



Lake Manitou & Area Association
2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda
7:00 pm Tuesday July 8, 2025 at the Sandfield School House
Meeting call to Order 7:02 pm

Directors Present: Mike Costigan (President), Sharon Cooper (Vice President), Martin Peddle (Treasurer), Manuela Marchment (Secretary), Heather Roy (Shop Director), (Mark Harvey (Lake Plan Director)

Directors Absent:

1. Call to order – Consideration of Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Costigan a 7:02 pm. Mike welcomed all attendees and acknowledged the continued support of members, local businesses, and volunteers.

- One vote per property
- As motions progress only those that have the placards will be able to vote
 - Motion to accept the agenda:
 - Robert Mann
 - Second by Carl Mahaffy
 - All in favour
 - No oppositions.

2. Welcome – to all members and visitors.

- Land acknowledgment
 - Land acknowledgement read by Mike
 - In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, The LMAA acknowledges with respect, that we gather on the traditional territory of the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Odawa peoples and the Anishinabek communities nearby. Lake Manitou, whose name means “Spirit” is enjoyed and cherished by all of us present here today. We honour the first people’s relationship to the land and the spirit of the lake, with our commitment to protect the lake, that it might be enjoyed for generations to come.
- Thanks to all members for your continued support of the LMAA
- We are so fortunate to own property on and around this beautiful lake. This organization was founded 32 years ago with a purpose to preserve Lake Manitou’s waters, and I know that you are members because you share the passion. We are all responsible for doing our part so thank you for your continued support of the LMAA.
- Do we have any first-time attendees, or new members in the house? **Acknowledged**
- Acknowledge the historical slideshow being updated with pictures from the last year of LMAA events and projects. Thank you Pat Costigan
- Acknowledged Annette Smith for the organization of the pre meeting BBQ and fundraiser as well as for providing her musical talents. **Applause**
- Acknowledged the presence of Tom Sasvari from the Expositor for being here and supporting the LMAA for so many years! **Applause**
- Encourage all of you to visit our information table after the meeting where literature is available on various topics concerning cottagers and lake front living from FOCA.
- Encouragement to visit our apparel table – all purchases help support the LMAA!
- We replenished our stocks and added several new items.

- It has been a busy year for your executives, directors, lake stewards and committee members as you will see in the Reports of Officers and Directors.
 - LMAA has two revenue streams membership and merchandise
 - All purchases help support LMAA.

3. Introduction of Officers, Directors, and Committees

- Officers /Directors
 - Mike Costigan, President & Fishery Committee Chair
 - Sharon Cooper, Vice President & Education Committee Chair
 - Martin Peddle, Treasurer
 - Manuela Marchment, Secretary, Website Administrator 7 Social Media Specialist
 - Heather Roy, Apparel & Online Store Administrator
 - Martin Peddle, Treasurer
 - Mark Harvey, Lake Plan Director
 - Brenda Edgington, Content Research Director
 - Don Payne, Director at large
- Education Committee Members
 - Pat Costigan
 - Nancy Kains
 - Marian Lohead
 - Sharon Cooper
- Lake Stewards
 - David Kains
 - Rob Coulter
- Fishery committee Members
 - Peter Hutchinson
 - Brad Sparks
 - Dave Harmeier
 - Daniel Diagneault
 - Kelly Ranta
 - Sharon Cooper
 - Martin Peddle
- Retiring:
 - Don Payne 18 years of service
 - Served as treasurer and most recently as a director
 - Unfortunately, he sends his regrets
 - Brenda Edgington 3 years of service
 - Served as a director
 - Valuable asset to the BOD
 - We thank her for her service to the LMAA

4. Approval of minutes of July 11, 2023, Annual Meeting

- Motion to accept-Derek Tilley
- Second- Kelly Ranta
- All in favour
- No Oppositions

