

Winans Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes  
5/27/2021

**Attendees:** Jerry and Sally Bennett, Bruce Mendenhall, Mary Evergreen, Maria Hallstrom, Al Pelky, Martha and Victor Leabu, Mary Fritz, Sarah Grusin, Tom Coates, Michael Wheeler, Alex Ibrahim, Chris and Michelle Folts, Rod and Mary Watson, Mike Paulson, Courtney Lewis, Roberta Shaw-Reeves, Lee Burton, Mike and Susan Cusick, Ben and Janice Swaine, Dennis Durnwald, Mary Anderson, Saaed Fattahi, Liz Larwa, Simon Ren, Dan Luria, Tim Smalley, Greg Dygert, Carrie Dygert

Zoom Attendees: Dudley Miller, Matthew Lewis, Lee Ren

**Call to order:** 7:00pm. Greg Welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Greg reviewed the agenda for tonight and presented the 2020-2021 Board of Governor's. Greg Dygert, Mary Anderson, Courtney Lewis, Mike Paulson, Dennis Durnwald, Jay Grusin, Mike Cusick, Ben Swaine.

Mary Anderson and Mike Paulson both have terms expiring and are not seeking re-election. Mike Cusick, the member at large, also has a term expiring and is not seeking re-election. Ben Swaine, LGCC Liaison, as also transitioned out of his position and will be replaced by Tim Hicks. Thank you to all who served!

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes for the 2019 meeting were mailed out to everyone with the meeting notice. Minutes were approved without dissent.

**Treasurer's report:** Mike Paulson stated that our financial status continues to be positive. We have done a nice job of staying within budget.

Checking acct: \$191.72

Money market acct: \$29,859.55

Beach House acct: \$8,102.67

Beach House loan (4/30/18): \$17,798.06. Mike believes we will retire the last of this debt within the next two years.

Spreadsheets were distributed with the annual meeting package. Last year we were off to a slow start budget wise, Covid delayed the opening of the beach house, did not have a major impact on us but did change a few things in terms of the timeline of when we pay for things. Also wanted to note we show deficits for beach and lake water quality categories, we are in budget for those areas when we factor in that LGCC shares costs with us. The budget for this year was also distributed in the mailing packet. We will use the same budget for this year as the past year. The board reviewed and approved this information at the April meeting.

**Year in Review:** membership is at an all-time high, currently 131. We have not had a dues increase since 2009. Financials remain solid. We continue to do the shared project funding model with LGCC. LGCC goes 50% with us. Volunteer work is also critical to keeping our costs down.

Ongoing Issues/Concerns: All watercraft require a WLA decal on both sides near the front! We are making progress with this but still an issue. If they peel off, get a hold of Greg and he will get you a new set. Not having boats marked is a threat to our water quality. Be a good neighbor and help enforce this. Direct neighbors to Greg. Invasive species: Eurasian milfoil control. Wetlands rehab for fish access. Speeding: report all concerns to HTPD. Trespass/Ice-fishing enforcement: we had a lot of issues with this this past winter. Gypsy moths. Records management. Board candidates. Volunteers. North shore runoff problem: big problem requires a big solution, more to come with SSRC.

Membership is steadily increasing, about a 30% increase since 2015! Currently 3 LGCC Directors live on the lake including LGCC president. (Tim Hicks, John Kukalis, Chris Wendrick). All non-lakefront WLA applications require board approval.

Welcome new members! We had a long list of new members and welcomed those who are present.

Presented a list of members who have passed away. Gail Doran, Frank Ferguson, Mac Milosch, Harry Morton.

**Beach house:** Unique and valuable facility. Increases Membership and reduces dues. Shared Funding with LGCC for ongoing maintenance and capital improvements. Volunteerism is important and so is using the beach house.

**Water quality:** With the loss of Frank Ferguson, Greg Dygert has taken over the water quality committee. The water is our most important asset, responsibility, and challenge. Largest expenditure on the WLA budget. It is every member's responsibility to be aware of water quality issues and cooperate as stewards of the lake. Once water quality degrades past a certain point, it is often difficult or impossible to recover. Greg made a very nice presentation honoring Frank Ferguson and the legacy he left on Winans Lake.

