



Lake Manitou & Area Association
2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda
7:00 pm Tuesday July 9, 2024 at the Sandfield School House
Meeting to Order 7:06 pm

Directors Present: Mike Costigan (President), Sharon Cooper (Vice President), Martin Peddle (Treasurer), Manuela Marchment (Secretary), Heather Roy (Shop Director), Don Payne (Director),

Directors Absent: Mark Harvey, Steve Mann (Past President), Sandra Manera (Communications Director), and Robert Coulter

1. Call to order – Consideration of Agenda

- 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 Derek Tilly
 - All in favour
 - No oppositions.

2. Welcome – to all members and visitors.

- Land acknowledgment
 - Every meeting from now on will begin with a land acknowledgement which was read by Mike Pat Costigan, put together a historical slide that was presented prior to meeting start. We will continue to add to the slide show.
 - We encourage everyone to visit our information table after the meeting where literature is available on various topics concerning cottagers.
 - LMAA has two revenue streams membership and merchandise
 - All purchases help support LMAA.
 - We've had a busy year as we revamped website. This will save us money down the road, and it was done by local business Manitoulin Media.

3. Introduction of Officers, Directors, and Committees

- Retiring:
 - Ken and Janet Stewart were permanent residents. Ken joined LMAA in 2017 and for 7 years Ken served on the board.
 - Stan Salisbury was our first website administrator and has been with us for 17 years, but now stepped down. Stan was thanked for his 17 years of looking after the LMAA website and received a round of applause.
- Officers /Directors
 - Mike Costigan, President
 - Sharon Cooper, Vice President
 - Martin Peddle, Treasurer
 - Sandra Manera, Communications Director
 - Manuela Marchment, Secretary & Website Administrator
- Directors
 - Mark Harvey
 - Heather Roy
 - Don Payne
 - Brenda Edington
- Lake Steward

- David Kains
- Rob Coulter
- Education Committee Members
 - Pat Costigan
 - Nancy Kains
 - Marian Lohead
 - Sharon Cooper

- 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
 - 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 20th at 7 pm here at Sandfield school.
 - This year's speakers are as follows:
 - Michelle Lewin, Manager of Communications & Development, FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations), FOCA's mandate, projects and how FOCA benefits and assists cottage/lake associations
 - Victoria Cranston, Fish Culture Technician, Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station: An overview of what the fish hatchery does
 - Seija Deschenes – brief update on Manitoulin Streams

 - Treasurer – Martin Peddle
 - Financial Statements were handed out. Highlights as follows:
 - Started off with balance of almost \$15,000 we have collected \$5,000 in membership fees.
 - Other income Book sales, clothing, and donations over \$2,000
 - Foca dues over \$1,000 this year; and we did have a hefty clothing purchase over \$5,000.
 - Minor expenses buoy maintenance almost \$1200 needed to purchase 4, replaced chains.
 - Website redesign one time cost almost \$3,000, previous was \$1200 per year, and only \$300 per year with the new website.
 - Bank balance on May 17th was \$9,000 gives a net operation loss of almost \$6,000 but due to the website and the clothing purchase at almost \$5,000.
 - Leaves us with a gross income of \$8,000 with \$14,000 in expenses with a net loss of almost \$6,000.
 - Note that when statement was put together, we had almost \$5,000 worth of merchandise, we have a significant asset.

 - Membership
 - We have 205 members slight increase from last year.
 - We still have 25 people pending renewal from previous year. They tend to fall off when we hit September 1, of 2024
 - We have 180 paid members, renewal rate was slow, but some was collected at the front door.
 - Although Statement states \$9100 as of today it is \$10,500.

Lake Manitou Area Association		
Income and Expense Summary Report: May 22, 2023 to May 17, 2024		
	Bank Balance: May 22, 2023	<u>\$14,983.37</u>
INCOME / REVENUE	\$	
Membership Fees	\$5,197.66	
Other Income		
Book Sales	125.00	
Clothing Sales	2167.26	
Map Sales	30.00	
Flag Sales	50.00	
Donations	903.92	
	Gross Income	<u>\$8,473.84</u>
	Total Cash to Account for	<u>\$23,457.21</u>
EXPENSE		
Expenses		
Service Charges	335.14	
FOCA Dues	950.33	
FOCA Meeting Attendance	169.50	
Canada Post / Long Distance	37.27	
Clothing Purchase	4859.78	
Website	52.78	
Website Redesign	2920.00	
Hall Rental	150.00	
AGM / Info Night Setup	97.99	
Guest Speaker Reimbursement	250.00	
Advertising	722.58	
LMAA Signs	672.10	
Bouy Maintenance	1190.30	
LMAA Meeting Gear	329.00	
Donation	75.00	
LMAA Directors Insurance	\$1,509.84	
	Less Total Expense	<u>\$14,321.61</u>
	True Cash Position	<u>\$9,135.60</u>
	Bank Balance: May 17, 2023	<u>\$9,135.60</u>
For the Period May 23, 2023 to May 17, 2024		
	Gross Income / Revenue	\$8,473.84
	Less Total Expense	\$14,321.61
	Net Operating Surplus/Loss	<u>-\$5,847.77</u>
	Merchandise Inventory	\$5,020.00
<i>Signed: Martin Peddle, LMAA Treasurer</i>		

