

**This Years Annual Meeting is June 11, 2011, Morton Township Hall @ 9:00 A. M.**

**SCHOOL SECTION LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2010 / MORTON TOWNSHIP HALL**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – PRESIDENT**

- Time: 9:07 AM
- Attendance: 63

**MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING AS READ – SECRETARY: Marlene Schalm**

- Motion to approve: MaryJane Holmes
- Second by: Judy Rowland
- Discussion/Corrections: A correction on page 2, section of Chairperson's reports, Finance Committee, date should read 2009 – 2010 not 2009 – 2009. Correction made. Sandy Roberts opposed the statement "The creek has been dug out and by someone causing an excessive amount of water to flow out". John Rowland gave an explanation to the statement. Ms. Roberts than opposed the proposal of a spillway. Rosemary Wade, speaking for Mr. Morrison, an absent member, stated his proposal to continuous water flowing for 12 months a year. Jerry King, president, then requested that the discussion on the lake level be held at the review of this matter further in the meeting and that the minutes be approved at this time.
- Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ – TREASURER: Ellie Thering**

- Motion to approve: MaryJane Holmes
- Second by: Wayne May
- Discussion/Correction: No discussion
- Approved
- Information: : We have a present membership of 141. Our budget is set on a membership of 150 property owners. With the increase in administration costs, we need to increase the membership dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year. This was approved by the Board of Representatives at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for a membership vote at the Annual Meeting. This increase would apply to the 2011-2012 dues collected January 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Lake Access Locked Gate/new Ramp:** George Miller & Jerry King: Only 2 calls for the combination this year. The postcards and emails must have reached everyone. Lakeside Motor Sports put in the dock which is a wonderful addition and Nick Boroff is maintaining the grounds around the launch.
- **News letter distribution:** Maxine Murdoch and Dorothy Metcalf: Continuing with Hardcopy mailing of Newsletter until it becomes a financial burden. Mrs. Metcalf gave Mrs. Murdoch all the credit for the spring letter. Everyone was very pleased with this year's newsletter.
- **Use of Non Phosphorous Fertilizer on lawns and gardens:** Help save the Lake by using non Phosphorous to prevent growth of aquatic plants. Phosphorous promotes growth.
- **Presentation of important dates on the Lake:**
  - Annual Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday of June
  - Monthly Board Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday of each month from May - October
  - July 4<sup>th</sup>. Boat Parade; 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday of July
  - "Meet Your Neighbor"; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday of August
  - Fish Tournament: August 21, 2010

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Morton Township Recycling:** Held the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saturday from 9:00AM-12:00PM at the Canadian Lakes Fire Dept. List of what can be recycled on the table.

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- **Secci Water Testing:** We need a new person to volunteer to work with Jim Pratt and take over the Secci Water Testing. This is done 8 times a season and is a simple thing to do.
- **Park Logging:** The Park has been logging out trees and clearing areas. The money has been earmarked to help the park. The question has been raised as to what the park will do with the cleared areas. Linda Howard, Mecosta County Commissioner gave a brief history of her life in Mecosta and at School Section Lake while growing up. She is now on the Park Board and wants to be a partner with the association in keeping the Lake in excellent condition. The park logging was done as it was time for trees to come down and areas cleared for the preservation of the wooded area. No plans are in the works to make the area a top end campground. It would be used for primitive camping. The park will keep us in the loop of all future plans and they impact the lake. The park board has an evaluation board working on a long term strategy but no plans for the next few years.
- **Liability Insurance.** A bid was received but the cost was prohibitive. MaryJane Holmes is waiting for a call from Larry Swier for more bids.
- **No Funneling Ordinance:** Morton Township wrote a no funneling ordinance for the lakes in this township and is responsible to police it. Larry Bunker has been working on 3 Roadways and Allies that presently have docks on them. He is working with Mr. Bloom, a lawyer for "Lakes and Streams".

- **Election of Representatives by Membership:** 8 memberships expire 2010 and 2 vacant memberships for a total electoral positions:

Representatives willing to serve

Margo Miller  
 James Pratt  
 Judy Rowland  
 John Sheppard  
 George Miller  
 Kurt Cotter  
 Ron Seif  
 Darlene Bunker  
 1. Alan Thomas  
 2.

Motion to elect: MaryJane Holmes

Second: Alan Metcalf

Discussion: A continual search will be made to fill the final empty representative seat.

Approved:

- **Meet Your Neighbor:** Margo is requesting a co-chair for this year's function as it is our 5 year anniversary. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year and a Pig Roast is in the planning stages and Mr. Johnson has volunteered to do the

roasting. Offers of food were made so a sheet was passed around for everyone to sign up for items. It will be held August 14, 2010 at the same locale.

