

# MATTESON LAKE ASSOCIATION

## June 28, 2025 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. President Wilson Ray, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, Treasurer Erik Sabaitis, and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 34 members.

### **LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Don Batey moved to approve the minutes from our May 2025 meeting, Charlie Doner seconded. Approved with the edit that the third bylaw was approved at the last meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The balance in the Fish Fund: \$6463.75, General Fund: \$22,730.36, Lake Management Fund: \$12,653.44. We are prepared for two fish plants next year, an Association plant and a DNR plant. We have 136 paid members to date (this does not include the members that signed up today). We are well funded and prepared for our fiscal needs, including grant proposals. Rick Jackson moved to approve the report, Tom Schmeltzer seconded. Approved. We have an upcoming meeting with the Branch County Conservation District to discuss any upcoming grant opportunities.

### **VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE**

- New members introduced themselves.
- 137 paid members so far this year (including the members that signed up today), as opposed to 143 total last year. Five members did not renew this year.
- Kathy Thomas retired from chairing the Bingo event, and the Association bought her a gift. She sent a thank you card that Sharon read to the membership.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Debra Mixis spoke to the membership about donation gifts, including those from estates or wills. We are in process of building a structure to facilitate donations. We plan on having that prepared for the August membership meeting. Gifts can be earmarked for specific funds.
- We have a fundraising opportunity to sell Matteson Lake wood cuts in collaboration with a local business. Debra Mixis is coordinating.
- The Association thanked Wendy Lemke for her work on the newsletter and directory.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- We will be taking and analyzing water quality samples later this summer. We are working with the Branch County and St. Joseph County Conservation Districts to be prepared for upcoming grants. We are not testing for microcystins this year as tests performed during the previous two years were negative.
- The Fish Committee will meet with the DNR in July regarding planting minnows in the lake. The DNR will plant walleye next year. We are still requesting information regarding the location of springs in the lake.
- Susie needs people to work bingo at the Polish Festival this year.
- We need volunteers to help with the picnic this year, as Melissa and Trisha won't be there. We'll have the same format as last year, with chicken, additional dishes, a silent auction, and the water color contest. The picnic is July 26 at 12:00 at the Township Hall.
- The boat parade is July 4 at 3:00 beginning at the boat launch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman  
Secretary