



## Annual General Membership Meeting

April 20, 2023

7:00 pm

Mountain Lake Fire House

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Bob Ballou, President at 7:00pm. Thanks were extended to the Mt. Lake Fire Department for being such a wonderful partner and allowing us to host our meeting at the firehouse. A warm welcome was extended to all Lake Association members and others from our community in attendance.
2. Approval of Minutes from August 19, 2022, Annual Meeting. Patricia Hoffman made a motion to approve; seconded by Barbette Johnson and the motion was approved by consent.
3. Treasurer's Report: A hand out of the full report was provided to attendees prior to the meeting Nancy O'Leary provided an overview of the Treasurer's Report for 2023 YTD.
4. Water Quality Monitoring Report. Bob advised it was the third year of monitoring and efforts will continue in 2023. They will keep tags on current conditions, clarity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, PH, Phosphorus (Every 3<sup>rd</sup> test), HAB was present in April. We will look into the tributaries such as Mountain Lake Brook, the old general store brook, and Jenny Jump Brook for future testing.
5. Highlands Council Grant /Princeton Hydro
  - Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan – It was advised that the grant was applied and \$80k was available which could be allocated to a comprehensive study of the lake.
6. Lake Subcommittee Report – Officers are Rich Larson, John Ward, Danielle Nevins, Mayor John Inscho, Larry Supp & Dave Rogers. The group is pursuing other grant funding opportunities that could be suited for Mt. Lake/ They are also looking into aquatic weed maintenance and drone surveys, which will be completed in conjunction with Warren County Community College.
7. Goose Control – It was advised that in 2022 Geese Chasers (Joe Bellow) who lives in Liberty Township continues to offer his assistance in helping to control the goose population by adding the eggs. Efforts in 2022 were successful and will continue again in 2023.
8. Year Ahead - Summary
  - 2023 Proposed Projects and Activities - It was discussed that the lake association has some proposed projects and activities for 2023 and as always is looking for volunteers to assist in any of the events.
  - 2023 Proposed Budget – The proposed budget was handed out prior to the meeting and a motion to approve was made by Leslie Washuta and seconded by Frank Battistelli.



- Membership and Volunteers – It was mentioned that the 2023 membership is started, and the association will look to continue the success of 2023. Additionally, it was raised that volunteers are always welcome/needed to assist in our events throughout the year.

9. Upcoming Events include:

- Townwide Yard Sale (May 20)
- Macroinvertebrate Stream Survey
- Litter Cleanups
- Various Other Recreational activities/events

10. General Discussion/for the Good of the Order

Ed Washuta mentioned that the dead Lilly root masses mentioned in the weed maintenance are in fact turtle habitat. He also feels that chemical treatments have caused this to occur. He feels though that the clumps do have a habitat value, but if removed they should be taken outside of the watershed. It was advised that Gary Wolfgang would reach out again to the farm that has taken the weeds in the past to see if they will take them again.

Ed also mentioned that other lakes are set up to make sure boats entering their lakes don't have weeds and if they do, they are turned away.

Ed Barbuty asked what the cost was of the new water meter that was donated and what is the cost associated with maintenance. It was advised that there is a cost associated, which will be monitored as we use it going for, so we can report the average. He also asked if there is plant specific herbicides and it was advised there are.

Frank Batistelli asked where the monitoring will occur, and Bob advised there are several areas including the deepest part of the lake that have and will continue to be monitored. He also asked about the regrowth of lilies and if the weeds that are being cut during harvesting are removed and it was confirmed they would be.

Alice Bechok asked if tote bags would still be handed out to new neighbors, and it was advised this would be investigated. Alice also asked if she could plant flowers at the Welcome sign and all agreed to this with our thanks to her for doing that.

John Zsilovitz asked if the grant was awarded to Mt Lake what does it pertain/include? It was advised that it could include a review of historical readings, update of the barometric map, watershed modeling, in lake water quality modeling, visual watershed monitoring, etc.

A question of what night was best to hold the annual meeting in August and most seemed to feel Thursday was better than Friday.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM