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## **Minutes of the September 3, 2022 McKenzie Lakes Association Member Meeting**

### **Call to Order by MLA President, Sandy Swanson, at 9:03 AM**

**Determination of quorum:** There were 42 members present and a quorum was established to conduct association business; 6 board members were present, including Sandy Swanson, Jeff Larson, Lisa Kiener-Barnett, Swany Swanson, Scott Ballantyne, and Kim Duchene. Board directors Ted Colangelo, George Kuechle and Missy Isabella were absent and excused.

### **Welcome to all members and visitors**

**Secretary Report:** Copy of July 30 meeting is available both on line and via email. If you have email and would like to receive Newsletter, contact Jan Caldwell to update your information. The report was approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Jeff Larson reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Booya income is net income; facility fee was accidentally put into Booya (\$1500); balance sheet does reflect the correct amount. The Report was approved.

**Booya Report:** Chairman Lisa Kiener-Barnett reported donations were incredible! All volunteers were truly amazing; many thanks to all as we couldn't do it without you.

### **Ongoing MLA Programs:**

- Secchi Reading on Big McKenzie was 5.5 ft, Middle McKenzie 20.5 ft, Lower McKenzie 10 ft.
- Website – nothing to report
- Apparel – nothing to report
- Zebra mussel plate – when removing plates and counting mussels, you can now take a picture and email to Sandy Swanson rather than attempting to count them all. Clean and store the plates over winter and we will continue to monitor next season.

**Zebra Mussel Overview:** Scott Ballantyne, Ph.D. and professor of biology at University of Wisconsin River Falls, gave us an overview of what was and where science is headed. Scott's message was a snap-shot of his presentation later this month at the AIS Research and Management Showcase 2022 at the U of M's Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC). Read more about it at <https://maisrc.umn.edu>

**Report on Fisheries:** (Mike Pederson's report as told to Sandy Swanson; Mike couldn't make to the meeting). Craig Roberts, Senior Fisheries Biologist at the DNR in Spooner, spent the day on the lake with Mike talking "walleyes" and particular fertilized walleye eggs on a manmade reef in Crane Lake in Forest County; Craig stated that on the manmade reefs on Big and Middle no eggs seem to be surviving. Craig proposed fish cribs with 5-10 in a grouping to provide habitat for fingerlings. The McKenzie Lakes will not be surveyed this fall but will in 2023 for one year-old walleye catch rates and an adult walleye survey in 2025.

**New Business:** There was a discussion on continuing the boat monitor grant. The boat landings need help on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays particularly but any and all help is appreciated and much needed; 75% paid positions and 25% volunteers make up this program. The Town of Scott takes care of payroll for grant monies spent and all employees. Following discussion, a motion to apply for the CBCW grant for the three lakes for 2023 was approved.

**Power loading:** This is illegal in Burnett County but not yet in Washburn. This just ruins the boat landings so just don't do it! If you see someone do this, take a picture of license plate and send to the DNR Burnett County and they will fine the offender. Also take picture of license plate of any boat/ watercraft with vegetation hanging from it and send to DNR at either Burnett or Washburn Counties; they are very serious about this and will follow-up and fine offenders. Many ideas were discussed on monitoring boat accesses.

**Healthy Lakes:** A pamphlet on a shoreline erosion grant was available to interested lakeshore owners in Washburn County; Lisa Burns, DNR Spooner, is looking to fill 25 slots by the end of September. Contact Lisa at 715-468-4654.

**Adjourned 10:11 AM**