- Motion to Accept Financial Statement
 - First Carl Mihalyfi
 - Second Doug Foreman
 - All in favour
 - No Opposition
- We changed auditors this year and was conducted by Rob Williamson.
- Motion to reaccept Rob Williamson as our auditor for next year.
 - First motion Pat Costigan
 - Second Brenda Knox
 - All in favour
 - No Opposition

- President-Mike Costigan
 - Reiterate the efforts of the officer's, Directors, committee members & lake stewards.
 - Acknowledge passing of members:
 - Richard Drake: The LMAA would like to acknowledge the passing of long-time member Richard Drake. Richard and his wife Patricia owned and operated their business Duck N Drake Marine and Cottages located on the west shore of Lake Manitou for over 50 years. The family has requested that donations can be made to the LMAA on Richard's behalf.
 - Larry Moggy: The LMAA would also like to acknowledge the passing of member Larry Moggy. Larry and his wife Sue have been members of the LMAA since 2019.
- Membership:
 - We have been actively trying to increase membership. This spring we had a booth at the Manitoulin Streams Outdoor Angling Trade fair. A few of the directors occupied the booth over the weekend, and it was great exposure for the organization. We sold some memberships, sold a bunch of apparel, and had several members that volunteered for Manitoulin Streams! Manitoulin Streams was very appreciative of the assistance we gave them to make it all happen.
 - Thanks to the following members:
 - Annette Smith -played music on Saturday during the event.
 - Helen & Louie Delonghi sold - raffle tickets.
 - Nancy & Robert Mann – admission
 - Wes Oliver – door prize/raffle attendant
 - Teresa Rhiness – door prize/silent auction attendant
 - Heather Roy
 - Sharon Cooper
- Future Events the LMAA will be attending with a booth:
 - Manitoulin Summerfest in Manitowaning – July 20-21
 - Manitoulin Home, Cottage, & Culinary Show in Little Current Aug 9-11
- Welcome New Members:
 - Lisa Montgomery -Hutchisons Cabins and Resort
 - Darrin Crowell
 - John Macnamara
 - Mike & Debbie Whatling – Wee Point Resort
 - Jonathan & Andrea Derrick
 - Garfield McIntosh Sandfield
- 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 at the back on our information table.
- Question: Any idea of how many cottages on Lake Manitou,
 - rough estimate of 400
 - But we also have some permanent residents as well.
- Recent Communications:
 - Spoke with MNRF regarding management of Sandfield Dam
 - In the spring I emailed my contact at the MNRF Chad Mulligan regarding the dam management for this summer as concern over lower-than-normal water levels due to light winter snowfall. It was prompted from a member/resort owner email that I received.
 - “So, this spring wasn't our usual spring. To be honest the district operated earlier than usual on all our dams. Prior to April we really weren't sure if we were going to receive the runoff, we normally did, as we did not have the snowpack not the frost in the ground a typical winter would give us. So, logs were dropped late in March and early in April to retain the water should it not come in April showers. ...Well low and behold it did come! There we were pulling logs to prepare for a Frechette we weren't sure was coming. It was a bit of micromanaging on our part. Manitou and all the island dams were easier than expected. They seem to self regulate

themselves to some degree. With some higher levels throughout the month of April the prevailing winds sparked some concerns of even higher water on some shorelines. The ice this year broke our boom line on Manitou which has now been repaired with expectations to add yet another boom to the line in hopes resistance to the ice will be less next winter. This past week 4 logs were dropped so we only have 2 logs remaining on deck which likely will be replaced next week. Our current levels are slightly higher than the top of our summer range, but we are happy with that not knowing what the summer months will bring. As you may know we leave one half log in the dam year-round to provide flow down stream unless we anticipate a drought. Then we will replace it with a full log”

