

## MITCHELL LAKE ASSOCIATION 2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** October 7, 2021

**Where:** Chanhassen American Legion, Chanhassen, MN and via Zoom meeting

**Attendees:** 45 in attendance, including board members: Dave Jackett, Zach Fetzer, John Tyler, Paul Yahnke, Joel Bredemeier, Cheri Nehl (Maria Verven and Travis Yohn not avail) and Guest Speakers: Terry Jeffery & Leslie Stovring. 7 attendees via Zoom

President Dave Jackett called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Dave reviewed meeting agenda and introduced current board members, including reference to 5 board openings. Dave gave a brief overview of MLA background and partnerships, past accomplishments, water quality improvements and MLA's new website.

Next Dave reviewed 2021 objectives and corresponding updates including weed management, invasive species, improving shoreline, fish stocking, geese management and membership. Weed management question were deferred until later in meeting. Adopt-a-dock invasive species detection volunteers were recognized. Board member John Tyler shared details on fish stocking program and promoted volunteer contributions. Jay Beaton asked if the DNR was still pulling significant quantities of sunnies from the lake each year. Board member had not heard of this but agreed to investigate. Leslie Stovring emphasized that goose removal requests must be submitted in spring since DNR permits need to be submitted prior to June. Dave shared MLA membership trend showing a drop off in paid membership. Several ideas were discussed among attendees including adding an automatic renewal option, sending renewal reminders to members, initiating a membership drive, getting assistance from HOAs to promote membership. Board agreed to discuss ways to increase and maintain membership new board convenes.

Next Dave invited Terry Jeffery, RPBC watershed and Leslie Stovring, City of EP to join in a panel discussion on Aquatic Plant Management. Dave shared that weed management continues to be the MLA #1 concern. Dave led an interactive good weed/bad weed discussion to provide some education of identifying aquatic plants and why they are important and/or why they are a problem. Dave shared actions that can be taken by residents to improve water quality and what actions are being taken the watershed and the city of EP. Attendees asked about lake friendly lawn service and Terry Jeffery indicated that he could provide some guidance and he suggested that residents should get a soil test to better understand what their lawn need in terms of nutrients. Board agreed to follow up and provide links and guidance on website. Terry recommended that everyone should review the Mitchell Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management plan. Cheri Nehl agreed to post link on MLA website. Herbicide and alum treatments were discussed. The board committed to holding follow up meetings with the city of EP, watershed and DNR to better understand options and to document on MLA website.

Dave thanked Leslie Stovring, who will be retiring in March 2022, for all she has done to support Mitchell Lake over the years. MLA present Leslie with a Mitchell Lake framed and autographed map, card and gift card.

Dave shared the (43) 2021 MLA Photo Contest submissions. Travis Yohn was awarded a \$25 gift card for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place photo and Jon Hanke was awarded a \$50 gift certificate for his 1<sup>st</sup> place photo.

Dave initiated the business portion of the meeting and shared an overview of last year's annual meeting and indicated that full minutes are posted on website. Treasurer Mike Kaselnak presented the annual MLA Treasurer's Report showing overall funds are down approx. \$1,500 from last year. Mike shared that the annual membership fees of \$35 have not changed since the association was formed in 2006. Meeting attendees suggested raising dues to \$50 or \$75 and reiterated earlier discussion about auto renewal options. Board agreed to discuss increasing membership dues when new board convenes.

Dave shared that we had 5 candidates for our 5 board openings. Dave conducted a voice vote whereby Dave Jackett and John Tyler were reelected and Erik Hansen, Brian Haugen and Michelle Rothwell were elected as new board members.

Dave shared the results of the September 2021 member survey results which will provide guidance for developing 2022 plans after which the meeting was opened for questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Nehl, Secretary, MLA