Updates and accomplishments: GPS based weed treatment, historical water chemistry data, lily pad treatment plan, EGLE enforcing permit authorizations, Water quality education initiative-MSU Introductions to Lakes Course, Stormwater/sedimentation committee.

Milfoil treatments: implemented a GPS based system for weed location, goal is to make treatments more targeted, reducing chemicals, costs and effect on native species. Members can help by providing GPS coordinates to Greg. The lake was treated last year in May, June and August with 2,4-D and Triclopyr to control Eurasian milfoil.

Greg gave a brief presentation with information obtained from the MSU Introduction to Lakes Course prior to discussions from the SSRC.

**Communications committee:** Website, winanslake.org, Newsletter: Winans Lake Views, a huge shoutout to Terre Voegeli for her efforts to revive the newsletter! Facebook page.

**Storm water/Sedimentation committee:** Dennis Durnwald and Simon Ren gave a presentation from the SSRC. Issues presented: sedimentation via Teahen and Cowell rd. Flooding on old

drive, excessive water from Winans Woods, inlets from tamarack lake and wetland west of Chilson, outlet to gut lake. Why now? Sedimentation has only been getting worse. Responsive Drain Commission and Township supervisor, WLA board has endorsed and thoroughly investigated options, waiting another twenty years will only make things worse and the solution more expensive.

Timeline: 1920s—platting of lots begins

1971—acceleration of houses being built, Pleasant Lake is paved, erosion increases

1991—sanitary sewer district

1996—road commission engineering study

2018—stormwater sedimentation and runoff committee

2018—meetings with county drain commission staff, MDEQ cites the road commission

2019—limestone is applied

2019—first petition submitted to drain commissioner

2019—detailed article in “Lakeviews” newsletter

\*What is a drainage district? –Watershed or special assessment district created by a quasi-judicial administrative process. This route was chosen to spread cost over more entities and make the costs proportionate to benefit

2020—conceptual engineering study by drain commission, draining district established

2021—informational meetings with the WLA, continued meetings with Drain Commission

\*Next steps, 2021—submit second petition, information meeting by drain commissioner, board of determination

2021/22—detailed engineering and bids, apportionment of costs

2021/22—day of review

2022—construction and perpetual maintenance

\*Cost: conceptual estimate is about \$2,000,000+/-

Twenty year bonds at low interest, ~\$140 per year, depending on individual benefit and what the county and township will pay

\*questions?: WLA website, [wla.ssrc@gmail.com](mailto:wla.ssrc@gmail.com)

Questions and comments were received from Dudley Miller via zoom. Concerns addressed included the cost, not having input moving forward, and not being able to stop the process once it begins.

**Beach committee report:** We accomplished a lot at the beach. New AED, new play structure, parking lot expansion, new grills, new log for swim area, tree removal and trimming, 30 yds of sand, repaired the little library. \*Thanks to all who donated to the AED and playground fundraiser\*

**Beach Parking expansion:** The previous parking area was very inadequate, insufficient room on the shoulder for overflow parking. Causing a major safety issue. WLA secured permits, construction started in fall 2019 and was completed in spring 2020. LGCC and WLA split the cost

of \$21k. Increased parking from 8 to 18, and increased room on shoulder for overflow parking. Please park in designated spaces whenever possible! Thank you to everyone who helped on his project: Victor Leabu, Randy Stamper, Lee Burton, Al Pelky, Ben Swaine, Joanne Dinser.

**Trash Hauler updates:** Dan Luria gave a presentation about the trash hauler update. 70% of people on the lake have switched to “The Garbage Man”. With the board’s encouragement the committee worked with the township and people from Tamarack lake on a study focused on the damage that garbage trucks cause. There is a meeting next week with the township and committee members from other townships to discuss the entire township converting to a single trash hauler.

**Social committee:** Martha Leabu discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and said we could do the parade on Winans Dr and the Flag raising, as well as the boat parade at 3pm.

**New business:** none

**WLA board elections:** Simon Ren and Kirsten Hallstrom were elected to the board.

	Mail in Votes	Annual Meeting Votes	Total
<b>Simon Ren</b>	21	9	<b>30</b>
Shane Peltier	15	3	<b>18</b>
Michael Wheeler	2	3	<b>5</b>
<b>Kirsten Hallstrom</b>	25	9	<b>34</b>

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:18pm