5. Reports of Officers & Directors

- President's Report – Mike Costigan
 - Retirement:
 - Last fall I informed the board of directors that I would not be seeking another term as President.
 - I have been on the Board since 2005 and have served in a few different rolls:
 - newsletter editor for 6 years,
 - special projects lead for the 911 post membership signs,
 - designed the LMAA flag,
 - involved in initiating the first LMAA website back in 2008
 - More recently I took over the roll of President and chaired the LMAA fishery committee.
 - I want to thank all the directors that I have had the pleasure of working with over these years and particularly those that have served over the last 3 years!(directors, lake stewards and committee members)
 - As a board we had some real challenges coming out of covid but with the addition of some new directors, a renewed enthusiasm entailed, and we tackled them head on.
 - Brief list of our accomplishments:
 - Reincorporated the LMAA after it lapsed in 2018
 - Financial back in order by increasing membership to \$30 & cutting expenditures
 - Created a new website to better serve our needs, improve communication with members and cut costs
 - More shoal markers on the lake.... Particularly on the north shore
 - Reclaiming our membership numbers to pre covid status
 - New apparel line and online store
 - Improved relationship with the MNR over the dam's management
 - Renewal of stewardship projects on the lake with Manitoulin streams and Manitoulin Phragmites project – Gushy Bay
 - Renewed relationship with the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station
 - Formation of Fishery committee and the new relationship we have formed with the MNR over the Lake Manitou fishery -resulting walleye stocking plan
 - While I will be leaving my role as President, I have told Sharon that I am only stepping aside
 - not stepping down and I will continue to be active in my role as Past President.
 - Thanks to all the directors committee members for your collective efforts to continue the good work that the LMAA has done for 32 years
 - Sharon Cooper will step up to be president
- Acknowledgement of Pasing LMAA members:
 - Mary Hutchinson
 - Hutchinson family have a long association with LMAA and on behalf of the LMAA we
 - offer our condolences to the family for their loss.
- Membership:
 - Welcome New Members – Two new members
 - So, on that note I would like to invite you the members to assist us in growing the membership. You are our best advocates.
 - Talk to your neighbors about joining.
 - You are welcome to take brochures which are back on our information table.
- Sandfield Dam update:
 - If you recall last year, I pursued Chad Mulligan (dam manager for MNR) about replacing logs in the dam after noticing how much leakage was happening. I am happy to report that this fall 8 new logs are to be replaced. They do it at this time in the hopes that water levels are generally lower.

- We have put forth a few concerns and suggestions regarding how to mitigate damage to fish habitat, riverbanks, and infrastructure from Peter Hutchisons bait business and it has been acknowledged with further discussions to be had as we get closer to the fall drawn down of the lake
- There is a new manager of the dam as of about a month ago, his name is Eric Delargie and we have already spoken about continuing the open communication that exists around the dam management. I have him pretty much committed to making a presentation on the dams' management at next years "Information night"
- The MNR can get lake level readings remotely... yesterday I sent him a note regarding the lake levels due to all the rain recently. His response was:
 - Good morning, Mike,

Thank you for your email about the water levels on Lake Manitou. The Dam levels are reading top of summer so that is a good level we like to have it this time of year. We don't want to mess around with the logs as we don't know what kind of weather we will have between now and August (Hottest month) that might cause water getting lower.

We will keep an eye on thing over the next week or 2 and see what the levels are looking like then.

- Phragmites Update

- Judith Jones from the Manitoulin Phragmites Project reach out to say they want to do a follow-up on the removal we did last summer in Gushy Bay. This will be happening during "Manitoulin Phragmites week July 21-25. We are looking for 8-10 volunteers to assist and we will also be working with Manitoulin Streams on this as well.
- Mark Harvey will be coordinating the LMAA effort. I have a sign-up sheet that interested parties can sign up. Specific date and time TBD.

- Shoal Marker Update

- all shoal markers are out on the lake as of early June, thanks to all the volunteers that manage these each year from around the lake
- We have GPS'd the location of most markers
- We are adding 2 more shoal markers on the north shore near Manitoulin Resort Just waiting for them to find volunteers to manage them
- Always looking for suggestions of more shoals to mark.