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- **Chairman for Fishing Tournament:** Bill Rife, an avid fisherman on our lake has volunteered to chair the tournament for 2010. August 21th. is the date of this event for 2010. The time is 6:30am – 1:00pm and the prize will go to the longest legal Bass caught.
- **Sharing of Newsletters with Tri-Lakes and HorseHead Lake:** We are sharing the newsletters' with other lakes to increase the activities and commonalities that we have. It is a way of networking.
- **Welcome Back to Mary Ann Jones:** Those who are neighbors and friends welcome Mary Ann back to the lake community after her long recovery from a biking accident. She was missed.
- **Dogs running loose:** Many members have had difficulties with certain dogs that are allowed to run loose. They are chasing bike riders and walkers. They also cause disturbance with other dogs on leashes and leave messes in property owner's yards. Jim Quinlan was present and stated that Mecosta County has a new person for animal control. Call the Mecosta County Sheriff office and report the problem. They can now handle it.

### Report from Committee Chairpersons:

**Finance Committee** – Maxine Murdoch, Chairperson: Due to the in administrative costs, the Board voted to present an increase of membership dues to the general membership. This would be a yearly increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

Motion to Approve: MaryJane Holmes

Second: Rosemary Wade

Questions/Discussion: Only comment was that they couldn't believe it hadn't happens before.

Approved

**Fish Planting Project** – Jerry King: The projected planting for 2010 will be the same as last year. Bill Rife caught many Walleyes up to 30" long. Discussion is taking place with other lakes to partner with them on this project which would decrease the cost. MaryJane Holmes would like the date put on the website when the planting will take place so people can go down and watch. Walleye are the only fish approved as they have a future in lakes.

**Newsletter Coordinator** – Maxine Murdoch, Chairperson, and Dorothy Metcalf: The fall newsletter will be out in October after all the planned activities are over and Maxine is back from a trip and can complete this project.

**Park Liaison** – Jerry King: As per Linda Howard's previous information, Jerry will continue to notify board of any decisions made at the park.

**Meet your Neighbor** – Margo Miller, Chairperson: As previously discussed.

**Road's Committee** – Larry Bunker: When the township decided to do lighting on streets, 20 locations were submitted but only 10 were actually done. This is a great improvement. The township also received the

request to pave Wood Street, but have not decided to do it yet. There is a speed limit on W. School Section Lake Dr. of 35 MPH. This seems fast but to request a lower speed will require a speed check which could be in the winter when the traffic on this road is at a minimum. The township is working on the signing regulations as the one they now have would not allow for sale signs or our Boat Parade sign.

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**Lake Water Levels** – John Rowland: We are working towards a consistent water level which has stringent laws. John & Jerry have talked with the Drain Commissioner and a study will be done to establish a historic water level. Wayne May stated he has been on this lake for 20 years and his observation is that the level has not varied that much over the years. The water quality is the same but the quality is not dependent on the water level. Sandy Roberts and Brice Case have requested to sit on the committee. A motion was made to pursue the implementation of a spillway system.

Motion Made by: Rosemary Wade

Second: Sandy Roberts

Approved

**Website** – John Rowland: Our website has been published now for the third year. We have had about 6,590 hits which shows good usage by our members. It has a lot of good information that is of interest to property owners. The web sponsors have donated advertising money that is used to pay for the site and fund our fish planting.

**Open Meeting for Comments from Members - PLEASE state your name for the secretary to record.**

**Neighborhood Watch:** Marlene Schalm has the manual that was published for committee's to set up a neighborhood watch program in their area. We need a chairperson to take this information and design a program that would work for our area. The metal signs are up at each road entrance. Brice Case made a motion that this be pursued.

Second: Larry Bunker

Discussion: This will be discussed further at our scheduled Board Meeting in July.

Approved

**Road Debris:** Maxine Murdoch brought up the amount of trash that is being thrown on the roadways, beach and in peoples yards. Everyone needs to take responsibility to pick up what they see, when they see it. Don't leave it for the next person as that person might not see it. MaryJane Holmes thanked everyone for keeping the area clean.

**Morton Township Library:** A young lady names Tricia invited everyone to the Library for refreshments to honor their appreciation day.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JULY 10, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Morton Twp Hall.**

**ADJOURN – PRESIDENT – MEETING CLOSED AT 11:35am**

**Motion:** Maxine Murdoch

**Second:** Charla Muskin

**Approved:**

**AGENDA FOR  
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- Time:
- Attendance:

**Board Officers**

Jerry King, President  
John Rowland, Vice President  
Ellie Thering, Treasurer  
Marlene Schalm, Secretary

Judy Rowland  
John Sheppard  
Larry Bunker  
Kurt Cotter  
Dan Salisbury

**Park Manager**

Laura Odette

**Area Reps**

Darlene Bunker  
Margo Miller  
Jim Pratt  
Tom Thering  
Ronald Seif

**Committee Chairs**

Finance Committee: Ellie Thering  
Fish Planting Committee: Jerry King  
Newsletter Coordinator: Maxine Murdoch  
Park Liaison: Jerry King  
Lake Water Level: John Rowland  
Meet Your Neighbor: Margo Miller  
Water Quality Management: Tom Thering  
Road Committee: Larry Bunker  
Web Site Master: John Rowland

**President Report:**

Conference with Clifford Bloom  
Weed Spraying Report  
Plaque for George Miller  
Non-Phosphorus Fertilizer  
Fish

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- Motion to approve
- Second by
- Discussion/Corrections
  
- Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ – TREASURER: Ellie Thering**

- Motion to approve
- Second by
- Discussion/Correction: Voting on Annual report for 2010-2011 and proposed budget for 2011-2012.
  
- Approved

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**Report from Committee Chairpersons:**

Finance Committee – Maxine Murdoch  
Fish Planting Project – Jerry King,  
Newsletter Coordinator – Maxine Murdoch  
Park Liaison – Jerry King  
Meet your Neighbor – Margo Miller

Road's Committee – Larry Bunker  
Lake Water Levels – John Rowland  
Water Quality Management – Tom Thering  
Web Site Master – John Rowland

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Private Boat Launch:** Jerry King:  
A decision was made to put up a plaque in memory of George Miller for all his volunteer hours he spent on making this new ramp possible and then monitoring to keep it in good shape with everyone getting the combination for its use.
  
- **News letter distribution:** Maxine Murdoch and Dorothy Metcalf: Continuing with Hardcopy mailing of Newsletter as Lakeside Motorsports has volunteered to pay for all printing and mailing costs.
  
- **Presentation of important dates on the Lake for your information:**
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  - "Meet Your Neighbor"; 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of August
  - Fish Tournament: Fall date to be determined
  - Fish Planting at Boat Ramp: Fall date to be determined

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Update of Constitution & By-Laws:** Proposal to add two statements to our existing Association Constitution are as follows:

Article II: Objectives

Section 7: **The Association is an advisory organization only and is not responsible as an enforcement agent.**

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Any owner of property on the shorelines or having deeded access to School Section Lake may become a member of this Association by payment of dues and meeting such other requirements as are prescribed in these By-Laws. **Membership can be offered to an immediate family member designated by the property owner for representation as a member in good standing resulting in one (1) vote per deeded property.**

Motion:

Second:  
Discussion:

Approval:

- **Secci Water Testing:** Jim Pratt is asking for a volunteer to help with water collection for Secci Testing.
- **No Funneling Ordinance:** Jerry King . Mr. Clifford Bloom attended the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting which was held with Tri-Lakes. He discussed the use of Access walkways, lanes, allies, etc. and the responsibility of Morton Township Board.
- **Election of Representatives by Membership:** 6 memberships expire 2011 and 3 vacant memberships for a total of 17 electoral positions: Alan Thomas resigned.  
Representatives willing to serve
  - Jerry King
  - John Rowland
  - Ellie Thering
  - Marlene Schalm
  - Tom Thering
  - Larry Bunker
  - 1. Dan Salisbury
  - 2. Sue Cozat
  - 3.

Motion to elect:

Second:

Discussion:

Approval:

- **Meet Your Neighbor:** Margo is requesting a co-chair for this year's function.
- **Chairman for Fishing Tournament:** A request was made this winter for an Ice Fishing Tournament.
- **2011 Meeting Dates:** Schedule is: April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, ( changed to avoid Mother's Day,) Time will be 8:00AM-10:00AM, June 11<sup>th</sup> (annual ), July 09<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>t</sup>, (Meet Your Neighbor), September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Neighborhood Watch Program:** Marlene Schalm & Dorothy Markle.  
Research was done. Police is no longer involved in this program because of decrease in their budget. We could do something on our own but many volunteers would be needed in each area to get this to be a working program. The emblems for the windows are \$100.00 for 250 decals and are 3x5, red or black ink and are self-adhesive. The street signs are \$25.00 each and are made of metal. We already have these signs at the entrances of each road.

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – JULY 09, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Morton Twp Hall.**

**ADJOURN MEETING CLOSED AT: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Approved:**