

# TWIN LAKES OF MATTESON MINUTES

## June 27, 2020 GENERAL MEETING

### ***ATTENDANCE/CALL TO ORDER***

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. President Wilson Ray, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, Treasurer Erik Sabaitis, and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 19 members (4 more arrived later).

### ***CELEBRATION OF BILL'S SERVICE***

Outgoing President Bill Sweers presented with gift in appreciation of 10 years of service.

### ***LAST MEETING MINUTES***

Julie Konrad moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Dave Johnson seconded. Approved.

### ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

We have exceeded last year's membership total. The balance in the Fish Fund: \$6,438.25, General Fund: \$10,557.32, Lake Management Fund: \$9,528.08. Dave Johnson moved to approve the report, Charlie Doner seconded. Approved.

### ***INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS/COMMITTEE LEADS/ZONE REPS***

Board members and zone reps were introduced to membership.

### ***REVIEW OF MISSION AND PURPOSE***

Review of mission and purpose by President Wilson Ray. All members are encouraged to get involved.

### ***VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

We currently have 130 paid members, 3 more than we had last year. Some members from last year have not yet paid dues and will be encouraged to do so. New members that were present introduced themselves.

The membership discussed options for holding, delaying, or cancelling the picnic this year with the spread of Covid-19. Opinions varied and suggestions were made for maintaining distancing. A poll will be sent to members asking if they would attend a picnic, and a decision will be made after evaluating.

### ***WEB SITE UPDATE***

Blair Shaman presented the new mattesonlake.org web site, which went live over the Winter/Spring. Content has been updated, and members were encouraged to make suggestions for improvement. Many resources, including documents, apparel, water quality information, and contact information is available. Email addresses tied to the site will be used by the Board.

The site has seen roughly 150 users since going live, with 10-20 unique visitors per week. Most hits come from Michigan, with more from Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana.

### ***WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE UPDATE***

Chair Larry Lemke presented the Water Quality Summary Report from 2019. Bacteria levels are low and there are no health concerns from using the lake. The report was reviewed in some detail.

This year the Association has contracted with Progressive AE to conduct an environmental assessment of the lake. Progressive will evaluate historical data, collect new data from the lake this year, assess water quality, and make suggestions for improvement. This was put in motion after much deliberation by the Water and Fish Committee Chairs and the Board. The Progressive AE assessment is costing roughly \$18,000 paid over two years. We will not conduct our own water quality testing this year.

Progressive AE will present results of the assessment to the Association. At that time, options to move forward with actions will be considered. This assessment is part of a larger regionwide effort to improve water quality in collaboration with local government agencies. Additional funding options from outside the Association may become available.

### ***FISH COMMITTEE***

Chair Scott Gieske presented an update from the Fish Committee. Last year we planted Hybrid Sunfish and the DNR planted Walleye. This year we had planned on planting Yellow Perch, but the source fish farm was unable to produce them. We have committed to purchasing Yellow Perch next March.

We put four fish shelters in place several years ago and are considering adding many more. The Fish Committee has been in contact with a representative from Palmer Lake on best practices.

We currently collect a fish survey from Association members, but would also like to consider a Creel Report, which would capture fishing results from lake anglers.

A suggestion was made to plant mussels in the lake, although that is not an option at this time.

### ***BINGO UPDATE***

Per Shelley Miner, with the cancellation of the Bronson Polish Festival, Bingo has been cancelled this year. The State of Michigan allowed us to transfer our license to next year.

### ***APPAREL UPDATE***

Shelley Miner made a special apparel orders through email this year and would like to continue that practice into the future. Items were presented.

### ***LAKE-WIDE GARAGE SALE***

Norma Snyder was not present, but Sharon Kolassa confirmed that we are going to conduct the lake-wide garage sale August 7-8. Anyone interested in participating should contact Norma.

### ***OLD BUSINESS***

1. The dam has been repaired.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

A question was asked about timing of Progressive AE recommendations. Another question was asked about riparian rights regarding an easement for deeded lake access. The member was referred to Township Clerk Leslie Everet. Neither question requires additional follow-up.

### ***WAYS TO GET INVOLVED***

President Wilson Ray encouraged members to get involved with Association activities. Members were encouraged to make suggestions for and leading fundraising efforts. We are also looking for people to open dialogs with nearby lake associations.

### ***THANK YOUS***

Newsletter and Directory: Wendy Lemke

Memorial Day Lanterns: Tricia Kanter, Chuck and Lorraine Bell, Sandra Elberts, Jason and Rachel Jackson, Andy and Melissa Peppler

Public Access Dock adjustment w/DNR: Randy Rider

### ***EARLY PAYMENT DRAWING FOR HAT***

92 members paid dues by May 18. The drawing was won by Derrick Metz (not present).

### ***50/50 DRAWING***

\$25 was collected.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman  
Secretary