

Final Meeting Minutes
Moen Lake Chain Association
Annual Membership Meeting
July 9th, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Twin Pines

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Sattler, President, at 10:30 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes from the 2021 meeting and the budget for 2022 were approved.

Ann Richmond Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, provided an update:

156 paid members, a new record – out of 263 properties that qualify for membership

36 members at \$100 each, also sponsored inspection at the boat landing – a new program

Ann also edits the newsletter, and she is always looking for items to include.

Mark Marek gave an update on the Clean Boats Clean Waters activities. There are two paid inspectors including himself, but volunteers are always needed and welcomed. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a grant program that will re-imburse 75% of the cost of inspectors. The Association has taken advantage of this program and has been provided the full 75% for several years. The landing is staffed on Friday evening, Saturday morning, afternoon and evening and Sunday morning afternoon and evening May through September. The only two aquatic invasive species found to date in the chain are rusty crayfish and Chinese mystery snails. Most of the surrounding lakes are infested with Eurasian milfoil and other aggressive invaders.

Julie Gust reported on the channel marker committee. She turned it over to Rocky Gust who reported that the committee members are Tim Grove, Donnie Broadbridge and himself with assistance from Tony Sattler. Rocky asked for help from people who know Moen Lake well enough to help place the rock markers. Also, it would be great if someone would volunteer to handle the channel markers between Moen and Second Lakes.

Bill Disbrow reported on the website. There were 16,780 unique IP addresses visiting, 64% from China and 21.24% from the U.S. which helps explain why the website is viewed at all hours of the day. Bill also continues to seek content from members, and he will post the pictures that were entered into the contest. There was a question about being able to purchase “swag” from the website. Keith Kelling responded that merchandise can be purchased from him until they close up, and after that, Susan Broadbridge will have the merchandise that can be picked up locally. Keith will also send items, but the mailing cost will be included. Another comment was made regarding posting of notice of board meetings as members are welcome to attend.

Dave Hansen reported on the fish and habitat committee. Members are Tony Sattler, Gary Berweger, Jay Stewart (?) and himself. Fingerling walleyes were stocked by the DNR as follows: 4,500 in Moen, and 4,500 in Fourth and Fifth Lakes. "Year of young" fish are still not in great enough numbers based on the DNR survey, normally taking place in odd numbered years. 2023 will be the next survey.

45 boats again participated in the Charlie Baker Musky Tournament this year. The largest musky at 45.5" came out of Moen Lake. 17 muskies were caught in total, including 10 from Moen Lake.

Tony Sattler reported on the "fish stick" projects. Three installations were placed on Pine Island in Fifth Lake this winter. The permit to do these projects is good for five years, and any projects have to be placed under the authority of this permit, which is held by the Association. The purpose of the projects is to improve habitat. The DNR will provide matching funds for projects. The first three projects were accomplished by the efforts of many volunteers. Tony is interested in more projects and asked that any landowners on the chain that are interested in hosting a project on their land contact him through the Association.

Keith Kelling conducted the election of board members for a three-year term. Members may serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. There are nine members. Billy Heath was elected to serve a second term, and Kate Easton and John Dellemann were elected to serve their first terms. The board members meet after the annual meeting to decide officers.

The photo contest winner was announced and it was one of the loon pictures. All of the pictures will be placed on the website. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Nancy opened the floor to comments from members. There was a discussion about wake boats. It was also mentioned that there will be a meeting of Oneida and Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association July 15th from 8 a.m. to noon. It is open to the public and will have lots of good information.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Krause, Secretary