

**Island Mud Lake Property Owners Association
Annual Meeting
July 17, 2021**

Present: Chuck Pettipiece, Jim Luttrell, Jerry Finnerty, Linda Berglund, Leo Offerman, Gwen Geithman, Patrice Bogart.

Absent: Pam Nordahl

Membership present was approximately 45 adults and 5 children in attendance.

The annual meeting was convened after a presentation by Jon Mobeck from the National Loon Center located in Cross Lake. Mr. Mobecks presentation was informative on the progress on the National Loon Center and the goals go maintain the loon populations in Minnesota. The center will be an educational and scientific research center to benefit the loon populations.

Chuck Pettipiece introduced the current Board members and past presidents that were present. New residents to the lakes were also welcomed, the new residents since late 2019 mentioned were: Tom & Karen Stremski, Tom & Kim Weiser, Pete & Barrie Lund, Brad & Jen Quart, Dave & Tammy Aubrey, Chad & Stephanie Auld.

Condolences were also offered to the families of: Charlie "Joe" Banks, and Terry Mikkelson.

Annual Minutes from 2020: Leo made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes and approve as presented, Second by Jim. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurers Report: Jerry Finnerty presented the current finance report for the association and also the current number of paid members. There are currently 78 paid memberships, and we usually reach around 90 paid members, Jerry indicated that there are usually several that come in after the picnic and before Labor Day. The beginning balance on January 1 was \$8714 and as of July 17th the balance was \$8295. Jerry identified several larger expenditures made in 2021. These included: \$275 to the IRS for our Non-Profit status certification, \$300 to the Joe Banks family fundraiser, \$300 for picnic door prizes since we did not solicit any prizes from local businesses this year, and approximately \$450 for the spring newsletter printing /mailing

Jerry also presented the Door Prizes for the Peanut (Adults) and Candy (Kids) Guessing Games won by: Ron Paetznick, and Tyler Luttrell. The Door Prize (\$10 gift certificate to Sweets N' Such") for the correct Crossword puzzle went to Diane Hasskamp.

President's Report: Chuck reported on a variety of association activities including:

- **Pontoon / Boat Parade:** this year we had 13 participants with some unique decorations. We are always looking to add to the participants and looking for ideas to add to the fun.
- **Fishing Contest:** - this year we had 22 adults and 18 juniors and already making plans to modify next year's contest. Jim Luttrell outlined ideas for next year including extending the duration of the contest to be a 24-hour fishing period and possible gathering afterwards for awards. Jim also discussed the walleye stocking and potential to do some stocking in addition to that offered by the DNR.
- **Beaver 'Cache' in Mud Brook:** Thanks to Leo, Jim, Chuck, Joey, Tyler for removing the beaver cache obstruction to the channel at the bridge!

- **Mud Brook:** There are some trees that will pose an issue to navigating the channel, your help is needed to do some light clearing – see Jim after the meeting.
- **This year's Appreciation gifts** – the rechargeable flashlights 2 per property
- **"Find a Neighbor"** – informational map and listing if anyone interested. This information developed using the Crow Wing Interactive Property Listings public information.
- **Our website** – lots of good information and we are trying to keep it current, also if you want to post any pictures, information, or topics of interest there is a place to send it.
- **Emily Food Shelf** – last year we donated \$250, we are making the food donation's part of our annual part of our picnic. We have chosen the Emily Food Shelf in support of the ROSS LAKE TOWNSHIP annual donation. This year's donations were approximately 50 pounds of food and \$31 in cash donations.
- **Invasive Species** – we will be highlighting things you can do, the IMLPOA Pontoon trailer to be used only on Island Lake remember FREE to all IMLPOA members – we have had good usage by Members – used over 40 times each spring and fall.
- **Picnic Sponsors / Donors:** this year we did not solicit donations from businesses as we felt need to support but not ask for donations in light of the last year. HOWEVER, we have allocated funds to purchase door prizes and award these to current paid members. We did receive one unsolicited door prize from Land O' Lakes Marine in Outing (the WOW towing tube) please support them as well as all other local businesses that have been our past supporters, remember to thank them when you are visiting their business.
- **Preparing for 2022:** We are going to develop and ISLAND/MUD 13-month calendar that highlights photos from around the lake taken by our membership! Jerry presented the intend on the calendar and desire to have participation by all of the lake property owners. We need photos from throughout the year and each month will have a photo from a member. You can submit as many as you want and only 2 max per entrant to be in calendar. We plan to have these 13-month calendars for distribution at the 2022 Annual Meeting. The Board needs your photos! More information on deadlines and timing will be posted on the website and in the Fall Newsletter.
- **Drones on the Lakes:** A concern was expressed that there are drones flying over properties and a concern about privacy. Chuck indicated that our research indicates that: drones are legal; drones are considered "aircraft" and cannot be legally shot down; since drones occupy public airspace the issue of privacy is hard to determine, if someone feels their privacy is violated, they should contact the county sheriff's office.
- **Non- Profit Status of the Association:** We have been registered as a non-profit corporation since 1986 with the State and have the appropriate EIN. We have made application to the IRS for obtain full 501-c-3 status since it eliminates any future confusion and also enables us to seek/receive funding would the need arise to address future issues like AIS. As part of the IRS process, we found our bylaws needed updating and the proposed bylaws have been recommended for approval by the Board. The proposed bylaw amendments were outlined. To amend our bylaws requires a vote at an annual meeting by 2/3 approval of those in attendance

Approval of Bylaws Amendments: Motion to approve the proposed bylaws, second from members, motion passed unanimously.

Member’s input / suggestions:

Dust Control --An inquiry regarding the dust on Island Lake Road and Walworth and is there anything that could be done by the township. Leo Offerman indicated that the township does not have funds to offer dust control and that any adjoining property owner can purchase dust control products from Home Depot or Menards fairly inexpensively. This would be a better solution and easier to address than working through the township.

Directors Nominations and Election

Directors up for election / reelection included: -

- Jerry Finnerty – Treasurer
- Linda Berglund – Secretary
- Replacement to fill Joe Banks unexpired term

Jerry Finnerty was nominated and seconded for the Treasures position for a 3-year term. Upon show of hands vote it was a unanimous vote to appoint Jerry as Treasurer.

Linda Berglund was nominated and seconded for the Secretaries position for a 3-year term. Upon show of hands vote it was a unanimous vote to appoint Linda as Secretary.

Tom Stremski was nominated and seconded to fill the unexpired term of Joe Banks’ vacant Director’s position for the balance of the four-year term through 2024. Upon show of hands vote it was a unanimous vote to appoint Tom to the vacant Directors position.

Door Prizes and drawings

At the conclusion of the business meeting Door Prizes totaling almost \$575 were presented. The following Door Prizes were awarded:

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| - \$25 Gift Certificate to Redding’s | Kathy Dorfner |
| - No Zipper Cooler | Joan Elstad |
| - Folding Table | Leo Offerman |
| - Igloo Cooler | Jane Nelson |
| - Engle Bait Cooler | Garrison Bodin |
| - Cutter Insect Fogger | Tricia Murray |
| - WOW Tow Tube from Land O’Lakes Marine | Mike Rasmussen |

Respectfully Submitted

Chuck Pettipiece
(For Linda Berglund)