- Fishery Committee Update

- I am very proud of the work this committee has done over the last 10 months. We have developed a real working relationship with the MNR that has resulted in a stocking plan that you will hear more about from our two guest speakers later and we look forward to continuing this relationship going forward.
- I think it speaks volumes that both Denis & Kim have shown up hear tonight to speak to the specific of the plan over the coming years.
- I was recently at the Manitoulin Streams Fundraiser and was speaking with directors from Manitoulin streams as well as members of the Little Current Fish and game club and they were impressed that the MNR were presenting at our AGM.

- Vice President & Education Committee Chair – Sharon Cooper

- Following the AGM Sharon will log into our account on the Service Ontario Website and update our information, as required to keep our corporation in good standing.
- Would like to mention to our members and guests that all the door prizes are generously donated. We are so appreciative of the local businesses and individuals who support our 2 events, the AGM, and the Information Night, with donated prizes. Thank you so much!

- As Chair of the Education Committee, we organize the yearly Information Night, which will be held this year on Tuesday, August 12th at 7 pm here at Sandfield school.
 - This year's speakers are as follows:
 - Michael Choi, Inspector with the Sudbury & District Public Health Unit. He will speak on blastomycosis, Lyme disease and any other diseases that may affect us on Manitoulin.
 - Sharon Cooper, I have been working on a presentation on Lodges and Campgrounds on Lake Manitou with the focus on an update since the Historical Tidbits book was published in 2011
 - Seija Deschenes, Brief update on Manitoulin Streams
- As Chair of the Education Committee for several years now, I will be stepping down from that committee as I take on the Presidents position of LMAA.
- I have really enjoyed this committee and my husband, and I have met some lovely people who were speakers and who we billeted.
- The new Chair of the Education Committee is Nancy Kains.
- Also on the committee are Pat Costigan and Marian Lochhead.
- As you can see, the number of members has dwindled. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please come forward and speak to Nancy Kains, or me, and we can fill you in on what it details. It is not onerous. We need some new ideas from members on what topics you would like to hear about at the Information Night.
- Treasurer – Martin Peddle
 - Financial Statements were handed out.
 - Last year's Membership fees \$6,600
 - Clothing-\$1500, not a huge profit here, but it is a profit
- Expenses:
 - FOCA dues, keep going up, they have increased their rates over the years
 - They have a base rate and member rate.
 - We purchased 2500 in clothing, our website was 360 last year, the previous was 3,000, the old website was 1200 so we have a significant decrease,
 - We should be able to make it up in 3-5 years.
 - The hall, advertising in the expositor, and shoal marker maintenance,
 - Must buy chains, stickers etc.
 - We purchased two shoal markers this year.
 - Net revenue \$2200, we have about \$10,000 in terms of merchandise.
 - Motion to accept statement,
 - Robert Mann, second Kelly Ranta
 - all in Favor. No oppositions
 - some highlights, we have currently 215 members, a fair amount that have not paid from last year. We need to collect.
 - current balance of \$8800, which will increase as we collected a fair amount for the membership today.
 - The financial was audited by Rob Williamson, he has agreed to take it next year,
 - Motion to Accept Financial Statement
 - First Janet Beasley
 - Second Brad Sparks
 - All in favour
 - No Opposition

Lake Manitou Area Association

Income and Expense Summary Report: May 17, 2024 to May 16, 2025

	Bank Balance: May 17, 2024	<u>\$9,135.60</u>
INCOME / REVENUE		
		\$
Membership Fees	\$6,618.30	
Other Income		
Merchandise Sales	\$54.14	
Clothing Sales	\$1540.58	
Donations	\$210.00	
	Gross Income	<u>\$8,423.02</u>
	Total Cash to Account for	<u>\$17,558.62</u>
EXPENSE		
Expenses		
Service Charges	\$3.21	
FOCA Dues	\$1197.85	
Clothing & Merchandise	\$2523.26	
Website	\$360.69	
Hall & Booth Rental	\$170.00	
AGM / Info Night Setup	\$71.02	
Advertising	\$93.34	
Bouy Maintenance	\$316.40	
LMAA Directors Insurance	\$1,414.80	
	Less Total Expense	<u>\$6,150.57</u>
	True Cash Position	<u>\$11,408.05</u>
	Bank Balance: May 16, 2025	\$11,408.05
For the Period May 17, 2024 to May 16, 2025		
	Gross Income / Revenue	\$8,423.02
	Less Total Expense	\$6,150.57
	Net Operating Surplus/Loss	<u>\$2,272.45</u>
	Merchandise Inventory (Approx.)	\$10,000.00

Signed: Martin Peddle, LMAA Treasurer

6. Elections-President-Mike Costigan

- Up for re-election
 - Martin Peddle – Treasurer
 - Heather Roy – Vice President & apparel & online store director
- New Director - Events Director
 - Annette Smith
 - First Barb Tilley
 - Second Peter Hutchinson
 - All in Favour
 - No Opposition
- No one came forward for any positions on the board, stated three times
- Presenting the 2025-2026 Directors
 - Sharon Cooper – President
 - Heather Roy – Vice President & Online Store Administrator
 - Martin Peddle – Treasurer
 - Manuela Marchment – Secretary, Web administrator & Social Media Specialist
 - Mark Harvey – Lake Plan Director
 - Annette Smith- Events Director
 - Mike Costigan – Past President
 - First Motion Patti Howarth
 - Second Robert Mann
 - All in Favour
 - No Opposition
- New President-Sharon Cooper
 - As I take on the role of President of LMAA, I want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Costigan for his 3 years as President.
 - We have been a very productive Board under Mike's leadership and he can be proud of all the things we have accomplished.
 - We have revised bylaws, we have duty descriptions for every board position, and we have a great working relationship with the MNR just to name a few.
 - I will certainly be asking him for his assistance. And what Mike has that I don't have are the local contacts and a history here on Manitoulin.
 - I have only been here for 8 years and although my last name is Cooper, I am not one of THE Coopers --- not a Haw-eater!
 - So please have patience with me if I don't know your name or who you are related to ...I will do my best!
 - And one other thing. I am very proud to say that I am the first female President of this organization.

7. Community Events

- Hazardous Waste Disposal Day:
 - **NEMI** – Saturday July 29,2025 – 8:00am -11:00am
 - **Central Manitoulin** – Saturday July 19,2025 from 1-4pm
 - **Are there any other Community Events that need mentioning?**
 - **Pat Costigan** – History of Lake Manitou Cottages Project
 - 20 years ago, in 2006 that John Harvey raised his hand to suggest of making a map of lake Manitou a historical map. The next year 2008 the

map was produced. We must give credit to Mark Harvey for designing a beautiful map

- We have researched and recorded a book that has a history of every place on the map.

8. LMAA Recognition Awards-Mike Costigan

- Important to recognize people that have made significant contributions to the organization. I have a few awards framed on LMAA logo, 5 recipients to acknowledge.
 - 1st-Don Payne, Began his tenure with the LMAA in 2007
 - Prior service with the Franks Road Cottage Association as a director and was instrumental in negotiating Frank's Road upgrade with Central Manitoulin in the late 1990's.
 - LMAA Treasurer – 2007 – 2019, While treasurer Don was instrumental in upgrading the associations constitution during the first incorporation of the LMAA in 2011.
 - Don also served as a director with FOCA from 1997-2007 and stayed on as the "Volunteer Roads Advisor" until 2012. (Mention letter from FOCA
 - Don also stayed on as Director with the LMAA from 2022 -2025 at my request as a resource to the reincorporation that we had to go through after it lapsed during Covid Now a retired director!
 - **On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership we recognize Don Payne for his 18 years of distinguished service to the LMAA.**
- 2nd -Stan Salisbury, Began his tenure as a volunteer with LMAA in 2011
- led the first revamping of LMAA website in 2012 and was responsible for establishing and maintaining the associations web presence
- remained website administrator until retiring last year
- This online presence was crucial in establishing a connection with our members outside of our AGM and Info Night meetings. It enabled us to keep everyone informed on what was happening around the lake and raise the profile of the association!
- **On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership we recognize Stan Salisbury for his 13 years of distinguished service to the LMAA**
- 3rd – Dave & Nancy Kains, Joined the LMAA in 2010
- Began their tenure as volunteers with the LMAA in 2013 where they took over the water testing responsibilities for the LPP and continue to do so today.
- This is one of the most time-consuming volunteer duties we have..... 6 samples annually from May to October at 2 different locations and sending results to the Dorset testing center. Dave and his volunteer assistants have never missed a reading.
- Nancy frequently was Dave's sampling assistant over the years and later joined the education committee in 2022 and will be taking over as chair of the committee going forward
- they are never willing to accept money for gas used during the water sampling season and are always generous donators of their honey as door prizes to our public meetings
- they also lend their time and talents to other community organizations like the Manitoulin Nature Club
- **On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership we recognize Dave and Nancy Kains for 12+ years and counting of distinguished service to the LMAA.**
- 4th – Seija Deschene, **lets just suffice it to say that Seija is "Manitoulin Streams**
- began her tenure as the project coordinator with MS in 2007 and made her first presentation to the LMAA membership in August of 2008 showing project progress on the Norton's Creek rehabilitation project (many LMAA volunteers involved)

- Norton's Creek is a very important feeder stream to Lake Manitou that fell victim to years of cattle damage over the years. It was also originally a brook trout
- The stewardship relationship between MS and the LMAA was forged during this project and has led to many other cooperative projects like Manitou River restorations, Blue Jay Creek restorations, and more recently working together on a phragmites removal project last year on Lake Manitou.
- Seija has continued to make annual presentations at our "Information Night" since that initial one in 2008.... It is always informative we look forward to the 2025 edition at this years Info night.
- Seija was an instrumental resource to the LMAA Fishery Committee during our discussions with the MNR over the last year
- In addition, the LMAA has always donated volunteer labour to MS projects regardless of where they are taking place, as well as financial donations over the years. The LMAA is so fortunate to be one of the many stewardship partners aligned with MS and Seija has been the foundation of those relationships
- **On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership we recognize Seija her his 19 years to date of distinguished service to the LMAA.**

- 5th – Pat Costigan, Began her tenure with the LMAA in 1997 with the "Information Committee" along side Mary Lohead
- Her passion for education lent itself naturally to this committee which evolved into what we now know as the "Education Committee"
- for years her and Mary organized the guest speakers & promoted the "Information Night"
- Pat played a key role in LMAA projects like Lake Manitou map project, Lake Manitou Historical Tidbits book which accompanies the map and most recently the LMAA Historical slide show
- Pat has always had a passion for history, so it is not surprising that her latest initiative is acquiring the history of Lake Manitou Cottages
- When my father became an LMAA director in 1998, later the VP in 2001, then President from 2003 – 2018 she was by his side hosting director's meetings and assisting with many of his responsibilities as an executive with the association – they were a team essentially just as they were in life!
- Pat is also well known for her years of involvement with the Historical Society of Central Manitoulin, Friends of Mindemoya Old School, and the Big Lake Community
- You are an inspiration to many mother, most importantly your family.
- **On behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership we recognize Pat her 28 years and counting of distinguished service to the LMAA**

9. Adjournment:

- First Motion Gerry Cooper
- Second Kelly Ranta
- All in Favour
- No Opposition

10. Guest Speakers

- Denis Gendron-Management Biologist, Regional Operations Division, Sudbury District-Ministry of Natural Resources
- Kim Tremblay-Regional Fisheries Specialist-Ministry of Natural Resources
 - She grew up in North Bay and took a BSc at the University of Guelph.
 - She has worked in the fisheries world for the past 22 years, starting with the Freshwater Ecology Unit in Sudbury, then Anishinabek Ontario Fisheries Resource Center, and moving over to the Ministry in 2015, where she worked for the North Bay District and is currently in a regional role as a fisheries specialist.
 - She gets to work with districts on things like fisheries management planning, local fisheries assessments, stocking program reviews, and other fisheries needs.

11. Door Prizes – Thanks to Manitowaning Mill and the Up Top Sports shop for their continued support to the LMAA.