



Island Mud Lake Property Owners Association

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Minutes from Annual Meeting and Picnic

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The Island Mud Lake Property Owners Association annual meeting and picnic took place Saturday, July 21, 2018 on Tony and Joanne Levi's property. Kids' games began at 4:30, followed by guest speaker Chelsey Best, Minnesota DNR Conservation Officer. She spoke briefly about common issues affecting area lakes including Aquatic Invasive Species, high water, ATV/UTV ordinances, nuisance and injured animals, as well as answering questions from those in attendance.

Both of our lakes are currently free of invasive species. The high water this year is affecting shorelines, especially when speeds on the water creates strong waves that impact erosion on the shorelines. There are no ordinances in Crow Wing County regarding high water. Locally we can suggest lake restrictions during periods of high water but the county can't enforce it. Jet skis must operate 150 ft. from docks or anchored watercraft.

The current ordinance for ATV/UTV on county roads is that both Class I and II are allowed, but they must stay to the far right, adhere to 30mph speed limit, and anyone born after Jan 1, 1987 must have safety certification.

Landowners are able to remove nuisance animals from their properties in season, but the DNR wants a phone call regarding type of animal and cause for removal. Out of season, the DNR must be called in advance and they will determine if the situation warrants an out-of-season permit.

After CO Best finished speaking, attendees enjoyed the picnic and random door prize giveaways. Leo Offerman briefly spoke about the importance of the Association in providing a strong, unified voice for property owners should a situation arise where legal or environmental help should be needed. He gave examples of banding together years ago to stop the mass development planned for White Pine Water Road, lobbying for a bridge to be in place rather than a culvert on Walworth Road, and purchasing the pontoon trailer (which members can use free of charge and non-members pay \$20 per use) to help protect against the risk of invasive species being introduced into our lakes. Other activities that property owners enjoy because of the Association is the annual picnic, fishing contest and boat parade.

The annual meeting was officially called to order at 6:14 pm. Board members present included Leo Offerman, president; Chuck Pettipiece, vice president; Diana Banks, secretary; Jerry Finnerty, treasurer; directors Pam Nordahl, Patrice Bogart, Joanne Levi, Jim Luttrell and Joe Banks. Leo asked for a motion to waive reading past minutes since they were mailed out last fall. Gail Brothers motioned with a second from Joe Banks, members were in agreement and motion passed.

Jerry Finnerty gave the treasurer's report. Currently there is \$6,707.69. In 2018, income was \$1,235; expenses so far \$1,028. He addressed the expenses of website hosting for islandmudlake.com, which Theresa Offerman manages; and the cost of the Party Pal plates which members who attended the picnic received. (Extra Party Pals are available for sale, with proceeds going back to the Association account – contact Leo Offerman.) Jerry also reported that an upcoming expense includes approx. \$150 of parts to fix the trailer jack.

In old business, Leo addressed the issue of beaver and high water complaints. Also fire department response time between Aitkin and Emily, and how the issue of who covers our area is determined by the Ross Lake Township Board. Leo mentioned there will be turnover on the board this year.

In new business, it was brought up for discussion having name placards designed and purchased for Association members to display on the posts below the E911 house numbers. Some feel it would strengthen our Association, while others feel it could offend. The intention of the signs would be to strengthen the bond of the Association. Discussion was held to create mockups, get the costs to print and then present to the membership to decide. If agreed upon, the Association would purchase the signs.

Bonny Paetznick brought up the issue of their name plank not being on the signpost at the Island/Walworth Roads split. Clint Banks has been involved in the creation and maintenance of the names for the past few years and has fallen behind this year due to health issues. Joe and Leo will work with Clint to get caught up on the reorganization of the signpost. If anyone still needs a name sign, they need to contact Leo.

Tony Levi brought up the idea of creating signs that could be posted requesting that property owners be courteous about their use of the lake during high water situations: no wake, loons nesting, etc could be the messages. Leo and Tony will discuss further.

Paul Handberg asked about current Association members. Jerry reported that in 2017 there were 84, which is about 2/3 of property owners. Past president Buck Brothers has been diligent about door-knocking trying to encourage participation. All mailings go out to all owners, not just paid members. Other information sources are the website and the kiosk at the split. Paul also brought up the creation of walleye habitat on our lakes. Leo suggested getting an expert opinion from the Fisheries Dept. We should let the DNR know about the walleye catches on our lakes as it could be helpful in ensuring we stay on the stocking plan.

Theresa Offerman had QR codes available for fast access to the website for those with QR code readers on their smartphones. **Website URL: www.islandmudlake.com.**



Buck Brothers inquired about the loon nests needing to be removed this fall. Steve Brothers volunteered to tow the nests to store for the winter on land owned by Fred Nordahl. Research will be done first to see if its necessary to move the nests, as it was reported that other lakes have the nests in place all year. Leo will take care of the nests on Mud Lake if they need to be moved.

Leo brought up the changes in the Board. Chuck Pettipiece advanced to president, effective at the 6:47 pm adjournment. Leo remains on as vice president for the year. Jerry Finnerty will stay on as treasurer. There were no new nominations for the board member position held by Jim Luttrell, and he agreed to stay on for another term.

New this year was the collection of canned goods or cash for local food shelves, with those who donated having extra chances to win prizes. Thank you to Buck Brothers, Chuck Pettipiece, Jerry Finnerty and Leo Offerman for securing the prizes from local businesses. There were many great prizes donated. Full list of winners will be posted on the website. Joanne Levi will write thank you cards for the businesses.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Banks, Secretary