- I also mentioned to him that I notice last year that last year when the logs were replaced that there was quite a bit of leakage between them. Could new logs be put into the dam? Is there a timeline for log replacement. I referenced the replacing of the logs in the Lake Mindemoya dam last fall!
- His reply “It is on our agenda to replace some logs on Manitou next spring. The top logs have done their time. I wouldn’t be able to recall the last time logs were replaced at Manitou as it would have been before I came to the district 9 years ago. The logs can have a life span up to 30 years. It varies because some logs are never removed from the dams and therefore are preserved in the water over the years. The logs that are constantly being removed and put back in dry out and weather and lose their shape and hence lose the seal on the log below it.”
- Several inquiries about doing work on the shoreline so I reached out to the MNRF to find out about the process. Posted on our website/some hard copies are on information table at the back.
- Question:
 - Peter Hutchinson runs bait shops has concerns on lake manitou regarding the MNR how many trout eggs they take in the fall how many pickerel eggs and how they manage the dam. They have been taking pickerel spawn from Lake manitou and take about 3 to 5 million per year and don’t put anything back in. They don’t give you an answer of how many they take out and how many put in. The MNR is a customer to us. Time for cottagers and people to have some input what the MNR is doing. They don’t have a free for all they have an onus to ask. Mike has developed relationship with Chad Mulligan. Mike is willing to reach out to, Mike and Peter to discuss so he can email Chad. The water dropped 16 inches which killed all of peter’s minnows that he was getting to sell for customers. 20 years of pickerel spawn taken out and no pickerel putting back in. We should know what the MNR is doing. Mike to discuss with Peter.
- Phragmites on Lake Manitou Update :
 - If you remember at last year’s AGM, Judith Jones from the Manitoulin Phragmites project made a presentation to the membership on phragmites, the different strains (one invasive, the other not), how to identify them and how to eradicate the invasive species. Last August, Judith along with Liam and Brynn from Manitoulin streams set out on Lake Manitou courtesy of David Kains our lake steward to do a survey of phragmites on Lake Manitou. It took two days, but they were able to identify a few locations that were infested with the invasive strain. Gushy Bay was one location identified to have a patch of the invasive species. Since late May we have been trying to contact the property owner to get permission for access and removal. That has been successful, so Judith has set a tentative date of July 18th as the project removal date which also happens to fall in Phragmites awareness week here on Manitoulin! Judith will be the lead on this with assistance from Manitoulin Streams and Ontario stewardship rangers. The LMAA will also be looking for volunteers, but I am awaiting further details from Judith as to the Number of volunteers, equipment necessary (hip waders, gloves, boats for boat access, where the removed phragmites will be taken to be disposed of) etc. I will be coordinating the LMAA contribution so once I get further details, we will put out an email blast to the membership!

- Newsletter
 - Director Mark Harvey and his wife Jennifer have written Windswept newsletter for the past 10 years have now decided to step down. On behalf of the Directors and members we would like to thank them for their work. A round of applause was issued.

- Motion to accept.
 - First Nancy Mann
 - second Brian Besley
 - All in favour
 - No Opposition

- 6. Selection of Election Chairperson – Sharon Cooper
 - With Ken's Resignation there is a vacancy. Are there any nominations from the floor, or anyone that would be willing for a three-year term to our board.
 - No replies
 - The person would have to be involved in at least one sub committee not onerous
 - Please let us know if you are interested.

- 7. Elections
 - Up for re-election:
 - Sharon Cooper – Vice President
 - Mark Harvey – Director
 - Both have agreed to stay on the board for another 3 year term
 - Motion to accept re-election of Sharon and Mark to the LMAA
 - First Annette Smith,
 - Second Robert Mann
 - All in favour no opposition.
 - No Opposition

- 8. Announcements of any upcoming events:
 - Hazardous Waste Disposal Day:
 - Central Manitoulin – Saturday July 20,2024 from 1-4pm
 - NEMI – Saturday July 20,2024 – 8:00am -11:00am
 - Other Community Events:
 - Manitoulin Art Tour 19th, 20th and 21.
 - Sunset music series in Providence Bay local Artists performing Friday 6:30-9:00 and Saturday for touring musicians.
 - Acknowledgement for 18 shoal markers on the Lake:
 - 4 in Dukes Bay, Jim booth
 - Acher shoal Martin and Mike look after those
 - Shepards Rock, Roger Sheppard and Brian not members have put them out.
 - Tim Leblanc will look after the narrows, near Timber Lane Resort
 - David Kains will look after East of Bear Island and Northeast of Roper Island
 - Mike Whatling newest member will look after area of Wee Point Resort

- 9. Presentation of the New LMAA Website – by Secretary & Website Administrator - Manuela Marchment
 - Thanked members for being patient while we work through the hiccups of the new site.
 - Reviewed website with members
 - Explained the tabs how to log in.
 - The member content area
 - Website well received and everyone is enjoying the new site.

- Members applauded the work on the new website.

- Member Daniel Daigneatt stated that we should have a formalization for the MNR issue previously raised by Peter Hutchinson
- Member Brenda Knox suggested forming the committee tonight.
 - Motion to put forth to form the committee.
 - Motion to formalize a committee to work with the MNR on communicating on what they do on Lake Manitou
 - Motion Mike Costigan
 - Second Brenda Knox
 - All in favour
 - No opposition

10. Door Prizes

- Called
- Thank you to all the donators and Jan Besley and Dre LeBlanc our hospitality coordinators.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting.
- First Kim Chesney
- Second Kelly Ranta
- All in favour
- No Opposition

Social and Refreshments