

Jose Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

MINUTES

JULY 1, 2023

10:00 AM

OPENING

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Parkinson at 10am on July 1, 2023 at Goodar Township Fire Hall, South Branch MI. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and officers were introduced as follows: Chuck Parkinson, President; Chris Bouck, Vice President; Carrie Albin, Secretary (Not Present); Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Trustees, David Leighton and Bruce Roth. Several new members were introduced.

Moment of silence for the passing of Joe Moran and other association members.

Fire Dept Rep – Charley Finley updated the members about his new role, gave a rundown of the new staff, and training that has been accomplished. He also discussed the new equipment that was purchased. They applied to the State for \$10,000 grant for more equipment. They will also be offering CPR classes.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Minutes from 2022 were not read aloud and were approved. They are available online at the Jose Lake Association website and are mailed or emailed to all members. Motion made to accept and passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Joyce Taylor and motion made to accept and passed.

Weed report was submitted by Matt Albin and read by Chris Bouck:

Our relationship with PLM Lake and Land Management continues. With the new year comes a change in our account manager from Casey Schoaff to Michael Pichla. Michael has been with PLM for 9 years and is working closely with Casey to ensure a smooth transition. There were two opportunities earlier this spring to meet Michael and learn about the health of Jose Lake. The first was a Zoom meeting on Monday, May 1 and the second was at the Jose Lake Annual Clean-up on May 6. A recording of the Zoom meeting can be found on the Jose Lake Association Facebook group page. On June 8 Michael did a survey of the lake for Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive species. Based on the low amount of existing and new growth, it was determined not to do a June treatment. This is great news for Jose Lake! We would like to remind everyone that there are various other emerging invasive species such as Starry Stonewort that spread rapidly and are difficult to control and which have been found on other local lakes. Please continue to be vigilant about avoiding the introduction of invasive species by following the Clean Dry Drain DNR protocol with your personal watercraft and any visitors you have. With your help we can continue to enjoy our beautiful lake. Any questions you can contact Matt Albin by email at mattsalbin@gmail.com.

Chris also encouraged everyone to learn how to identify invasive species and to be vigilant in properly searching for them.

The Fish Report was noted in the agenda (1340 Walleye 6-8 inches long). Dave Leighton gave a report. We will use the \$2560 in the Fish Fund to stock again this year. Contact Dave Leighton if you would like to request a certain species be stocked.

OLD BUSINESS

The boat parade was discussed. Six boats were signed up at the start of the meeting. (Ten boats ended up participating). The association would like to thank the store for promoting the parade and hosting the start and award ceremony. Thank you also to the 6 judges who helped to pick the winners.

The dues were discussed. The current dues is \$30 with \$15 going to the general fund and \$15 going to the Fish Fund. All members are encouraged to talk with their neighbors about joining.

Dave Leighton gave a summary of the Clean Up Day. Chris Bouck was unable to attend so Dave filled in. There were 30 people at the clean-up. Hot dogs were served afterwards. Members are asked to pick up trash on the water if they see it.

NEW BUSINESS

It was asked that a permanent marker/plaque be put up at the boat launch in honor of Joe Moran (Pontoon Joe). He was integral in getting the boat ramp put it along with several other long time members. The plaque cannot exceed \$500. The motion was passed. It will be done by July 1st, 2024.

Election of directors took place. Bruce Roth and Chuck Parkinson were up. Both of their terms were extended.

Board Member Terms and Roles:

2024 – Carrie Albin, Secretary; and David Leighton, Trustee

2025 – Joyce Taylor, Treasurer; and Chris Bouck, Vice President

2026 – Bruce Roth, Trustee; and Chuck Parkinson, President

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dust control (or lack thereof) on Nicole Drive was discussed. Unfortunately, they cannot put down the dust control until it has rained. The application they put down only works if the surface it is applied to is wet. Therefore, when we did not have any rain early this summer, the township was unable to apply the dust control. You can contact Fred Lewis, the Township Supervisor, for more information. His number is 989-728-2811.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am. There were about 38 people in attendance.