriction</p> |
| <p>RESIDENCE AND VOTING Eligibility— Only those members of the Association who are 18 years or older and are in good standing and live within the recognized Home Owners Associations which border Mitchell Lake or whose property adjoins the lake, or those who have property on either side of a road which runs parallel to the lake, will be considered voting members of the Association. Minn. Stat. § 317A 401 (See attached address list.) Voting – Each address will be entitled to one vote.</p> | <p>VOTING -Each address with a paid membership will be entitled to one vote.</p> | <p>Simplified voting eligibility</p> |

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| <p>ANNUAL MEETINGS - The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Tuesday of September. The time and place shall be arranged by the Board of Directors unless specified by the previous annual meeting. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include elections, report on the activities and financial condition of the Association, discussion of projects, adoption of a budget, member concerns, and an educational program. Minn. Stat. § 317A.431</p> | <p>ANNUAL MEETINGS - The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of September. The time and place shall be arranged by the Board of Directors. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include elections, report on the activities and financial condition of the Association, discussion of projects, adoption of a budget, member concerns, and an educational program. Minn. Stat. § 317A.431</p> | <p>Removed schedule restriction to allow more flexibility</p> |
| <p>NOTIFICATION - Every annual or special meeting must be preceded by notice to paid members and members from the preceding year who have not yet renewed their membership. Notification may be by hand delivery or by mail at least 30 days, but not more than 50, prior to annual meetings and at least 15 days, but not more than 50, prior to special meetings. The notice shall summarize any proposed changes in the Bylaws, shall highlight any proposals to dissolve the Association, and may include a detailed agenda.</p> | <p>NOTIFICATION - Every annual or special meeting must be preceded by notice to paid members and members from the preceding year who have not yet renewed their membership. Notification may be by hand delivery, email or by postal mail at least 30 days, prior to annual meetings and at least 15 days, prior to special meetings. The notice shall summarize any proposed changes in the Bylaws, shall highlight any proposals to dissolve the Association, and may include a detailed agenda.</p> | <p>Added email notification</p> |

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| <p><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u> COMPOSITION - One representative from each home owners association (8) to be determined by those associations; if a candidate is not presented by a home owners association then an at large representative may be elected. One additional at large representative to be elected at the annual meeting. From these 9 representatives they will choose among themselves, who will serve in the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. One President.B. One Vice-President.C. One Secretary.D. One Treasurer. <p>ELECTION - The Board of Directors shall nominate one or more members for each vacant position on the Board. Additional nominations of members, present at the annual meeting and willing to serve, shall be taken from the floor. All elections for the Board shall be conducted by secret, written ballot.</p> | <p><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u> COMPOSITION - The board shall have up to nine (9), but no fewer than five (5) members. From these representatives they will choose among themselves, who will serve in the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. One President.B. One Vice-President.C. One Secretary.D. One Treasurer. <p>ELECTION – Current Association members may nominate one or more members for vacant board positions prior to annual meeting. Additional nominations of members, present at the annual meeting and willing to serve, shall be taken from the floor. All elections for the Board shall be conducted by written ballot or voice vote if number of nominations is less than number of vacant positions.</p> | <p>Removed board member restrictions and added flexibility in number of board members</p> <p>Open nomination process to all members and add voice voting option</p> |

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| <p><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS (cont)</u> TERMS OF OFFICE - Directors are elected for three-year terms. Their terms shall expire after the annual meeting or upon the election of new Directors, whichever occurs later. Therefore three offices expire each year.</p> <p>BOARD MEETINGS - The new Board shall meet within 60 days of the annual meeting and at least three other times prior to the next annual meeting. Regular meetings shall be held at places, dates, and times established by the Board. Special meetings may be held on the call of the President or any three Directors after at least 24 hours notice by telephone, fax, mail, electronic communication or personal contact. Four directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The meetings shall be open to the members. Decisions shall be made by majority vote of directors present, with the President voting only to break ties. Between meetings, the President may solicit decisions from the Board through written communications as provide by Minnesota 317A.239.</p> | <p><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS (cont)</u> TERMS OF OFFICE - Directors are elected for three-year terms. Their terms shall expire after the annual meeting or upon the election of new Directors, whichever occurs later.</p> <p>BOARD MEETINGS - The new Board shall meet within 60 days of the annual meeting and at least three other times prior to the next annual meeting. Regular meetings shall be held at places, dates, and times established by the Board. Special meetings may be held on the call of the President or any three Directors after at least 24 hours notice by telephone, mail, electronic communication or personal contact. Fifty percent of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The meetings shall be open to the members. Decisions shall be made by majority vote of directors present. Between meetings, the President may solicit decisions from the Board through written communications as provided by Minnesota 317A.239.</p> | <p>Updates to align with changes in number of board members</p> |

Treasurer's Report

| | <u>Jan - Sep 18</u> |
|--|----------------------|
| Income | |
| 43400 · Direct Public Support | |
| 43450 · Individ, Business Contributions | 175.00 |
| Total 43400 · Direct Public Support | <u>175.00</u> |
| 45000 · Investments | |
| 45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD | 24.69 |
| Total 45000 · Investments | <u>24.69</u> |
| 47200 · Program Income | |
| 47230 · Membership Dues | 2,895.00 |
| Total 47200 · Program Income | <u>2,895.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>3,094.69</u> |
| Gross Profit | <u>3,094.69</u> |
| Expense | |
| 60410 · Membership Activities | |
| 60320 · Cash Awards and Grants | 250.00 |
| 60402 · Postage- fundraising | 22.50 |
| 60403 · Newsletter | 300.60 |
| 60420 · Annual Spring Lake Cleanup | 297.91 |
| 60422 · Lake Harvesting Weed Control | 775.00 |
| 60430 · Biennial Summer BBQ | 244.18 |
| 60960 · Bank Charges | 37.96 |
| 65001 · Web Host (3 Years) | 269.80 |
| 60435 · Membership fees to Organization | 0.00 |
| Total 60410 · Membership Activities | <u>2,197.95</u> |
| 65100 · Other Types of Expenses | |
| 65160 · Other Costs | |
| Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>2,197.95</u> |
| Net Income | <u><u>896.74</u></u> |

