

Mitchell Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025

Scheduled Timing: 7pm-8:30 pm

Where: American Legion, Chanhassen

In Attendance: 44 community members in attendance, including board members Mark Fries, Mark Haugen, Cheri Nehl, Brian Haugen, Erik Hansen, Breann Bundgaard, Cheryl Harjes, and guest speakers Josh Maxwell, Liz Forbes (RPBCWD) and Lori Haak (City of EP)

Minutes

MLA Board Member Zach Fetzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Zach reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced the guest speakers.

1. Welcome
 - a. Board members introduced
2. MLA Background
 - a. Reviewed the purpose of the association and accomplishments over the years
3. Member Survey Results
 - a. 45 responses; 55.6% have lived on Mitchell Lake over 10 years, 31.1% 1-5 years
 - b. Feedback of top priorities was similar to other years:
 - i. Invasive species mgmt
 - ii. Weed harvesting / treatment
 - iii. Government advocacy
 - c. Discussed how this feedback is used to determine board priorities
4. 2024 Year in Review
 - a. Objectives were aligned to last year's community feedback
 - b. Shared details of the community events that were held - lake cleanup, summer social
 - c. While progress has been made over the years to reduce highway noise, in 2024 a special initiative was taken to plant more trees along Highway 5.
 - d. Showcased the partnership with Friends of EP Parks to remove buckthorn from Miller Park and other shoreline projects
 - e. Lake residents were encouraged to take the Lake Pledge (www.lakepledge.com), which is an educational initiative by Hennepin County. The MLA is able to gain grant money in the amount of \$5,000 if 60% of lakeshore homeowners were to take the Lake Pledge
5. Guest Speakers
 - a. Explained how they approach adaptive lake management
 - b. Reviewed things that are done to manage Mitchell Lake - fisheries, vegetation, water quality
 - i. Potential project for next 10 year plan includes alum treatment which would improve water clarity but increase plant growth
6. Panel Discussion
 - a. The group displayed questions submitted by residents and provided answers
7. Board focused feedback and responses - Erik reviewed points around sentiment, funding, action and follow through, community engagement, etc.
8. Business Meeting
 - a. 2024 meeting minutes provided
 - b. Membership status shared - 65 current members

- c. Financial statement update - association operating around break-even on income statement in 2025
- d. Election:
 - i. Zach Fetzer and Cheri Nehl both re-elected to another term on the board
- e. Photo Contest Winners (Scheels Gift Cards)
 - i. Pauline Sly - 1st prize \$50
 - ii. John Tyler - Runner up \$25

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Haugen, Treasurer, MLA