

## November 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**ATTENDEES:** Tim & Vicki Osborn, Tracy Donati, Mary Hansen, Mike & Nancy Schirott, Dahn Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mary Kowalski, Jenna Labash

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Tim Osborn at 9:00. Mike & Nancy Schirott hosted.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 21, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was read and approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Water & Boating Safety:** Nothing to report
- B. **Water/Environmental:** Update on Goose Busters. There is nothing for us to do currently. The state puts out applications in February, so we must wait until the applications come out. Chris at Goose Busters will email Mary Kowalski when they do come out. There is an application fee of \$200 that we will need to pay when we complete our application. Quick turnaround time once all of paperwork is completed. The schedule with Goose Busters will be set up sometime in May. They come out the first part of June and complete a goose roundup; nothing is done with the eggs at this time. We will need to negotiate a price per goose with Goose Busters. Mary K. will check with Cory Marlow to see how much Shavehead Lake paid per goose.
- C. **Community Affairs:** Mike Schirott went to the Porter Township meeting. The township may have an opening on the zoning board of appeals; it would be a way for us to get our foot in the door and have lake representation. What we really need is someone on the planning commission. Township is trying to revise restrictions on the size of outbuildings so that they will be based on the size of the lot; public hearing down the road. The township wants to work on updating the book of ordinances. They are trying to hire someone to come in look at all of them to make sure they don't negate each other. If anything will be done with regards to bladder boats, it will most likely be done on a per lake basis. Long Lake has met with the undersheriff and will be paying \$25 per hour to have extra patrols on the lake.

The Cass County Conservation District has a meeting in Vandalia on December 5<sup>th</sup>; if anyone is interested in going Mike has the information.

Mike attended the regional MLSA meeting in October. The state is cutting funding, so it is important to work with local government. Mike learned about Lake Savers, a company that works to get and maintain a healthy lake. The first step is lake bottom aeration. It's an interesting concept. Mike encouraged everyone to check out the website, lake-savers.com, or Lake Savers on YouTube. Mike to check and see if John Tucci the President of Lake Savers could come to our annual meeting. The annual MLSA meeting is April 20-21, 2018 in Boyne, Michigan, approximately a 4-hour drive. We really should try to send someone. Art & Mary Hansen may be interested in going.

- D. Membership:** Tracy Donati gave an update on apparel sales. We received \$138 back on koozies that were mis-printed. Tracy sold about \$200 of apparel last Monday at Jimmy's; she will be there again this Monday from 6-9 and will take orders for embroidered zip-up hoodies and hats as well. Cost for embroidered items will be \$35 for hoodie with logo, \$30 for hoodie with anchor and \$20 for hats. We will sell the remaining short sleeved t-shirts for \$5. All apparel will also be sold at the Christmas Party. Tracy suggested we sell a poker run t-shirt at the poker run this year; she will work with our vendor to design something.

The first 2018 newsletter will go out in April via email. All advertising will need to be secured by then.

- E. Social:** The Spring Fling is set for Saturday, April 28, 2018. The Poker Run is set for Saturday, July 21, 2018. The Whistle Pigs are booked to be the band. Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2018. An email will be sent out about our upcoming Christmas Party on December 2, 2017.

The website needs to have an updated list of officers and advisers. Don't need to list boat counts and Secchi tests separately, as they can be found in the newsletter.

Meetings for 2018 are scheduled as follows: March 24 – Tim & Vicki Osborn's, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 14 (annual meeting), August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, Christmas Party December 1.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** none

**ADJOURN:** 10:25

**NEXT MEETING:** March 24, 2018 – Tim & Vicki Osborn's  
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