

## MITCHELL LAKE ASSOCIATION 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 3, 2019

Where: Chanhassen American Legion, Chanhassen, MN

Attendees: 33 in attendance, including board members: Dave Jackett, Pete Iversen, John Tyler, Travis Yohn, Paul Yahnke, Joel Bredemeier, Cheri Nehl (Jason Burnett not avail) and Guest Speakers: Leslie Stovring, Dr. Claire Bleser & Kristan Maccaroni

After a social hour, President Dave Jackett called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Dave shared the agenda including introduction of current Mitchell Lake Association Board members; the background of MLA; 2019 year in review; introduction of guest speakers Leslie Stovring, Dr. Claire Bleser and Kristan Maccaroni; business meeting; and 2020 plans.

Dave introduced current board members, announced that 3 current openings will be voted upon later in meeting, and provided an overview of MLA board roles and responsibilities.

Dave next gave a brief overview of MLA background, purpose, past accomplishments and an overview of MLA communication vehicles including: annual newsletters, [www.mitchelllake.org](http://www.mitchelllake.org), MLA Facebook page, emails, surveys, and Nextdoor Mitchell Lake. Dave then reviewed 2019 objectives and updates including; lake ice out on April 9, 2019, weed harvesting/rebates, goose management, 13th annual lake clean up, lakeshore restoration workshops, restoration projects/rebates.

John Tyler shared 2019 fish stocking efforts. First stocking in May included >300 crappies and 10 pair of adult bass. A second stocking of (500) 6-8" walleyes will be released later this month.

Dave presented a short slide show highlighting the 35+ 2019 MLA Photo Contest submissions. Paul Yahnke was awarded a \$25 gift card for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place photo and Eric Toft was awarded a \$50 gift certificate for his 1<sup>st</sup> place photo.

Leslie Stovring, Environmental Coordinator for the city of Eden Prairie, gave an update of city coordinated activities.

- City of EP does the harvesting, while the watershed does the herbicide treatments. In 2019, the city contracted with J&N Weed Harvesting. They harvested 16 acres in the spring and 12 acres in the summer.
- Aquatic invasive zebra mussels are widespread in Lake Riley and the city assigns most of their inspectors on that lake to prevent the zebra mussels from escaping. Sixty-four inspections were completed on Mitchell Lake between May 11 and Sept 9. Two watercrafts entering the lake had plants attached that had to be removed. No zebra mussels identified during the inspections or found by the adopt a dock volunteers on the lake.
- City evaluated 44 basins that are key ponds in the watershed. Mitchell Marsh and Round Lake are the biggest feeds into Mitchell Lake. Some of the ponds that appeared to be working fine are actually releasing phosphorus. Looking at adding alum to water to bind up the phosphorous so that it stays in the sediment.
- Everyone can do something to help improve water quality. One way is to slow up the water runoff with buffers and rain garden. Another way is to clean the storm drains on your street. Contact Leslie for information on the adopt a drain program.

Dr. Claire Bleser, Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Administrator, gave an overview of watershed activity regarding the stormwater pond research grant. Evaluations are underway to evaluate how stormwater ponds are functioning and to learn if the ponds are effective in filtering out

sediments and phosphorus. If ponds are not functioning effectively, plans will be made to evaluate and develop solutions such as applying alum. Watershed expects to have plans available by next year.

Kristan Maccaroni, DNR Fisheries Specialist shared the results of the 2015 fisheries lake survey which found black bullhead, black crappie, bluegill, green sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, pumpkinseed, walleye, white crappie, yellow perch. The report can be found on MN DNR website under LakeFinder. Kirstan shared that because Mitchell is a shallow lake with a complex shoreline, it is prone to winter kill. When a winter kill occurs, DNR stocks bass and bluegill, otherwise the DNR had no stocking plans for Mitchell Lake. The lake aeration appears to have been effective in preventing winter kill. The next Mitchell Lake fish survey is planned for 2021.

Secretary Cheri Nehl distributed 2018 Annual Meeting minutes. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Dave Jackett presented the annual MLA Treasurer's Report and shared October 2019 survey results and led discussion on 2020 plans.

Board elections resulted in Pete Iversen and Cheri Nehl being reelected for another term and Mike Kaselnak joining the Board. After drawing for door prizes, the meeting commenced at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheri Nehl, Secretary, MLA