| | <u>Sep 30, 18</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| Capital One | 9,756.19 |
| PayPal | 1,072.04 |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>10,828.23</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>10,828.23</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>10,828.23</u></u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| 31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets | 800.00 |
| 32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets | 9,131.49 |
| Net Income | 896.74 |
| Total Equity | <u>10,828.23</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u><u>10,828.23</u></u> |



Elections

Candidate Introductions

- Background
- Why are you interested in running?

Elections

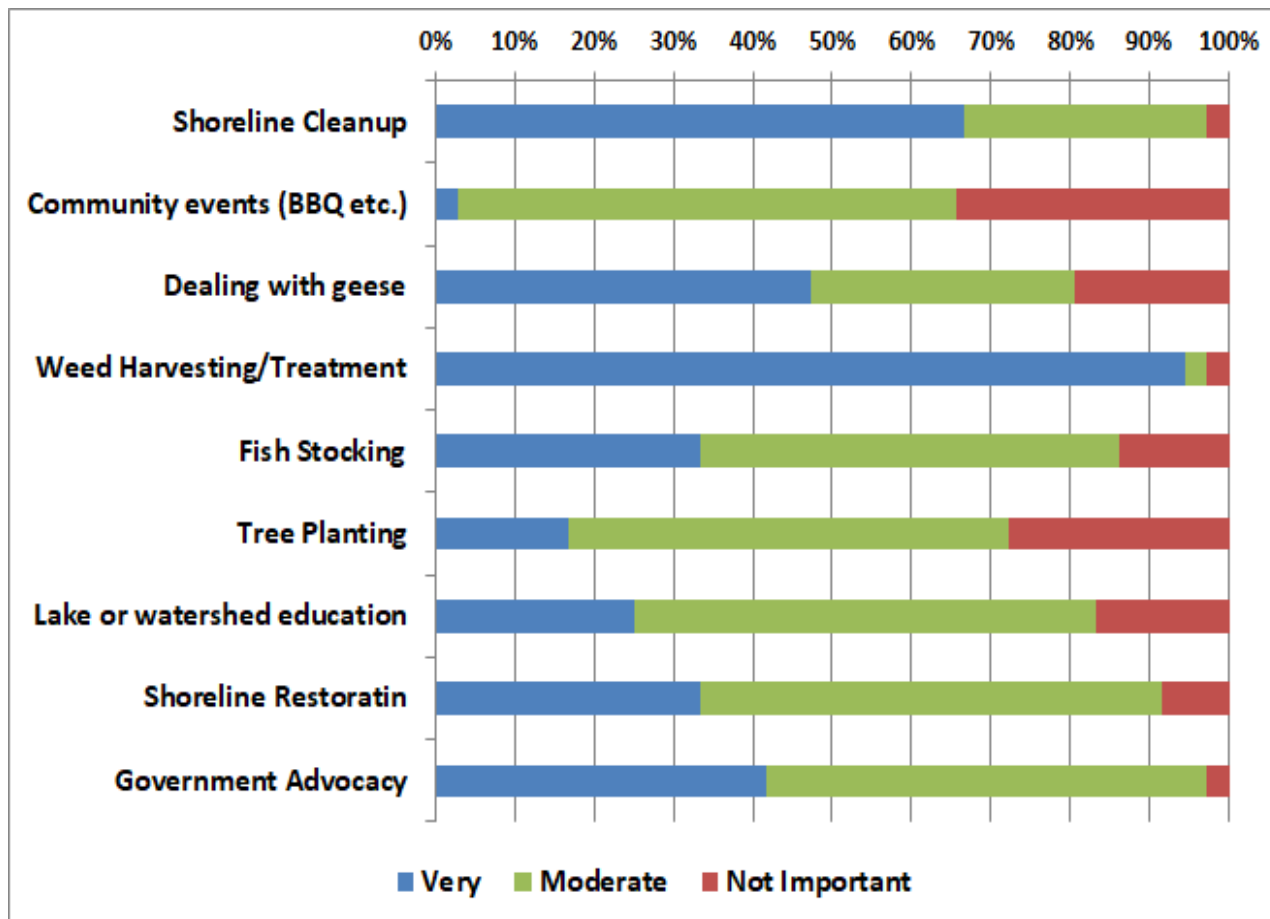
- Voting eligibility: Each address with a paid membership will be entitled to one vote
- Check up to 5 names on the ballot

Plans for 2019



2019 Plans

What would you like to see?



From
October
2018
Survey

36 responses



Fish Stocking Discussion

- Are you a fisherman?
- Would you like to enhance the functionality of the lake?
- Should we support fish stocking as an association?



Prizes

- **Photo Contest Winners** (random draw)
 - Gay Ludvig
 - Marcel Nienhuis

- **Door Prizes x11**



Thank You!!!

- Our Association Board members
- Especially our new board members Travis & Jason
- Dan Dorst & Cheri Nehl...*for elevating communications*
- Members...*for you contributions & support*
- Our speakers...*for your commitment to Mitchell Lake*



PLEASE Volunteer

**WITHOUT
VOLUNTEERS WE CAN
NOT BE EFFECTIVE**

Sign up sheets are located at the exit